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CHAPTER ONE....".".

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During the time of the awful massacre at the spot near Vantura the real and bravery of all the child courts, dead or surviving had not escaped the notice of the brave leaders, themselves, and Angeline Jennings had named them in her official report as girl and boyscout heroies and heroines who had distinguished themselves with unusual counge. During a slight hull in the morning that he are the dismounted and

eaid IIII
"Will you come to my tent in two minutes bime?????!"
"You have red Gertrude." "My brave friends" she maid when they finally presented themselves, and had er request seated themselves on two boxes which served as chairs "First I am at her request seated themselves on two boxes which served as chairs what I am going to say to you mind, I express no wish even of the elighbest. I simply state that genoral Vivian requires two men officers for a service of extreme danger, but no one is compelled, and therefore because of the peril of the adventure no one yellds for it lie wants to send a mossage to general sladerlinia, and he's about ten miles from unlone of the officers whom I had wished to select an disguise properly, and those who could disguise decline to go, saying they're not afraid of any adventure, but don't believe in suide. Therefore it seems to be among some of as that I must try, including even myself, for I and no one to yo, where I won't go myself. The regard this is requested is not to see how it comes that the enemy is progressing or losing, it is because gonoral Vivian has recieved a meagage, that Violet, and her eleters have failed to get within flifty miles of faximilian, as dreadful forcet fires of incomprehensible size and try but their vary and the they have returned, and are in Hansons army now. I have not the slightest to accompany me for the communications we wish to established with them to warm them not to come here during this dreadful battler. On the first place you that I have very often passed, while in disguise as all sorts of enemy stouts, and in the second our figures in disguises being decidedly gladelinian somewhat elight, and tridge the height you will attain, render your disguises for less dary to be detected than that of a full grown man or woman would be. The general often has said, "us this tren goods are the head of the army, as we can do anything that not the bravest coldier poy or agent or police or detective can accomplished, and her sisters to general vivians. You understand decided than that of a full grown man or woman would be. The general often meaning to the one of the greatest peril.

I cannot so wall intrust the mission to any simple boy or gir lecout sclose, because they may not be so disti going to say to you mind, I express no wish even of the elightest. I simply Mot put on haper the warnings to Violet, and her differed i wish conveyed and if the possible however faithful he or she may be, that he or she might if arrested and threatened with death, be compelled to reveal the message with which he is charged because there could be no help toblit. I see by your faces what your answer is about to be, but I will not have it now. So first to Concrat Vivian. Tell him exactly what I have teld you, and then send me the answer if he declines to part with you what I see is your own inclination, to his natural agriculty, you will not fall in the very least from the high position you and all your surviving followers stand in my regard. In about half an hour I shall expect to see, or hear from you. Good his for the present of for the day if I do not see you again. """ and cliffe se if when they

"Of course General will will have to let us go. "Indelifte "as id when they got outside the tent. "Violet, and her sisters has given us the boy."

Radeliffe did not roply.. issadiately and then he said since no one was

Rideliffe did not roply. Insectively and them he equal sures no one was within hearing;
"Well give don't you think if I'd go It glone it would be better. I'm a terror to the enemy you know, it was I even who you now seved poor little James in the face of the greatest difficulties. It would be an avaulthow to general vivian, or to violet, and her gisters to lose both of us."
"No indeliff effectively as id warmly. "He will not decided that and besides line Jennings magns of our whole explaint force to go. I have can't go through the country the way go and line Hebese can, and you a number can add to the danger, still newstines in denter we can help each other, and we know you should be alone. I've lest one sister and a hideliffe den't propose that you should be alone. I've lest one sister and a hideliffe differ to the lose you. 222 message of the fortunes and Rideliffe in allence, while they repeats

not ill or wounded or anything I could nurse her well, and two people together retains each others upicife. You known incle we have got through many bad scraps together or aingly all right, even in our adventures with the Pelnosage, and I do not see why we could not get through this... We shall be rell dusg disguised, and no end of landelinians, and refugees fr

from St Ethelreda must be maling their way in that direction so that very few quostions are. lifely to be requested of us. It does not seem to be any such a dangerous business as those we have gone through for the last thing they would look for is Christian refugees mains their way from St Ethelreda tward Lebanon at present. Angeline plones went through many experiences and got through them all, and I me sure the cland-links are looking out ten timen as sharp to prevent people getting out, as to prevent any one getting in. To reach general stan Staterlinias army would seem easily enough."
"Well her about you Certude?"

"Well hor about you Cortade!"

"I reallly do not believe Uncle"she answered, "That the danger of detect in he really great---certainly nothing like what i' may be fore. Annels and I will of course with Angelian Jennings for an Chandelinian girlscoute, and Indelifie can bind up her face and mouth as if she had been coursed and was pable to say anything. There must be courtless thousands of lands! I glandelinian wounded going trand the very of general famellines lines, and I'm sure we'll excite no attention whatever, thi The distance is not ten miles, and Tamerlines Clandelinians are different from kinders. They wouldn't be able to recognize us so well..."

"Yery woll my "leies, so be it, I'm regigned to God's will on that that subject. "General living ald And besides there is very much in that you say, and unwilling as I am to let you go or part with now both or any of the others, yet some show the thought that you are to rether, and can help each other, will be a comfort for me and I'll have these said for your eafty. God Blees or 'y' "leies. So return to ingelinian Jennings and say I comsent from I would he will invest be start at once, but you any return here to change..."

return here to change ... "

They returned in one half an how, or rather a little sconer, angeline angeline Jennings appeared her armest satisfaction when they told her of general Vivians consent to their going through the adventure.

"I understand from renoval vivian"she said addressing Radcliffe, "That

you are one of our best and most frames said and ressain sples ever recorded for all believe you are a boy. I have deferred telling you that on the day of my first acquantance with you I sent your name home beginning that the Princesses would but you in a higher commission. Yet they notified me your commission is as high as one could ever be given you for your age. You are supposed to be the highest in a uperforehip than any of us, and never said a word or never exercized any aurthority whatever your name has often a word or never exercized any authority whatever low name has often appeared he such and I wondowed. There are only two ensigns in our regiment of boy-couts, and you need to fill one of them wacancies. I will do the same for you "Hidred" she said turning to the girlscout who had remained in her headquarters, now off duty because of her wounds "if you desire to give up your spying qualities, and take to us in general."

"I'm afraid I couldn't do that. "said Hidred laughing. "I can't accept anything without the permission of Jennie vivian as I really am under

her standard, and go like Miss Turmer from, one army to the other as a

anthing without the permission of Jannie vivian as I really am under her standard, and go like Miss Turmer from one army to the other as a long stanced scouts. So you see it cannot be done unless Jannie desires to release me, and I'm sure she will refuse to part thin me."

"You've got a higher commission than I thought livertheless I have alredy already sent down a report by wireless to Empetor Vivian of your burve conduct and of your good gardianship of little "Galmity Jane"s we call her "and as the army of lansons may come up to us before long you will be with Violet, and her sisters again before long... How for your instructions. You are to inform general Sader link, he is incommand since the death of general Polander of the Vivian Girls intending to come here, and have him signal with his recret wireless to them not to go shead untill all is quiet all Even though now general Halated is on the point of endeavoring to push forward other troops to general Julio Benligans Bescue, he has no hope the surface of any second to the commentating, and svery step of the way will be most departedly contested. Too general Halated must be used to the condentrating, and svery step of the way will be most departedly contested. Too general Halated must be allowed and ment of hold that while he enemy resite later ones stabled in the enemy to though any to hold that while he enemy resite later ones stabled in the order of the hold that while he enemy resite later ones stabled in the own positions. I may say that I have no hope of seeing general Halated doing this till he is largely reinforced pill by starting the much and standing constantly on the offensive will force the enemy to retain a large force on the road and other points to oppose him and will so far relieve the remining a marmia assalling lines from some of the presence from the resistance of its foes. But here's the importance of your message. Did the enemy /now the nearness of Hansons acmy, they would not have dared engage general Vivian, for Hansons has moved aga very hour if possible I leave it to you to arrange nour discusses I will done mine, and have ordered the guide to be at your the as headquarters at ten this morning no that you can be ready by that time you can get well away before the battle agreeds too much along the whole christian line.

There is again! I heat four miles up the Vantura river, that the guide said he had crossed the river in, he hid! In some bushes, so you are can erose with re without any difficulty, and over if Clandelinians do catch us on crossing, our story or our manners and acts showing we are Clandellinians will lace master....
Now good bye girls, and his God and his Blessed Hother andall the Gaints and
your quardian Angels watch over and Keep pour."""

your quardian Annels watch over and Meep you. """

Upontheu their return to their our tent, the they found their friends
on commades, Himpis and Jane, and two or three other grouts most accustomed
to the habits of glandelirium boy and girlscouts, and all appliances for
disgules. First the two ate a hearty morning meal, then they stripped, and
were aponged withdedine from head to foot, both were then dreamed in bloodt
stained Glandelinian girlscout wifforms of which there had been found thousands
lying about for the greater postion of the enemy accusts had thrown off their
artiforms before Theaing when it was apparent the christians were going to
win so sallently. Certifices right arm was bundaged up wity bloody rags, and put
imm aling, and indeliffs head and face were simil similarly tied up, though
he could not resist a motion of repugnance as the foul rags were applied to
"Nature Forth head anymenty of Glandelinian plaster and bandages placed next "him" Both had a quanity of Glandelinian plaster and banduges placed next to the slin in case subjection should fall upon them and the outside bantages be removed by a Glandelinian a doctor to see if wounds realtly existed, and be smoved by a Clandelinian a doctor to see if vounds realily existed, and haddliffs was given a gorl of tox, with which to fill her mouth and swell out how chee cand list to give the appearance which would naturally arise from a severe wound in theylaw. Caste forms were painted in on their forehead, and their disguisse was pronounced to be absolutely perfect to the eye.Both were barefooted, as Clandelin in boy and girlncouts never trayel in the weighterful boots if they can avoid it, and only then they would in winter. These they we term to Ameline Jennings tent, and were surprised to see the control of the course for the moment it was she and

benear wirl standing there. Forgetting for the moment it was she and believing she are a ref see escaped from the enemy Certrude said;

"How in the world child did you get here. Come. You must be hungry." she glanced at her watch, and then said "she it we no time. Then turning to a boy he said;

bey he said;

"Take this poor girl, and see that she is properly clothed, and give her somet ing to set these a refuset."

"You are not not trying to jo a are you. "said the boy with a smile. "To take not her disguise herself just a moment ago. Don't you remember your proposition with her. That's Angeline Jennings waiting for you to start "the net."

"Gond gosh"said Budcliffe. "You sure fooled us Miss Jennings. But let's start. We're a little late already."

At the appointed time the guide arrived with Angeline Johns. In and he was an intelligent looking man in a country dressne of glandelinia. He examined the four girl tavelors and pronounced himself perfectly satisfied with with their appearance. Outside the tent six horses were in readiness.

General Vivian and his two chief staff generals mounted on three, the obters were for the travelers and with a hearty good bye to their other

others were for the travelers and with a hearty good bye to their other friends in the secret, the party started Loss than a quarter of an hours I st riding brought them to the place where the boat was concealed in the whee, and with a tender farewell from general Vivian their Uncle, and t whee, are with a tender farewell from general vivian their once, and a hearty good bye from all their surviving girl and boyscout companions the four advortures with their guide for kitheir places in the beat and started. Boile closely they puddled across the stream. They however had a narrow escape in crossing the str a stream Either they had been seen by a enemy escape in crossing the str a stream Either they had been seen by a enemy cann neer, or class it were stray or random shorts for three times by the narrowest margin highexplosives narrow margor lished their boat, and narrowest margin highexplosives navely marrowly dem lished their boat, and rave them much clouds of spray from the river water mingled with river moss, make and and and fishes together with clay and stones that they'll never forget in a live time, and their boat was so demolished by the additionable to the start they had to swim for it untill they reached shallow water on the other side, and then started across country travel the direction of general Sladerlinia's position. They no sconer had left and a "arned off the main road, and were about "wanty pards, away when it seemed and if the road they had just left, just did not else but movely go into a woolcanic evaption, "and they were literally flung back into the river by the year generation. They never the less heaving and a cover for several minutes the very concussion. They never heless keeping under cover for several minutes must be show, and followed it along for a time under cover of bushes for they helisved they were seen, for with their in hiding the shelling seemed they believed they were now off the main road, on which they felt sure the main minutes of the general Greatheart and Halsted They soon got out of the cange of fire, and passed farm house after farm house moballenged and any estioned, and another then'y minutes found them some few miles on the read tward the christian lines order general Sladerlinia Seeing a big squadron of Clandelinian cavarly Aires under general Exaderin in Beeing a sig squaren of Cannellin and cavary appreaching at full gallop, they went into a rood to nide hide under cover for bedden if any one should enter nocidentally and discover them they had no fear of empicion arising here, while they would be detained under suspicion chould they be spotted in the open. They were nor many the min rood again, but they dended to chance it as they heard the main roud again, but they dended to chance it as they heard the main roud was caused by the enemy batteries, but there was no help for it, and they therefore started. They feared to meet various carties of howevers, but no not soul we encountered feared to most various parties of horsemen, but non not soul was encountered through once in a while far, distant or man shells would burst with terrific vibrations. It was swident now the exclosions were really from random shells.

They sometimes too did meet some parties of christian coldiers, but from ther some times to did med some parties of chita'has coldiars, but from them to be had to lide for them would be respected as the group and de a ted and their mirrion would not be accomplished. One parties present another requested from the leader how things tent along some portions of the other families. The subject widerily was some one, for they declared the Clardelinians were as obstinate as dewile, and though it might be a victory in the end the battle would be a ratter of long endurance. Three miles of

In the end the battle would be a ratter of long enderars. Three miles of travel, and suddenly about row handred yards away a great wall of smole rose up in from of them followed by a cloud of debris from the earth. The defonation and concussion three them of f their feet, but they rose again.

"This is one part of the dangerous travel" declared Angeline Jennings."Heaven only knows whether big enemy mines are placed under us or rot. That was a mine explosion. Somewhere beyond the Clandelinians will show a toriffic fight soon. Over ronder is a Clandelinian position, near a Calvorinian summer home. Once past this we'll have to leave the road or we'll be under chell fire as if we were in a popcorn c sharer / Two miles aff is a canal, and we must rot go tward the christian lines in that location——nor that I fear discovery, far from that, but there is no possibility of entering the christian lines on this side as we'll be under fire from both. Our only chance is on the side I left the main road, the first is by recreasing the dangerous spot of the river. We must also travel round Vantura Junction, and it's dangerous in the face too."

"How far are we from general Slafe Sladerlinia's position nowill can hear a prolonged firing of volleys of cann on now very clearly, it sounds as if it was world gone crazy with thunderstorms and at least for the last two hours of their travel which would bring it tward noon, the insane booming of so many guns c ould be distinctly heard.

"It is about two miles in a straight line, but it will be double by the route

we have to take...."

Turning to the right after crouching low for fear a concealed battery may open upon them with grape and canister for Glandelinians may fire on anyone here intheir own fear, the party went their way through a small wood. Then to their right, another Volcanic evuption of explosions becomed forth, and a great hurricane of splintered trees flew in all directions. There stood neat near by in the open on the road, a great building, and they saw at the same thi time this great structure disappear into a cloud, and when the cloud lifted there was not a trace of it standing, while how the four ever escaped with their lives with showers of stones and bric s and all other debris falling about them absolutely must have been miraculous though the explosion was a great

"Those are either mines of Gang-Gang-shells"the guide said. "It's either from random fire or we have been spotted and the enemy is trying to get us. Now , to avoid disaster, though we'd rather be slain by the explosions than be captured and share a worst fate we will go half a mile further and then halt to find out bearings; for we cannot go ahead too much in this direction. I'd

chance climbing a tree to see whether we're fired on or not, but it would dolay our expedition."

"They sat down on a bank at a short distance from any road, and looked at the great comber signify from great fires which were regime because of the battle."

"What an extraordinary view. "Gertrude said." "Mat fantastic puffs of smoke clouds rolling up from great rows of cannons. What an immense variety of smoke clouds and overhanging wreaths from big conflagrations, and especially from 8t Ethelreda. What is that strange column of smoke nearest to us! she requested of the guide ...

requested of the guide.

"That is a conflagration in some distant big forest started by the enemy to cover his retreat when ousted from a position yesterday. All the christian tear troops are in position, and the enemy has today counter charged several times against the position and are fighting like demons to retake it. Beyond between us and that position is general claderlinks main line. That is the between us and that position is general suggestion in main line that is the explosion of a volley of high explosive shells, do you not see the huge wall of suddenly rising rolled up smoke. That's where his headquarters is that house far away with atowar and an Angelin and flag flying over it, standing alone in that is ing cround by the "iyer," "And that is general Sladerlinia's position "The girlscout leaders exclaimed Slancing at the small tower."
"That sure is his position "their guide and, "and do you not see the

overhanging wall of white cloud which rines above it, and pours forth all along its front and from other sections listen I can hear the steady sound of countless thousands of rifles firing in volleys and framilades quite dis

"and with allithat firing going on, how in the world are we going to get there." "Gertrude demanded, impatient to be there and get ing in the message before it would be too late, and violet, and her sieters would come forth from immediate any and cun into the great por its that would comfort them."

"We will continue on here to the right, the viver is close by We will awim across, make a wide sweep round, and then come down to the river again opposite the christian position, swim across and then we are mafe ."

General claderlinia's position had for a long time during this four days of battle already romain tranquil after fierce battle and sussac e were raging along other portions of the christian lines. General gladerlinia well acquinted with by the reader, and a nun of great decision and firmness, and and affect much dreaded by the enemy, had when at times during the buttle along his front had exhibited signs of moving forest degainst him, tolegraphed to general Vivian full for full power to act and having obtained the required ferming ion he had awaited. required permiss ion he had awaited

his was exhibited by the Clandelinian roops of the Seventh Omerian Irregular corple, the ar three in the mining coming of the fourth day of the enduring corflict endeavoued to move against the year of chador in lar army, and broke forward into some desultry action. Concred Claderlinia the same time surched the Thirt. Second corps of Abbicantians of the agence and put into action a battery of Eachine Eum artillery, with some Angelinian Corps to their lines, and in the small action that occured, surrounded and captured the whole of this Clandelinian column, and forced the surrender of the whole of er this action of decision and energy general fladerlinia had no further activity. The Glandelinians not t strongly entrenched against him were somewhat awad and subdued, and there fore remained tranquil, and tward see seven the enemy still remained quiet whereas at nearly every other section of the christian line the buttle was raging with a might iness which no one could describe. Yet Ceneral glader linin was not to be caught napping by this appearance of tranquility.

Every preparation before this had been made for the desperate struggle which all his staff officers including himself regarded to be coming. The positions were strong and connected with powerful earth and walled up trenches and a line of high breastworks beyond composed of sandbags and fasaines. Stores and all sorts of provisions had ben collected, and every preparation made for a desperate defense. The main cantonments were some distance from the position and were occupied by the Fourtheenth and Fifteenth, Fourty Eight, and Seventy First divisions of Mative Calverinian Infantry, and Seventh Calverinian cavarly divisions. Seneral Majesty's division the Twenty Second, a battery of calibre cannons were in position a little beyond so that in order to carry Blader linias army before it, the enemy would have to dislodge them from one arrongly manned position to another, and be dreadfully exposed, while the defenders were not. At noon the real storm broke out. The assault came upon the position held by the Seventy First Winkie corps, and spread at once to all the Mative Calverinian Brigades and regiments. The assault had first to all the Native Calverinian Brigades and regiments ine angular had lived started more like a spirmish line advance, gradul and sure, and then turned into a general caset of such man undered fury that nothing could pen it. The defenders to try and confuse the wild ascallants fired the bulgalogs blow up a magazine and let go with volleys of grape and canister for Jandelinians came upon the first line of paittons and Loped them in a wave, only to finally recall in what was even left of one third of a wave, and all the glandelinian officere of any commission were Filled. It was sheer madness to assail sladwilnias position, set the second glandslinian wave p shed forward milied and shelf-ared the savivors and opened a terrific fire. Happing milied and shelf-ared the savivors and opened a terrific fire. Happing for general Bruno Angels chwist in line all was in readiness, and though the assault of this second wave of Mangaboos almost carried all before it, the Division of Concentinian troops, with two hundred guns deployed into position on the cross road leading trand the position so as to bar the insane in onrush of the Glandelinians in that direction. The assault however was dreadful on rush of the organizations in that direction the absaut nowever was dreadful on mightide, it pushed back the christian troops along a line of battle five miles, though of course the Glandelinians fearfull exposed fell in immense droven and twenty generals were killed in their mid efforts to drive on their half crazed yelling demins. Nothing could therefore be done by Rumo Bright till general Bain Wight Linger could arive, and he sent an appeal to general Ben bogan for assistance. Ben bogan with a portion of general Hobert Bowens Winth Cor.s, and a battery of machine guns and heavy coneral Hobert Bowens Minth Cor.s, and a battery of machine gurs and heavy cannons came up into position. These were joined by seven hundred thousand men of the various Corps under Second, Termer Mid-Hollester Johnings, then up ame general Walter Johnings, and Walter John Hawloon with their Thirty Second, and Fourty Minth Divisons, and these moved forward to the counter charge. The counter charge was met with the most dorged counge and disperate fury by the enemy, with such fury as seemed that the Glandellnians could never be besten, under any conditions, but nevertheless the counter charge was irrestible, and the Clandellnians though first lang bravely were borne along to the very by the pressure results to stand before it, and the Clandellnians irrestible, and the Glandelinians though fighting bravely were borne along to the main by the pressure mable to stand before it, and the glandelinians lost the position they had sacrified such a terrible number of lives to capture. At the commencement of the fra general Walter Jennings was wounded. Tot even then the battle did not maps along the whole of Sladerlinia army, but the presence now of every waithels officer was needed as there was much excitement in the whole army body se of the sound of terrible conflict at the crossroads General Sladerlinia was away at the time, this discord started but he came in time to restore order and send goneral relatin sight Linear to the assistance of those who were in such dire need of he, help. Later a flerce angust on the rear was attempted, and so violent was the strungle that all the imitive christian officers were called into service, while general Matches mas cent formed to guard the year, and these fought most heroically through the whole action on the rear and the Glando linking under peneral Hedda was a repulsed and put put to flight with ton on in claim and wounded that how if had even the victors. Thus one is source of anxiety for several Brano Engle was removed and safe too from other a facks from the left, and recleving reinforcements were prepared to resist even a greater assault should it come. The assault did come and so deformined was the front shown by consend bathes line against the unruly mildly making assailants that the Glandelinians could not penetrate. They let know a terrible artillony fire upon the christian position at about three in the afternoon but in the af answering fire, the chief Glandelinian artillony commander was mortally wounded and his son filled. Then the storm of in all it a fory, by a general and over helming assault.

OThis fine a large cave of Zimmer arctims and the dorsed Omerians adec come al Eandon some even or elight hondred thousand attends their itperached to the road in front of the christian position, moved to the attack with independent lable fury order cover of the Chandelinian artillery of long range gauge-gauge-sholl gams which burranged the ciris christian position with devastating effect. General Sir St Henry with we divisions of the Thirty second Corps was mortally wounded, and his troops became panic stricks second Corps was mortally wounded, and his 'roops became pante strices attices and receiled in confusion. Soizing the advantage the Oliverhalms under general Estrabrook rushed forward in a strong reage to make a counter charge. The affair was disasterous in the extreme, in the hard to hand conflict that occured, the min Gan landelinian general fell dead from his horse, the artillery brought forward by the flares Galvarinians fore the monsterous Glandelinian column to pieces, the survivors bourfed and terror striggen, bolied, the christians pushed on tard the Glandelinian batteries, the gar are after discharging the monos more fled, and after only a loss of one hundred and sixty thousand in mon and officers, the christians were among the gins, in possession of the Claudelinian position. Two hundred cannons were captured many prisoners and great rounds of amountion and twenty but le flags, and among the prisoners was the famous claudelinian general Carl Staley. The rest of the Glandelinians almost caught in another position fought their way savagely to the rear and escaped to their stronger line of defense. The Gland Calverinians entered the position in triumph, and prepared

defense. The Obard Calverinians entered the position in this imply, and predate to open whe limits, other trought, this was the greatest disaster to a strong contained thin a rank I mediately upon the recollment of the badly depleted and defeated troops leader lead, having no general or officer in command whitever because all officers were down if became avident that the depleted forces couldn't hold hold the stronger position to which they had retreated According it was evicated before the dranded Calverinians renowed the charge, its great magazine containing two handwed and fourly tone of explosives and six hundred thousand rounds of shell ammunition, a million rounds of ammunition for iffice and pistols, and eight handwed and fourly two barrals of powder was blown up, and the Glandelinian force received leaving admiration for the propagation of the most unusual and remarkable in the probabilities this was one of the most unusual and remarkable battless are written. The Christians under plain Hightlinger, began his own

battles ever written. The Christians under rlain Hightlinger began his own part of the advance and came upon the osition near one of the head qurters formerly used by general Tamerlines second lieutenant and its surroundings formed an irregular lozenge shaped enclosure having its acute angles hearly formed an irregular lozenge shaped enclosure having its acute angles hearly east and west, the southern extremity being on a most with the Vantura Road and the northern point approaching near to a large iron bridge over the riveriver itself. Hear the south part of the enclosure who the generals head autors standing in the middle of a large marden or open court and autorated by a high fore stone wall, the house was defended by strong barricades, and also loopholed for rifles and small machine gues while the garden which was a quarters of a mile large, across and wice as long was strong barricades, and also now of artillery. Next to the generals headquarters, and come micating with it by a tunnel like aperture in and through the rall was a newly constructed defense position called the "Headquarters by tery" mounted with long range gais and intended to command the in ouses and fields at adjacent to the big was continued to the road being raised to the height of his veranda and talls was continued to the road being raised to the height of him feet on more and looped holed for rifles at shoulders high, and mounted with machine and looped holed for rifles at shoulders high, and mounted with muchine an artillery on top which was formed into a sort of rampart. Who had ever formed in the house ones arely must have been well prepared though infortunately for some greade her held against the christian a whorless, when the war came on he had east his lot with almost dinks, and was now the general in possession. The barns while also were of stone was in possession of the Glande links in legiments of Scood liers and Tumerannians. It was also wather these barns were defended by stockades and breatforks both of whom were continued for some distance acrosss the road which divided these barns from the generals Headquarters which stood near the vestern angle and was also possessed with machine guns. The general's headquarters had a lofty and well possessed or protected terrace commanding the barns outside the inclosure. In its year were a number of smaller bildings occupied by the and looped holed for rifles at shoulders high, and mounted with michine and well possessed o or protected tenades communing the barms outside the inclosure. In its rear worse a number of smiller bildings occupied by the cland-linian officers. From this point facing the river was a strong posttion and outside the cloping gardon and field served as a glacis and rendered a nassault on this side very difficult hear the enterm angel angle stood a sort of clife. The bilding itself was a handsome and spacious structure and a named at on this side very difficult. The entron angel angle stone a new of office. The bilding itself was a handsome and spacious sinctions and itself of the center of the inclosure named may are not on its termined roof ancests cive rifle fire and even a michine cur fire could be continued on an enemy approaching on its least to it came the fortifications defended by long range curs. It was on a le wited ground and from the termined roof of the building a splendid view of the battlefield and the norming city of St Ethelred a and the no numrounding country could be obtained. The smaller baildings had been or was used as a commission in the christians assemed almost to comprise a little form grouped wound the dwalling of the goneral behaved and seemed injust black occurs, all the barres are defended with stockades, and tith batteries, along the near breathers and the way are defended with stockades, and tith batteries, along the near breathers and we were a number of and and beindings into a guide one can be deep if ditch and certain hede and defended with two lines of long that need are illary. In this little cite of intrenchments never ache well wint the time the enemy can in possession defended, though news a new order and in the cities the enemy can in possession and the importability in ourse is known to the first the first the first make a new order to be importable to other the place of the first the first the first the character of the

I to having by on a few iffe death of right to capt be the place. The the chals has alone the bedieving of the bettle, and it had been captured by the chals has alone the bedieving of the bettle, and it had been counter it lefed, and beatleged by the enemy since then, who had tafen to themselves the foll of ten the many deep how of dead, every day up to now in their will efforts to recepture I' and all those within. The enemy continued a heavy fire of concentrated artillery you there by ildines and positions in covering their many desperate according to the many large to the many limit of the special covers. The officers were conved of the results and peculiantly begged him to charge or thange his room for his own safey but he refused to do so declaring that the enemy may not be able to aim at the case upot "rice at such a distance he however was safey to the very next minute a shell of high where no the non-defending It was over 100,000.1* had been call and by one enough may not be above to tim at the stage upon the a scent a tablance to be were man eachly in the word, for the very next minute a shell of high explosive qualifity on each, bush in the room, and fore the upper section of the building into shattered aplintorn and the general and all who occupied that portion were mingled unto death. The loss was a heavy one indeed, both the strong car ison, to whom him great one by, calmiest and another were invaluable, and by the country of Abblemnia who lost him she had lost one for he roblest and most worth; some

lost one if the mobilest and most worthy sons.

On his death the cost and of the defense devolved upon Colonel Watsonia of the Thirty Second Brigade a most callent and a Cullful officer. After this since since the bettering of the seige, the fighting had con'l nied, but only during the '41' the enemy ever rainful in mambers and strength effecting frish betteries and continuing by day a encounting mandavous files of all guest wide iften upon the guall villars and harling apoult after assaults by come; in which each time as many fell as fell at Mal Waterloo and Gettsburg forether, but the assaults were in value, and rai Balth Hight Linger finally committee to this day with his frees made a cound and trentfit assaults upon the coming up this day with his forces made a grand and terrific assault upon the coming up this day with his incress made a grand and remains assent a gran the bestegors and after dreadful fighting for over four hours closed in on the Glandellinians, whom were so threatened with annihilation, that the enemy reversal at once asked for conditions of apprender, and were forced to surrender all most meandationally.

The conditionally the bittle varies so that the mannely along portions of surrender and most apprender.

all most organizational tythe variety no stantally insurely along portions of Sladerlinia's front, though eventurally victorious for the christian of the christian for the christian for the specific stantally and the great difficulties which this increased not lyity of the buttle of St. Ethe leads caused to emission line which this increased not lyity of the buttle of St. Ethe leads caused to emission is sure they were not under fire from either side, they swam the Vanium, ,, and to avoid being seen by either sides of the uniforms would cause over christian paroll scouls to fire upon them, they made a wide circuit, and then tried to approach the river again opposite the captured enemy position ceneral the gravals Headquarters. Several butteries however of a hundred cause each had been exected on this side since the christians won the victory here, and these were no connected by madess to endeavor to pass them undeed in their disquise. But they would be nave been madess to endeavor to pass them undeen in their disquise. But they would have made it cacler. It was it seemed now more dangerous

madness to endeavor to pars them unseen in their disguise, had they work their own uniforms they would have made it casier. It was it seemed now more dangerous to face their own friends, than it was the enemy.

"It is clear"said and line Jennings that the christians are determined to cut off al communication to and from the main Clandelinian positions with this spot. If I had suspected this we needed not have disguised in Clandelinian girls cout uniforms. I might pass as an escaped child slave or refugee with this beggar outfit on a but you three couldn't and it's too bad we have't references to show. If we gave the counter c sign they'd suspect us of disguised enemies having learned it. go we'll have to try the enemy side. It may be easier to pass."

Therefore the little party s irted the line of se teentries a line indicated clearly enough by the bivouse fires on the side near them..... Round these large numbers of Angelinians were moving about cooking, smoking.

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cov conversing and laughing.

"We must have done wrong in disguising ourselves after all said Certrude.

"It is hopeless to attempt to get through here. said haddliffs.

"We will go on to the road leading to the iron bridge. "He guide

"oplied. "We can follow that at least to and acrosss the river,, and then
slip acide."

superide."
here however they were foiled again as camp fires were lighted and there here however they were on the road to forbid all except those having theses to get in they were therefore in pertial of their own side because of their sufficients because of their antiferings of their antifering the second of the sufficients because for the sufficients are second along, probably a patrol. Then came fresh artillery troops and gun cassions boaring shells

and man tions.
"If there were any men we only were acquainted with we could get in."
said indiciiffs.
"yeq, for whereever we go they're all Angelipians. I would worry
if i' had not beer for these cruzy dieg is and all these soldiers are
structers and how could we explain if we were caught."

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"Thence are then fetching there?"Angeline Richeev asked the gride...

"From the tain the bridge in the rich of the orwageness, a quarter of a mile at any to the vight. Then we bring it a marking now, for the bridge is within from hardred pards of the mair chief hardred and of the position of glady in hardred and they must choose before they are inder five from the characteristics."

There is a good sized party coming on the remain. "radeliffs maid" between fall in tehind chem, so in the agone and genuinell or rifle amountain and then follow back again fill regrectors to the bridge and trust to lack in this fig close, and is con't be decising a manument of the country bring as much manition as we can carry.

The maide youlded, and they followed the G Argolinians from to the wason train staying a littl benind the others, and being the last to enter the ands whicheve the among stood loaded with shraphell shell and cartridges for according and rifles.

Fach took a long machine gun cartidge helt, and followed closel, apon the heels of the Party. In the confusion of the distant rolle of battle, no one seemed to have noticed the addition to their number, and they passed the sentire sentries on the road without question. Then they feel fell a little behind. Those carrying the shalls paused just before they reached the bridge for the Chandelinians being ours absolutely that assumition was nightly being carried over fixed an occasional valley of propents in that ared to direction. The larty of girls halted halted under chelter of a house untill a shot flow last, and then howried forward govers the exposed spot. as they did so, and placed the cartridge belts around their bodies for rafe weepin and turned off from the road mard climbed a garden wall a shraphell shell exploded everhead by the bridge and all the soldiers carrying the shells dropped dead or rounded to the last min and there were fourty of them.

In a minute the four rirls and the guide were 1 lose to the river. "Halt who goes there. ?"cried a voice. "Halt or I'll five."

They obeyed and started forward on all rouns.

"Corporal of the Guard No. Six"shouled the sentry, and he continue this with alarming frequency and with a very load voice, though at the top of this

"Go milently"the sening and "There are some more sentiries here. If we were not seen we were at lens theard... I don't now whether they've fees or Angelinians."

Andelmians.

Stouling quietly along, for they were all showless, there was the sound sound of rurning men and soon one man cried the evidently run the guard the had shouled so loudly;

"I saw them pass by here a moment ago. Four girls and a man with them."

"hat vere they sentry?"

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"I'm not sure. They take strangely decemed."

"Here they refugees!"

"No str. They were in pray. Clandelinian piriscouts maybe confound them."

"Druy these disquiese "whispered indelife. "Pornuis" by friends."

"We'll have to do something desperate "said the pride. "They if catch ur

sure. It's almost impossible to encape them yor know."

They now could see crouching and moving figures between them and the water

every ten yards or so apart, and they were beating the bush.

"They are nearching for us. "said Gert ule. "What shall we do Miss Jenninge!"

"Our best and only chance vill be to showe one or two of these fellows

syndayly into the water imm in and dive for it. We can dive across that

and contains oney chance that do no move one or two of Thee fallows and only into the water, jump in and dive for it. We can dive across that viver and we shall come u. I under the smove cloud of that op on its bank. The smole alone will hide us."

"Do you believe it is north this to try it?" she demanded of Amgelise.

"Yes but's chancing with fare. The water is shallow for the first few ards but we can get across that into two feet which is deep enough for us before the sentries have recovered from their surprise. They however are s re to fire but we must my to be out of the mater and in cover before Bure to fire hat we must by to be out of the enter and in cover before they do for they are charpehooters and never misc one aim life a dangerous move hat if we've capt med, we'll never need in the muscage to Violet and her dictors, as it'll be too interface or we have been identified as of their ride...If it had not been for these foolish disjuices we would not that to go through this. I il in't believe there were christian soldiers here as this is the enemy's position instead, how in the world did they get over here so sudden. Int have been an onnet and they won because we've

seen lots of fallen lying round for many miles."

The plan agreed to, they stripped off their uniforms, and overt quietly along will they were close to one of the mar who can searching for them. They did not intend to injure him but just to follow their plan. Then with a bound they uprang you him walled him over the chose into the chillow rates and dashed forward decided forward decided the over the chose into the chillow land came their appearance and with their they were waste deep before one of the parameter fixed his twittening over their heads as they throw themselves face downard into the atteam, and miles load ader vater.

E en hen fall the Vantam here is not more run one headed yards with and from the notic they they account the other with the other they started to entails shall an actor on the other seen lots of fallen lying round for many miles."

E en hen full the Vantum here is not more runn she hundred yards will all from the point where they stavted to equally shallow water on the other side are not not more than fourly. The whole of them were good swimmers but their guide war not so good a liver, and had a come three these to the surface for breath. He escaped however without being hit for ar they had expected by regard of the wiftle was followed by a general volley in the direction of the splachby many soldiers warming to the chove for some distance on either side, while over a recore had war into the shallow vater to persuasite them, the party was from the vater and raced up the other han, not a shot gracied them for they were idden by the clouds of emoke from the five. It was clear the first one of a hard of gracies and the interference in now off; a hard of gade the done thand the hardness to where they obe observed the flag flying which showed it to be go ead Eladerlinia's hendquarters....

If you ind very chart time that they vere summy their our friends the ever the ever recognized them.

"We are friends" the first and the faddecshouted as they continued to an and a cheer from the men on the watch grouted them. I sweathering who whose flew after them from the other side of the viver as acceptable and allakane opened five, but these were either fived at andom or they didn't have the ran ce, for no one was hit, and in another minute the party and second belower the outlieve and were among their friends, indeed most hearty erethe hand claps and congratulations bestowed upon them all, and as the news that the four famous girlscout lead ore and spies had arived as massengers flew lie wild fire men came running down in hose croads, regardless of the bullets which now that the enemy were completely roused up sans overhead in all dire

"We understand we cannot request your message was the cry"Till you have seen the general "But do you be able to tell as, how is general rivian faring along his own part of the lines and whether help is arving."
"General vivian is marking hamorline see stars"the guide said.
"Yes "Gertrude sid said as delighted exclammations at the news arose "But the battle is far from over yet and is raging to tribly. Do not excite false hopes among our refugees, some time must pass before the "final decision is found out.I must not say more till I have seen general Sladerlinia-but I should be sorry if 'alse hopes were raised. Tamerline has many scattered portions of his army and if they come p there'll be need of help from Manson for us, and he too has to watch the movements of general Manley."

Il liew uniforms were loaned to the four girdsounts, while the guide was given one of his own fit, and they were led at once to the general te general's headquartereand along mesages througed with sleepers (day ones) conducted to the general or som. He had already heard that the guide had come with "everade Angeline and the three others in diaguise, and he was in his own room ready to recieve them for during the night with the danger from so much battle all the army slept without undressing, and were ready for action at a moments call.

"Well done Jim'h exclaim ed as the guide entered You have nobly earned your higher commission in rank and the five thousand dollars promished you if you brought them here an eaftly. That what is your mesong of "Beneral Vivian himself bids me say tray general Blain Bight Lingers rain force is coming to your support with all speed. Vantura was captured

gesterday before I left. The clandelin ian army there has fled from the city and all goes well. in front of your position a strong works of the enemy ha has been captured and a dangerous gap is in Tamer lines line. These girlscout offigers have further news for you, especially concerning the Princesses.""
"I am Had to see you good and famous girlacout heroines" The general said warmly clasping them by the hand. A"And you've got your great boyscout dejective too I see ladeliffs. But whom have I the pleasure of seeing in you" indicating Anguline lennings" for at presence your appearance is admirably count correct as that of a little beggar girl escaping from a vagabond

prison...'"
"My name is Angeline Ceclia Jennings" she answered.
"The Heaven be praised said the general. "I didn't recognize you your diguise is so complete. "There is your derrest sister Dolores and Jane Jennings."
"Why Dolores had been injured and has remained imactive untill she recovers. My other sister is among the Camp ire girls. We have a message for your private sear sir which we wish you to send forth to Hansons lines as you alone can do it, and if I might suggest it would be better to retain our guide close by for a few minutes lest his good news spreads too far You will sees the reason when we have told it to you."

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General Sladerlinia c gave the sign, and the other officers retired with the guide.....
"Our message sir is, I regret to eay far less favorals favorable than that transmitted by the guide, and it was not only for that reason that Angeline Jennings desired us to accompany us here. If he or us had been captured by the Chandeliniane he would have told his mesuage that way purposely to decleve the onemy for the general had advised us not to have him me en secret of his instructions if he did fall with us ato the hands of the enemy as it was desirable that they should believe that he was about to advance and thus relieve desirable that they should believe that he was about to havance and thus reather presence upon you by retaining a large force on the road up to Vantura. But in fact sir general Vivian bids us tell you that he cannot do that if he needs must capture Bt Ethelreda, though he can send to Plain Hightlinger, "ero and Hemo to your help, He too must hold Vantura otherwise there'll be a nerious bend in his lines which will result in disaster, and the force available for an amunce upon St Ethelreda must be needed to be used to fight available for an awance upon St Ethelreda must be needed to be used to fight its war through Vantum and force a pith through the city. The instant he can place his army into possession he will advance in general and will in the meantime continus to me effects to as to sep a large force of the enemy engaged with general Halsted, He fears that it may be a day or so before he can advance to your aid with a chance of success. The min thing nocessary sit is that the battle is ano extended, is so wold and furious that it would be sucide for Violat, and her sisters to come here now, and I want you to any them not to love largons army for the present They had received to warm them not to loave lansons army for the present. They had proposed to start by to night."

"A few days or so the general said That is indeed a long, long, time for such a desperate enemy we have to face, and we had head hoped that a bready help was a riving in the main. Well we must done our best. I am not as yet yet as it is believed sorely present but may be at any time, but I have not the alightest doub's that we can hold out for a month if necessary. Ceneval Vivian cannot accomplish impossibilities and it is wonderful that he has been able to capture the town of Vantura in the face of much remistance."

"We thought it beed to give you this news nomewhat privately, general in order that you might should you believe it necessary, retain the news from your army to in care such a long time should elapse without aid. And

if is more necessary still to warm "iele", and her sisters..."

"You were guite right live aronburn learn I shadning and But the truth of the mituation tetter be made public. Residenti is for heter that all should be acquainted with the fact that we are depended and our own exertions for another couple of days than they should be minly holding for ansistance to arive and not find it. I will see to it that the report to Violet and her sinters is communicated to them right away. Here John "to his telegrapher. Send this message;

"il amsons army. Mear Lebanon, who ever gets this telegraph communicate the report to the Vivian Girl Princesses not to leave the army untill further notice. General Vivians lines because of a big battle raging here is unapproachable. quice suc ide to come out.

General claderlinia "

"Then he turned to the four girls.

"I will call my marron in and you shall get some better uniforms, Unhappily I have heard that yesterday death had been so busy among your troop of boy and girlscoute that when you get to general Virlans again there will be no difficulty in providing yourself in that respect for must a want food too,s and that such as even the situation is, is also pel plentiful."

The other officers were now called in, and general Suderlinia told them the news that he had received from Certrude and the others. They ecceed budly disappointed for a f moment or two and then cheering presert that they were us good as a full month of fighting were made,"

"I am positively sure of it gentlemen'general Sladerlinia said"Our thoughts are all the same. We are ready to fight the enemy for a ru full month if necessary but we dread the delay for the sa e of the women and cod's will be done. All that men can do this army will, I know do at all costs and with the help of Goi and The Interession of His Blessed Mother I believe that whether ald comes or not; a little noner or later we shall hold these positions till help does arive. General Para Bruner will you get these four gir lacout offcers officers comething to eat, and come new informs. Then if they are not too tired they will perhape not mind altting up an hour or two and giving us the news from the outside world."

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A renewed fury of the great battle was brown ing before Gertrude and her three girlscout companions who had at general sladerlinias suggestion seperated, Radeliffs going to the "generals room, while Gertrude and the others formed the center of a great gathering in the hall below in order that as many as possible might hear the news as far as they could tell it-brought to a concul conclusion the account of general Richardson Halsteds advance his desperate charge and capture of Vantura Junction, and then Centrude told of the arful massacre of the refugees, and her her troop lost so many brave boyo and girlscouts in their wild defense of these unfortunate refugees, of the fresh violence of the buttle elsewhere, of the danger that Maximillian of the freeh violence of the buttle elsewhere, of the danger that Maximillian and nig girlknool, will faces, of hansons reported action at Lebanon and of battles that had occured in various parts of Glavenina, the progress of the seign of Vivian Wickey and the arival of reinforcements for the enemy from western Calverinia, and of the dreadful progress of the "Red Plague" in the east. While they were 'elling all this the Glandelinian batteries under general Rafenia opened suddenly like a tremendous earthquake upon general Saderlinia's position, the uproar became incr incessant, fairly earsplitting, and several shouls crushed in the generals headquar'ers and an explosion tore the entire wall art, causing every one to run out for fear the building would cave in . There was terrible noise and confusion from the camp of the refusees for they were terrified and the children screamed.

"Is this sort of thing always goong on alone the battle started four days agot" Radi Rudiffe demanded in astonishment as an eruption tore a

"Is this port of thing a keys going on alone the battle started four days ago!" had! Indeliffs demanded in astoniohment as an eruption tore a big section of a rampart clear into the air as if it were clouds of smole. "Always since this mining was the unsver. "But this was the worst yet. Fofore you came there was a few hours bull and we have had even then not such a quiet time except of heaving the noise of battle elsewhere, now I will go and request from the chief to which part you may be unsigned unless you wish to return to general vivians?"

"No we had enough of i of it waid Gertrude. "We had to face danger from both the enemy and are own side. I'd rather wait entill things cool down

Sentrude Ange line and her followers were brought to the nurter master general, and the distance short as it was was so crowded with danger's and disagreeables that they were astoniand how any humn beings even insects could have supported them a month, as the vertices divisions of general 1 Lonny's could have done. From all points from one direction shot and shell haveled as burst overhead or admists the trunches or crashed into the trees howled or burst overhead or admists the franches or crushed into it these and caused scuptions in the woods. Lany of the enemyle butterlos were not above two or three hundred pards from general sladerlinias position and the whistling of title bullets was ins incommant. Here and there they ran along, greeat wayrms of files millions and millions in number case from some apot where a high pare enemy shot had been heatily but partly buried while howible smells evenywhere trinted the air, an explosion from a gargegons should force a hage gap in the woods beyond sending a cloud of tree follance follars and wood debris high into the air with an except if ing thunder that the ground like an explaint. The fire course and a course of the course this witherased the around live an earthquike. Earthquike across open ences, and stooping along beneath low fouls as fearful thundering engitions reared dangeneously close, the four cirls and indeliffe, and their condition general. Burn fine all reached the quarterneets removed their contents in the second himself.

possened with fo fiends, and when we counter attacked them."
The tent was a small and gloomy one and here including the girlscoute eight women and children refugees were and huddled in terror because of the din which arged around them. Gert unde wortled about the whole situation requested for a

women and children refrgeen were and huddled in tervit estable of the unit ranged around them. Gertrude worsted about the whole situation requested for a military officer to report himself at this very tent, and Gertrude said; "I am in command of this army here now this I and my friends remain. You may not be on recular duty till to night. Altogether there are fourty four men in your command that were recently on gurd general Sladerlin tolls me. Bighty are always on duty and are relieved every two hours. If possible I and my friends will also so on guard duty so we can view thigs going on that hard when the she cannot she muttered to herealf as the officer couldn't hardy hear what she called then also of the very twenty hours. Only half our set go on duty stay twenty hours. Only half our set go on duty stay the constitues of course every one must be in readiness to man any section of the positions of course every one must be in readiness to man any section of the positions at any moment in case of playm and a good deal of your time can be at directing the various regiments plcking off the enemy directly they come to the assault. I heard one of the cooks was shot and the mon hardly can eat anything as no one is acquainted with coo ing. If necessary if I have time I'll do it. I have heard besides the fightine duty, there is any ammount of fatigue dutes, the roll are and the drawing of water for the troops and cannons, the earling for the refugees in which general Sladerlinia say there are over fifty four thousand women and children, the burying of the dead, and covering blood and filth from horrible wonds with earth. Besides defending our position me are of course ready to rush at any moment to sents any other line we which may be an any sentence and the month of the month of the refugees in which general Sladerlinia says there are over fifty four thousand women and children, the burying of the dead, and covering blood and filth from horrible wonds with earth. Besides defending our position me are of course ready course ready to rush at any moment to assist any other line we which may be hard present Altogether we all will believe ourselves lucky here if we can now get four hours slee p out of the twenty four."

"Are our losses heavy here too! "reques requested haddliffe of the

can now get four hours sleep pout of the twenty four.

"Are our losses heavy here toof reque requested Radeliffe of the
officer who was acclonel.

"The bly heavy Birly during the first action of the battle we lust
twenth the sand a minute shot in the positions on harmated by the onrushing
askell ante and by shell fire, but now that we have at far as possible
blocked every approach to our positions we have not been losing so many as
at first, the enemy hasn't been able to get close enough to close with us, but
a heavher the hourly to', is a lee heavy, and at twenty minutes to ten this
morning in a few minutes we had lost thirty thousand. The Clandellians rushed
to the onset from all pon's and we moved them down with grape while the
infantur fore them to pieces with their rifles, we believe we slew over
four hadr of thousand of them. Infortrately along other portions of
out by le ine line every hour the losses are getting heavier, from shell
fire, from hert production, and the enemy in assalling had cometimes over
conded them from the position and it had been all they could do with the
most desperate first ing on record to read in a again, the women and children
west geen suffer therefore, the mass from St Ethelreda this army seeming to
the their own refugee an outside was some death everywhere."
"Well "Build Centrude "if you are disposed to show yourself useful sir when
not on general duty you will find abundant opportunity for Kindness and
goodness among them. Will you please take us round the safter parts of
the cump and introduce us to some of the refugees out of danger zone."

"Yes "tes groubury I can easily do that you may go among them even as
you desires. First Gertrude and her followers,,,,,,, went to what had been
in more happier timeshad been the min your of the generals headquarters, a

in more happier timeshed been the main room of the generals headquarters, a very spacious and beardifully decorated pariment some eighty five feet square, with windows opening to the cround at each end, to allow a free presume of air. These on the side nearest the enemy positions or facing in int direction were c com he size nearest the enemy positions of lateing in that direction were c com he'ely closed by a wall off earth, while those on the other side were also built up to might six inches of the top, for shots and shell could equally either them. The miriscot lead is were introduced to such of the senerals as were in, the men themselves being outside the house repairing a bank which had been injured during the en 'early morning battle. Then the orderly went to one of the rooms leading off the min apartment where a curtain ham across it instead of a door, and this was now drawn aside to allow what air there was to circulate... or circulate.

"May I come in once in please?"he asked...
"May I come in once." a lady said, coming to the entrance.
"Gertainly James." a lady said, coming to the entrance.
"The lisentallow me to introduce four famous milecouts and one boyacout
ill chief lead ers of the who have no relief lead ers of the enemys
lines and faced danger from the five of our own gentives because of their recent distribe with an important measure. They indeed are our superiors but do all the more dangerous service themselves. They are to command our part of the army during the time they sem in and we'll all be under their direction The Indy held out her hand, but with a alight air of surprise.....

"I ammone down had reliber to adon't recommise us or our color strikes was an poculiar "Gerto de outit."Pit it will wear off in a few days I hope; it is i lodine and we are already a good in my shades lighter than when we started. We are the ones who restored so muchildren. Edie and Long Lagon

started. We are the owns who restored so a children falle and hom; hason to you when they therefore the continued in the flood. They were carried and on the roof of your house. Don't contramble. If the flood. They were carried and on the roof of your contramble is leaden said of course I've heard of all your exploits, and heard of your coming here. But please come in. It is not uch of a room to be recleved in his to gively are past thin thin, of that now, it; little daughter fide is still askep, and my father though he's a refugee is helping the army fight the enemy and is on guard at presentances. are my el der da schtere, ta ith, and felly, these five children here are m grandchildren and Ed ies Courins too. They all escaped the flood by a mirecle though they for here dua swept aray on house foles his dears mess are the great Child Scott leaders who recently befriended you and found us for you They've now brought news from general Vivian, and also came to send a message to the Princesses as only gladerlin a could do it safely o so they'd get the message. Don't be bashful or timid children. Don't you be white again in a very short time...""

The children all girls and boys there being about five in all at present shook hands timidly with the girl and boyecout laders, swin looked with surprise on the neatness which prevailed in this crowded little rooms and on the ground by the walls were saveral rolls of bedding covered over with single and forming seats or log longes On 'o, of one of the piles tro little children were fast as leep, and these were the boy Lorry and E theyliftle girl kile. nother cirl of six, a stranger but a refugee sat in a covner on the ground reading. There were quite a number of pleanant chairs, and these the mother Mrs Mason asked their visitors to take. Mrs Mason seemed to be about fourly cours of age with a pretty pleasant face black hair Irish features jet marked by firmness and inteligence. The others all children were maring from six to ten and eleven and nine, two being eight and their pale scared fices showed more than that of her their grandmother the act effects of the confinment h because of the dangerous but le. Edith and Helly Mason were eleven and ten Edie who was asleep was eight and although pule the fury and horrors of the battle and the dreadful noises had not sufficed to mar their bright sunny liels

childish fac se or or to cruch their Ivish spiris ... 2.2. spirits. "Dear me"Little "ell said"Why you"indicating Indcliffe you don't seem to look to me like a boy, and yet neither of you here can be much older

than I am are yout" "My dear Helly her mother said slightly reprovingly but Richard Radeliffe laushed heartily.....

"How old are you?" he finally deminded of her.

"I am eleven."
"I vs not yet reached your age"h said. "I'm a sar younger perhaps but not more. I ama boy scott and a spy of circumstances which I cannot dare reveal anywhere not even to you as who knows whether enemies may be within our own confines in disguise. By companion here pointing to Gertrude is a year older than you, and she is a year the development of the class were different we should be the light age to be your devoted companions."

"Oh you can be that now "belly said." I am sure e want friends more than ever, especially good Abbiens in boy and girls oute don't we mama. And how lucky it is we all learned their language."

"I believe you had more than your share of commades now Helly"replied her mother smilling" but if you were also south yo would have he hardrads of commanions. We are really most for an is based in the individual of commanions. We are really most for an is based indicated in large you come to be here with us. I do not now the though great armies could have done without you will and be secouts for the conditions of the are, the devastation of the country is greatly disco angling fine new papers say that the great movement of all Abbieganing child scouts is a tempor to that the great movement of all Abbleaning child scouts is a terror to the onemy. Trank God and is pleased Nother that's a fact the hat and this confinement makes my poor children sadly fractious, and little Lite whom you brought to me is slightly lit. It was so hot yesterday she literally gasped for air and I thought she was smothering. We were most lucky this early morning for some other scouts brought better clothing for the children and she smillingly indicated the press, light set much in the whole red can't the children were dressed... "You see us quite at our best, though we can't the children were dressed... "You see us quite at our best, though we can't the children were dressed and continued this home is ours only as a refuse. "The the children were dressed... To usee us quite at our best, though we can't boast we own a single red cent and this home is ours only as a reque. The flow is now only as a reque. The flow is now only as a reque to be grateful to you and God that we that lose a single soul in the flood even if all our property is gon e. And so far we have not lost an any of our property is not an another are few indeed among us refuges who can really say this. These are terrible times, you good little girlscouts and we are all in God's hands. My hasbands it father has been in terrible ware, my own father saw the Cival war in the inited States, but there is no struggle to ever reach the stage of this Because of the soldiers we are exceptionally well offf but we find our hands full My eldest daughter has to aid the mide-de-camp loaned to us with the younger children who are somewhat ill because of this heat and confinement, then there is the cooling to be done by me and the room to be lept tidy by Goith and Helly and there are so many ill and suffering to be kept tidy by Edith and Melly and there are so many ill and suffering to be attended to You will never find us all here between or before six in the mothing evening, we are husy all day, but we shall always be glad to see you when you can spare time forwa for a chat in the evening, ad when you want Edith or the others to do something for you just call. However dil the visitors we have recieved are not so

velcome I can assure you and she pinted to eight holes in the wall where erent's shot had crashed through. For unately no shells had hit the building.

"The is a very good and roble worms even the et she is of Forlags Nation The is a very good and roble worm over the choice she is of Fortegn Pation 11. "The g aid. de-comp soid on they won' aid. "They're what now call Book in Inthibyt then're as a' salurch Catholics as the whole of manages I'm afreid I'll have to say ever more the wotienal to the Faith. She spends many hours every day so do many others of the rof wer worm at the hospital comps there the scenes are dreadful, and where the enemy's shot and shell during the frightful. Cities fird that Killin alike the wounded and their a'terdants. The alder daughter los after her course children and the neathers of the rooms. Ever the youngest cirl except little Fdis, shots sick are hus less that the other hand wet ress of the rooms. Ever the youngest cirl except little Edie, she's sick are bus the bar through the camp number sick children in the refugee camp and yet to a see all are bright pleasant, and the picture of neathers may close to a see all are bright pleasant, and the picture of neathers may close the see, who might by making a effort be no bright and an confortable as they save. There are as you will a soon find many brilliant examples of herosim among the nomer refugee and great devotion to others whom here, when the close off as a sterific crush followed by the account as heard, "I fear the cloth as done mischief among some of the refugee.

"When the latty one of or fire Fad Cross cares is tilled, and t enty others builded her and fourty injured a room as id a uning out and se of the little tills has been any four off there is no of the milliant do doctors."

At this moment the faron care out of her door with a bash of vaterand some lires from the strong care out of the account when a supposed war in the refuse camp from a tert where he had been attending to several counts to assure the secure camp from a tert where he had been attending to several

casul casulties.

"This substitute modded to the theson"This is a bad business I fear. To bad we couldn't right me nonued to one manon into is a did dominate i leave we couldn't righthy them to the roat but there's greater darget there in come the enemy would aroun the position."

"Company L to requir defenses" was now the order, and the girlscoats and

indc1101 followed the -a n ide-de-camp.

"The scoundre la are busy already. "she observed." I vish oh how I vish I could get the Iraders of those who so no mishy deps depleted my force. I'll cive ro quarter."

cive no quarter."

"This carronade is as steady as the noise in a boiler factory" ladeliffe said" If only one in a hundred bullets were to hit, there would not be any of as all alive by to across a wring, I als hear a strange noise. I'm bet there is a is an assualt going on somewhere."

"To indeed" the - aid-o-de-ca mp replied, "They are of course not firing a random, these are strange, but they are literally aiming at our batteries the enemy has too long a range, but they are literally aiming at our batteries and the properties of the ranker that the properties of the ranker that the properties of the ranker that the properties of the same and the same are the same and the same and the same are a same and the same and the same are same as a same are all same and the same are same as a same as a same are same as a same as a same as a same as a same and the same are same as a sa

the energy has 'oo long a range, but they are Literally Aiming at our batteries can be not hear their rolling thurders, get their too long a range fire adds profit by our difficulty in set in the thing to long a range fire adds profit by our difficulty in set in the dame to they do."

For the next three hours the fire child solo scout leaders were hard at two with the rest of a long two of men. For ling at a big breastrons a long the ford come distinct by one of fire. Earth as brought in eachs or highest and filed up liked up, dismounted an illery replaced by new and forces mended and bobwired antenness or repaired. The toil was hard any those and to need head the new loss of the start has a very ware where ard in such heat i was exhausting. All the wire that they was were foiling on the bullets com is med to fly thic My overhead, hitting the trees Totally on the bulle's con in and 'o fly thicky overhead, hitting the trees to third the trenches or them in the markess with short that in the earth. A this time despite the danger he face on children all of them without an exception rets close by warching the scene, despite the fact that round shot high explictive and spin shrapellar ince cracked or burst with orugitons is any places at one time with a rewrite will inguous withe the christic thing has write the west in a continual approach, the time all this was accountified deep heavy five it value may noon, and thus for those who could be get a little dincer. Those of the others were already in their local to get a little dincer. Those of the others were already in their of Centrale the Rason children still remained and bonny had said;

"I'm of afraid formedly if papill let me i'll be a boyscout."

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"Plum of afraid formed by, and he didn't even vince thi though little life jumped. The cuse in the forward justifun were loaded to their muzzles of the cape. The ricket line officers had recieved orders to listen attentive

"Ith grape. The picket line officers had recleved orders to listen attentively for the sound of movement of any body of the enemy, and to fire occassionally article flather of the enemy and to fire occassionally article flather of the enemy and to fire occasionally article flather of the work, the dram dram woll and thunder of camen, the crackling or at of shell exploring, the draw aram volt and themselve of canon, the cracting out of shell exploring, the draw has the cruent of high explorives all around one of exciting that derived and the others rero sumprised when twops arised to reinforce the rest.

It was at about ten minutes to twelve when Edie said losing somewhat it was at about ten minutes to twelve when Edie said losing somewhat air ly white all of a sudden on God live merch on us. Here they come and she pointed to a long thickgray something for any moving like a wave. At her addensess the tent the above as a consider the many horse because of the said and the second has been and at the said and the second has been as a said of the said and the second has been as a said and the said and the second has been as a said as a said the said and the said the said and the said and the said and the said the said and the said the sai

pointed to a long thickgray something for away moving like a wave. At her adden excludantion the alarm and notated, she and her brother and distinct were advised to no a lattle further out of he way, and we brighted after it indo underly be independently be lated in some of landshirlan shell five if any entagened in the lated in order of landshirlan shell five it are characteristic that a landshirlan and blackers and be shought to bour apon the cold from two cold had been about a positive to the distinct of the wildest calls as if possessed in denote which for all from the cold for and from the characteristic than the cold for the distinction of the contributions and starmed in a land to the agent than a land starmed. is a loss to seed for and from the che wor of helm positions and sagmand is a loss heavy line upon the cheighten position. It was the first time the Tanon children had seen a store of the let a not they about there wealth from excitenent while little little little little that show here we with her hands to keep out the decadful bloophemous seconds from those position demons in gray. The cheight little list is not of paper could men be quitted the letter live list in the of paper could men be part of their own carrions caused by paying a result the for regime into the same of their own carrions caused

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145 of the indeplies gette and opened off a with their wiften. The eddon explosion of so sary wifles was deafening. The Clas Cla delinions fell in dreadful number but no heave has the minors that the manner of closed in a coment and with cells and shouts of definee the energy leaped into the ditch as fast in the came on and tried to climb the position to which christian batteries. The christian line was finally harded to the rear by the presence of the assault, by the enems a ffered frichfully from the bayonets and by the firing at close carriers, and to bring it worse general Elain right Lingers Coups were ready to be laurched upon any threatened point, and these came up at the wm, and the force of their cours course charge staggered the foe Despentely their generals called up on them to fince the christian troops from the position, but ever the many thousands who did so were baroneted or captured while a continuous fire of wifles was poured upon them from two directions, Overand over again all the christian cast dispirited and beginn and applicable by their wholesale losses the last dispirited and beginn and appliabled by their wholesale losses the crary fell back to the shelfers from which they had entered experted, but almost inmediately afterwards they were valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied, and mainforced and twenty the shelfers after ware valied. minutes later another assault came of rado bled fury. The Thirty Second division minutes later quotner assault came of read block luve. The initial Becond division of Angelinians moved forward to support the sturgering chiefian line and while all the fring line became no will in smoke that even nor the Bason children couldn't see a thing that was going on general dibbons said cheerfully to his reserve; officers;

"How communds commades something will have to be done to stop this If the

roll up the line the then the enemy will be able to much macane or all the ratigees, I want some volunteres to go forth and warn general Slader line how flerce the assault is that is being made."

The mens faces testified the dislike they felt for this dancerous buriness The mens faces testified the distinct they felt for this dancerous before by they understood it was necessary, the enemy was abouting the cheft in position with a form beyond measure, and were becoming victorious and if something runn't done disaster rould follow. These men made their way and if it to the generals headquarters. The mirlnoout heroines at once under stood at once the repurpance with thick was felt to the approaching of this part of the battle field. The Mason children were almost ordered for cuffy cike to move out of the version as the buttle was becoming wild in the extreme and they might be shot. St. Ethelreda will always be celebrated for its suffering from a plague of onslaughts, and indeed his assault here was assuming supprising proportions. The numbers of badly reunded and supplied suldiers collected, the blood spilled in the bat lefield, the impossibility of preserving certain portions of the line without reinfocements against such a vave of etorming Clandelinians thich vivaled the accust's of the dage before were dreadful indeed. The christian two per water the delich tarfare status against the assailants, power was plentiful and gan cotton too, the shall fire who so terrific that it seemed conflers lerious of colders we ld have been blown into the air, but these wholesake executions, and this terrific tearing of the Claudelinian wave to pieces again and again however often repeated, appeared now to me eno impression whitever on the terming Glardelinian coldlers who were just as determined to vin an their enemies

were to stop the assault met in a turnly of balone's or pistol and wifle Both sides constantly met in a turnly of balone's or pistol and wifle shats at close quarters. The hai of the day was terrific, while the fact and desperation of the assault invitated the chair in coldiers a known to madness. General after general of the for aide was about to death or wounded madness. General after general of the formula of the pascult of the pascult repulsed and brigade after brigade was wiped out, assault after assault repulsed and brigade after brigade was wiped out, assault after assault repulsed and atill it continued in the same inddening horror. There seemed indeed but the choice of two evils, to cover the christian defensive lines by artillery even at the chance of hitting friends, or to withdraw before the storm and beer up against the assault in other positions as best as they might. The fighting soldiers of both sides were bathed in perspluition. The former alternative was chosen, and the assault however creat, was repulsed, and the defensive men endured against it, but to expect such a host of enemies to design a such as a suc to desigt no soon was clearly an impossibility. Fvery charge of the enemy cost them as much loss as in every big and bloody buttle of the World war, and too the christian losses was terrible and the terrible action extended along a thirty mile front.
The bittle was crazy with the wildest violence, the Macon children became

scaved at last and were home again cowering in come concealed room for fear of shells hitting them there. This day was a bad one for the deforders of the position in front of the best parts a refuse camp, and the less tan relve shells pener penetrated nearest Sladerlinias headquarters, and ten of the occupants were killed or vounded. During the acquait theor shells came from the left of the Clandellnian battery, Amont the slain was one of Mrs Masons obtildren a little boy, and Gerrude and her followers first learned the news when attempting to signal to general Poro for aid to stop the enemy storm, Edith and Welly Mason came out from the door, with ite on their way to fetch water. Gertrude and ludcliffe at once offered to fetch If for them as they endemind how to do it through a dument zone more than they did, and he they apoke they are that the fills faces who both

with they are included the properties and the three three access the contract of the matter than Mason. "Anneline Jennine anded.

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"Have now a not heard what the aid mines from the labelt our company through the book and she is death by the forement of a shell, one of the access near allow show, and a constal was the part and so all had close or capes, the chells from that Chardelinhan battery are testile."

Centrade Anceline and her followers were to ly inaddered at the neur, but they took the jours and crossing the jord o to the well even though under

fire filled and brought the ,,, bick...
"I wish we could ret somebody to it nomething to silence the nearest of the Glindelinian batteries. "and indelifte" home Clandelinian batteries vill the Manusainian but enter "all indictiff of those Glandelinian bitteries will blor the generals head parters all (i to pieces about our ears, and not withe tarding our own longes in soldiers we shall be having many of the women and children refugees Killed every second. See there goes an explosion it out that the second in emution "".

Naturel in equition/""
"Now about us trying it. "suggested Jonnie gemen."
"Yes how about us. "answered Gerry de a little sarcastically. "We were glad to get inside here as if vac. Yet of course I wouldn't ask any me to go any one to no where I wouldn't go myself." "Let's to and have a observation of the Clandelinian battery from the

foof with replied Angeline Richee

The roof was the same as those of other houses in any city, flat and intended for the inmates to sit and enjoy the evening brezes of a unmer...... It was also sed for skating in the winter. There was a low parapet on the roof and this had been raised by a line of sand bags and behind them half a thousand soldiers were lying firing through the many openings between the bage, to try and shoot off as man of the enemy assaulting the distant christian position as they could and also in answer to the storm of rifles and machine runs the enemy also were maintaining upon the house. Stooping low to avoid the bullets, and holding large sheets of heavy tin over their heads to prevent themselves from being hit by fragments of shell should spin or he shrappell burst over their heads, the four girlscouts and ludcliffe, moved alou's across the terrace, and li lying down, poured out through the holes which had been left for the rifles. The generals headquarters stood on one of the highest points of the ground beyond the defenses of the main line which was in action and from it they could obtain a view of nearly the whole thundering teeming line of the enemys batteries which once in a while showed themselves when some of the walls of smoke lifted.... They were indeed higher than the positions held by most of this section of the enemys army, but one of the Clandolinian but evies consisting of guipe and canister gune, and a line of michine gune distint only some one hundred and fifty ands from the building dominated the whole position nearest the house and though it wasn't active now it showed to be a battery greatly dreaded should it start in action too.

Whose Clandelinian buttery is traft"Padeliffe asked one of the officers

"A scout fold me that is battery D inder colonel Johannas"he answered.
"It was one of our batteries, and the enemy captured it two days ago. It
"It was one of our batteries, and the enemy captured it two days ago. It
was a most terrible blunder that we did not destroy it when it was evident it would be captured it will be if it is not now an awful thorn in our side, and general raderlinia's headquarters will then become untenable. There is and general claderlinia's headquarters will then become untenable. There is a dangerous d'andelinian chief, who surprising to us is a ne negro in the service of the Clandelinians, who has his post there, he is a magnificent shot and he has destroyed a great number of our gumners of our batterles and disabled many a cannon. It is almost contain feach to show a head within line of hi fire. He professes misself to be a Hegro Christian just fighting in the war for adventure, but anybody who is really a friend of our Blessed Lord wouldn't fight on their place unless he plant; get acquanited with the and wouldn't right on their dide altess to dian't get acquaired with the animal he's fight has for but's he is a damper to as for more than any one of the initial locality. The locality of the locality of the battery and set fire to the barracks in its locality, "aid indeliffe.

"The Clandelinians are so numerous that we could only hope to succeed with wholesale loss, and we are so depleted in this portion, and as no reinforcements arives for it we cannot therefore afford it. So the general ref mes to allow any of us to charge the battery but I fear we shall te driven to it sooner or later. That new battery is terribly troublesome also. There do you see it, it lies, a name a cannon just over that brow , so that the shots from our batteries cannot reach it, while it can pound away at our paition and the house with high explosives, and indeed cover all the assaults the enemy nurls against us.

"I sho ilu have thought "Serruie maid "That a good rush at night might

carry it, and spite the guns .. "

"No we should sure be certain to start some sort of noise however quiet we are, and those machine gun batteries are all loaded at any time in action or not to the muzzle with explosive grape and canister, we have found that out, for once general hand Mic-Mally nurled a storm of assault against the battery, and they fired such a storm of grape that the assault was all swept way to the last wan, many thousands pon thousands of them, besides wach which there is a numbered thousand Unarian infantry men on duty at night, one alcops at day and is at pst at night, and although sometimes the battery ceases firing for some hours especially at night the rifles hever ceased their meeting fire. We can nold our positions against the fiercest on alaughts but as beneral Vivian is not able to lend as was nelp so far, we cannot are launch one ourselves. It would be sucide. If it was the enemy infantry alone

to contend with , all right, out the batteries are annihilating."
The five child scouts lay wistfully vaccing the two batteries known and a of the firther one frequently struck the house, and two or

"There were six children stain by that last shot"an officer said coming up from below and joining them. "They had gone into the house from the camp which is being hit hard by shell fire, and one of the shells made its way through the earth, and tore its way through a blocked up window." "We must find some means o to have hose batteries silenced Gentruse, what ever comes of it indexifie said in her ear.

"I finally agree with you haddliffe, and Jennie too, but how is it to be done. We cannot do it ourselves alone there are too many guns. ?"

"Have you no idea hadcliffet." as Ked Angeline Idehee.

"Well my idea is this "unswered indelifie." I consider we could chose acha c chance under cover of a lot of smote, we could originate enough s, ange smulge fire to do that as the wind is off from as tward that battery." "But won't the enemy empect something. !"

"I believed the enemy might have the idea that his shots set something on fire. We could observe the bearings of the batteries most carefully, and when they stop firing, and we believe the day troops are being withdrawn for the late afternoon regiments, we can secure a strong trusty force, crawl out with them all under cover of the fog and make for the guns. When we get close enough we can surprise them so suidenly they won't be able to resist, but before that we all of us must remain on the ground so that no sentry can see us creeking the total one may be able to resist, but before that we all of us must remain one get creeking the constant of the constant forward under cover of the smoke, then during the confusion many of the men with a sponge full of water can give a squeeze on each of the touchholes so there would be no chance of going off till the charges were drawn, and thus give the surprise party chance to retreat saftly before the enemy come in too s rong numbers. Then we could recoil to our position with our commanders the game are disjoied, and one of them can muster a stronger force, carry the game with a rush, and spike them permanently."
"Gapita I hadeliffs, we are with you, even though it seems hopeless to

try it."

"Now let us take the exact bearings of the Glandelinian batteries. There was a long lane you see running along from boyond that corner nearly to thr gass. hen we get out with the force we'll guide we must other for that because it is Comparatively clear from runtish and we ain't so likely to knock a stone over and create a row. We must choose sometime when they are pounding away somewhere else and then we shall not be heard even if we do cause a little noise. We will as Mrs Mason for some oponges if she has any, we need not tell her want we want them for." "And you believe that it is best to do it this afternoon early, Maclife dear." ?

when I this afternoon is just as chanceful to succeed as any other night or any other time and the sconer the thing is done or attempted the better. General number commands the goard from twelve to four this afternoon, and as he is an easy easy going fellow he'll do anything I'll say, while some of the

others would be scared of such an adventure and back out."

As soon as early afternoon was on, and the required immense smudge fire Was produced a little procession with six little forms on stretches covered with white cloth, and several of larger size started from general StaderLinias headquarters, and a number of somen and children followed. That sad morning had been a burden to many and now this early afternoon the dead children as now t be laid in the earth. Death of course had been busy ever where, nd in such a climate as that produced by the heats of the distant forest fires,

and in so crowded a dwelling no delay could ta e place between douth and burial, and the victims were puried as fast as possible. There were no time

our max, and the victime were ouries as last as possible. There were no time no manufacture corf ins, no men to surre for this, and as each little victim fell so were they committee to the earths.

A little distance from general Sladerlinia's headquarters the procession j ined joined a larger one, one with many of the bloody days victims from othe other parts of the making battlelines at total of which this was only a small portion, at the head of the and procession wales the lev father James one of the arm y Catholic Army Chaplains, who was distinguished for the bravery and self devotion with which he as the very dangers of losing his life labored among the many wounded soldiers as far as he could rugh reach. The servicatione having first been I supe for the dead, on which they were now enauged was in itself exceedingly amgerous for thought to go through a territory exposed much to the enemy's deadly fire-and-- and they were throughoutly during this four days of latrile so fear been remar ably well informed it was was going on "itain the positions -- every names", or so they would open a general fire in the direction of any spot here where they found out a por in f the away would be emplayed in the ead invocation, in Quietly the end little procention moved along, though tallets whistled and abelia niged and exploded around them. Each etretcher with an adult body was carried by four soldiers

while the bodies of the little ones were carried by their mothers or friends as if still alivedies dison and her elaest anathrer carried between them or a stretcher on the on which the limits body of melreproceded rom lay. Arived at the selected ap.t, a long shallow we change feet wile and seen

propriesses and it simplifies, size he was not ensert, placed then he contor states, that all the used for no city, its a contraction on it of were firm in. or not then they were michial of the cherg, and then the mowne s urnes away hap,il, with it one of them having deet hit sy he bullets thich can around, or by shell fragments, while some of the soldiers speedily filled in the grame. While the sad procession had been absent, Gertrude and her followers had gone to Mrs. Lisons room. The curtain was drawn, and they could hear the littler children sobbing or wailing inside.

"please one of you little girls, can I spenk to you for a moment!" lad cliffe said. "I would not intruce but it is something particular., very

mendealar."

Little Edie Mason came to the door.

Please "Madel fre went on touched by the distress in her little blue open "Madel fre went on touched by the distress in her little blue open "Model your mother that if you'd give as all the old sponges or noft rate you may have! We don't know any one else to as , your mater is not nome as proaces. t——and but remember little girl, you, ast not says wond to any one—I and my four companions here, me nto guide a strong force this afternoon ander cover of a smo e fulce to silonce those batteries which is doing such

"Silence those but eries." His exclutined in applies. "Oh if you could do that, but how is it possible. They'll wipe our any charging troop that'll

"On you dear boy" welly who had come to the door exclaimed impetiously "If you could but do that every one would love you We shall all be mardered if that terrible battery goes on. B . how are you going to do it."!

"I dim't say "e are going to uo it,,,,"nadcliffe aid smiling at the little girls axci ement" But e are going to try it sometime this afternoon. WE will tell you about it wither this mo to morrow morning or this evening , then it is some, that se" he said a riously "if we sturn to tell it.but you must not as use any questions now, and please , ive or the pieces of sponges if you have them."

Late singepeated for a moment, and came budk with an armfull of very

large full sponges ..

The will not as N. as you limb to another said quietly "But if it is the what you say you've going to uo we now you'll run into nome frightful that any serifts impossible to apprior the trops granding those batteries and you'll have to do it was by violent assaults, suiden and without asla, I may tell manuar when she comes on the retain that much, may I nother we will may tell manuar when she comes all say A hosary and a Pevem Fovena of one day for your safe return --- God bless you all "and with a warm cleap of the hands and then a mighty he hug the too little gids went tack to their room again.

"I tell you what Gertride " indicliffe said empiratically, wen when they ent out into the air" If they would only try it they could have jotten ito into the verticent, but as it seems none of us are living through this craz war, counting no or 108-88 were t twice already so heavey one time on the raft adventure, and just esterd y I believe it wouldn't seem praient on the raft adventure, and just determy I believe it volume takes probent to other them the chance providing they may have heard of the disaster. If the close ones Eaith and felly would jo through it—that is "he added "if she'll take the chances with me in adventures, and will wait a bit, he's a steel nerved girl, and no mistake. I never felt really in requesting any one to join before no not remularly you now but nevertheless they're the makings.

At any other time Gertride or her othery friends would have laughed or disputed on this subject as it reallly Takes a lot of red tape for any one on get in as a first or boyacout on account of the angers of the outlings but with bale's fareaell words in her ears, and the innocent wistful beauty of the libe into face she and little disposed for mirth and she merely put mer hand on equalifies thousand and said;

"There vill be line o plan for that in the fature haddliffe. She and her mother as as acquainted with at sail loss as be are and i to il would be tash for a charmon, because our neads. If she or Edle or the others par is up to theaselves to join, became of no lattre of no holy a came is owns, and for the fact, of the apare being electhere even worse than if they were scours, their mother couldn't effect, if he were to request that, she'd put is out on our neels alich fast, one'd believe were "a're while for the destruction of her children. Old them decide for themselves. First of Like mest companion our own lass in that despends fight for the refugees and capture those batteries to get even. There's the battery opening in carnest. There seems I current is signalling for all his batteries to try and silence them. Lisen to how all those cannons roll their thunder. It is a spanmodic cannonade, and the explosions of shells are sha ing the ground lile an earthquake/ come along."

For an hour thefire on both sides was incessant. The wo hundred and sixty nine guns of the two glandelinian batteries concentrated their fire upon the Slandelinian position, while at least six of the next guns opened upon general Vivi clast line's headquarters while from the trenches closest to it the fire of the enemy's musketry flashed and cracl oraclized incoseantly sending a terrific hail of shot to keep down the reply of the christians on the roof. On the christian side the garrison on the terrace disregarded the enemys heaviest rifls fire, but crowded behind the sandbags and maintained a most steady fire well concentrated at the flashes of the negreet cannon seen through the wall of clouds pouring forth, while from the christian batteries the gunners unable to touch the enemys battery, and being forced

to leave it to the long range sums discharged grape at the enemys position

to keep down the infanty.

The Glandelinians most unusally carefully instructed in military service had concent constructed long sheilds of rope to each gun to protect the gunners h ot not manning shield guns, but those at the best could cover one or to two Glandelinian coldiers and the fire from the christian positions and from the terrace on top of reneral Sladerlinia's headquarters inflicted such heavy losses upon the gn gunners, that these batteries were were withdrawn and the shield guns put into position. The fire nevertheless didn't cease. It vas now One P.M.M. and Gertrade had collected at her bidding a large force of men who would dare the great adventure of silencing the gans having first filled their sponges with water and putting them into small pails to retain the water. There they joined eneral general Hansonia Johnston-"I can't see how you can thing of it Endcliffe"? he cald hut nevertheless

those batteries are enough to drive one mid. We are a customed to them but they're so devastating among our refugees."

"I' is not exactly that sir. "Radclife said"But we must do it. I and Certrude have made up out minds to silence those butteries, and we need your assistance on that We have got many eponges full of water, and we mean to go out aslect a number of men to also use pieces of the wet spones and drown the priming. Then when we come on the return and tell general Nemo He will move forward with a strong force, rush to the assault and capture them. That will cause a gap in the enemy's lin s which will soon be disasterous for him.

"O I don't object but you and your followers here must either be possessed or mad to try to even imagine to try such a thing. "the general said in

astonishment. "We might all of us be wiped out." "I'msure it is easy enough sir. "radcliffe replied" At any rate we mean

to try it."
If can't thin of letting you precious girlscouts go on such a dangerous adventure "General Johnstonia sald." Thy you'll be in a buttle, facing terrific fire, and Heaven only knowns what will happen. Be wise and let only the leaders attempt it. They can do it as well."

"No sir, we cannot and will not change out minds. "said Gertrude. "If we do not go we'll not let any one else go. What we want you request of you is to tell your men not to fire if they see a large troup of men in gray moving tward the enemys lines in the next few minutes and after that to listen for a call like this "and she imitated the meow of a cat." If they hear that they are not to five at any one approaching from the outside trench. Good by sir. Wel We will assure you we'll return saftly..."

and without waiting for general Hunsonia to make up his mind whether or not his duty compelled him to detain them, to re prevent them from carrying out the mad scheme of which Egdcliffe had told heem of, the five children Elided off through the saudge cartain they had formed to where their surprise troop dressed in gray were awau awaiting them. They did not remove their shoes but wound round them numerous strips of cloth so that they would thread noiselessly, and yet if obliged to run for it would avoid the danger of cutting their feet and disabling themselves in their flight. Then being sure that general Hansonia would have given orders to his men not to five if they hard a notes close of herd and company solin towingfor his for lines, they and their many followers went noiselessly to the breastwork which ran from the christian battery past Beneral Sladerlinias headquarter s climbed over it in a wave, and dropped into the trenches beyond. Sanding Standing on the battery close beside them they saw against the gray norizon the figure of the cane all red in the figure of the return in less than have an hour if we are sub successful."

Then they and the whole force in gray pic ed their may carefully, and while midden by the fog produced by the manage over the rough ground till they reached the long lane, and then moved boldly but noise lessly for and for they were sure that for a little way there a was no danger of meeting the enemy, and that in the smu ge cloud they were perfectly invisible to any Glandelinian se ntry posted near the guns. After going forward a little over fifty yards, every one at the signal dropped on their hands and kness.
Although the gurs were still in action, they were raised in such a way that an approaching troop would not be hit, and hearing of the purpose of Gertrude the christian batteries had ceased firing in that direction though a dropping rifle fi fire from the left of the christian position had as usual still continued. This indicated to Certrude and her followers and the men t pretty accurately the peition position of the nearest battery. The whole force crawled forward foot by foot and soon reached the little ridge which sheltered the one hundred guns at this spot from the christian batteries beyond. The guns thomselves they could not see for behind them was a wall of beyond. The girs themselves they could not see for bening them was a wall of high in boush and except against the syr line nothing was visible. They themselves were as they discovered in a line between Slader linius Headquarters and any one who might be standing at the jams, and could see the reflection of hig fires showing that while the battle was maging fiercely elsewhere, and whole some of the enemy here was maintaining maintain maintain ing a severe dropping fire, where were populing or ange other assauces.

Having observed the ocene, the whole force Lead by the aring girlscouts moved forward cautiously inch by inch-Presently aductifie put his hand on something which for a moment made him start back, an instants thought, nowever reasured him, it was a soldier, but the hardness of the touch told that the the san was dead .. C rawling past it the child scouts found other bodies lying in teeming numbers, and then Gertruis touched a ah wheel. They had arived at the guns, and the bodies were those of agny men shot down a few hours before in the act of loading. Behind the guns a number of artillery men were stationed, but for some reason or other the guis stood alone and unguarded something unusual to find when the Glandelinians are so watchful ... A clasp of the hand and the five children parted one going as previously carranged each way, the soldiers with the sponges doing the same. Radcliffe rose very quietly by the side of the gun, Keeping his head however below its level and paising God that the smuedge fire sent the smo e even way over here che ran her hand along it untill it came to the breech. she found the touch lole covered with a wad of cloth to /dep the power dry from dew that may occure/ This indcliffe carefully removed, put up her hand again with the wet sponge cave a squeeze, and then cautiously replaced the covering. Gertrude did the same with the gun on the right of it, and even the four others, and all the men with sponges crept along from gun to gun, while the gray clad disguised infantry lay in readiness in case the enemy would discover this and give the alamalarm. coon of this battery the whole line of guns were disabled. Then they all crawled back and joined each other. / A clasp of the hands in congratulation, and then they were starting to return when they heard a dull tramp, and the head of a gray column came along just ahead of them. The child ecoute shrank back under the gime and lay flat among the bodies of the dead to world the scene which would ensue. The column of Glandelin lans ha lted at the guns and a stentorian voice as ed;

"Is the general of the battery here on duty?"
"Here I I am said a roice from behind the nearest gun and a Glandelinian

officer came forward.

"We are going to direct an overchelming assault upon general Bladerlinias rear. We shall be strong for reinforcements came u up and we shall soon sweep the Christian dogs before us. It is the order of your general that you open with your game here to distract the attention of the christian butterles."

"Will it please you graciously sir, to prove to our chief geneval that a have fought the christian logs along this line all morning and that over three quarters of my carriers are dead. The fire of the christian dogs is too strong for as. Your Excellency will sees the ground is covered with our dead. See excelency how we have suffered Confound that smoke. We must have set so ething on fire within their lines as the emoke comes tward us."

The childocouts held their breath, when there was the sharp sound of many rifles, the man with the touch fell prostrated, while a teeming number of the others also fell, the general among them, and howrified cries avose from thesurvivors of the column. Then the men in gray who were lying down suddenly rose to their feet, and sprang forward attac ing the surprised enemy

with frightful fury.

"Forward murch was the command of their officer s, and the whole column rushed foreard, the enemy being demorilized. However the Glandelinian infantry behind the K uns rushed forward to the counter charge, and closed with the victorious gray mass of men and a frightful unequal contest maged hand to hand. They were overwhelmed and forced to retreat their losses being awful. The dave devil child scouts lost no time during the confussion in creeping out again, and with the survivors of their gray coated troop p maing the beet of their way back, once fairly over the crost, with the realing one my in persuit, they rose to their feet delivered a withering fire which mowed the Clandelinians down in a line and ran down tward the christian position.

As they neared this hadeliffs whiseled thice and gave the "Out callmanum once. The cat calll was answered, and in a minute they were all suftly in their on lines once more, and all the persueing Glandelinians no matter how great their numbers who did not recreat quick enough were all I shot down.....
This enabled the rist to accomble over the earthworks 22.2.2.2222

"All vight" indeliffe said to general Hunsonia, "Thegins are usseless of the first battery but are nevertheless strongly garded. There are lot loss of infantry on both sides bursone of them will be drawn off for they are planning to storm general Stadevlinia's year. Where is general Nemo."? "If He has just made his vo nde"General Resonta said"I will take you

to him and youcan givenim your orders 222 minnin

General Komo was astonished when he heard from the girlscout leaders than thitthey had bebe been out and rendered the home of the nearest but its temponantly useless thought some cost of life among the meldious they had

tracher with them to carry the position which the light to.
"You were nor swist nec less in doing it though it was a gallent action come thirt voy much inheard of, and which will action the Princesson when they new word of the" he cald. "He mast of a on it at once, and carry the necond butto of too if populable. We could not a for a for deficited and an it to come the state of an or other bactery, I should sent for a fire

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"Empty this barrel among the others, the 's litt, smach in the heads of the four others with the bright. That's within an called pick returned with the water. "" " fill now cap with two water into it stirred them together till the powder was dampened through and through, and with this

made a tain train some ten feet long to the dry powder. The long line of Christians were now hotly engaged with a large mass of the advancing enemy who were rushing forward with a fury that seemed that not even all the fiends in hell if they helped the christians couldn't stop them. The assault was irrestible and led by general Francis Stancie One immense drove after another was swept awayby the christian fire, general Stanc was wounded, two of his aiding generals was filled, and an immea immeasureable number of his men fell but the probable demented survivous couldn't be stopped and they began to

carry all before them. "Fall back instantly before we're enveloped general Mansonia was the signal given . "New bugler sound the retreat, what're you sleening for Can't you see that wall of Umrians coming like the flends of hell Go along my lade I'll light the train. It's the only way to chec those razy Glandelinian

fools." In a few minutes the order was recieved and the whole line reluctantly recoiled before the advaning rebels who however did not yell as they came on with bayonets fixed General Johnston waited untill the last of his men had passed, and those dangerously exposed to the enemys dangerous annihilating fire high was mowing all the mon down within his sight as fast as they were seen applied a lighted torch to the train which began to fix and sputter and seen applied a lighted torch to the train which began to fiz and eputter and then van off mounted his horse and followed the others, the last man to remain shutting the door of the "cant" as he went out, in order that the burning fixes should not be seen.. By this time may many tents and barrac sof the enemy camp were aflame and the whole force were rerr retreating at double time tward their own intrenchments followed by the enemy who still advanced silent; as they neared their own intrenchments the enemy came forwar forward and now let loose into the air a terrific rear of rifle fire, and the head of the ways of reinforcements were pouring out through the fields and head of the wave of reinforcements were pouring out through the fields and coming tward where the captured battery had ofcod, when the earth shoolas if there was an earthquaks, a mighty flash of fire lit the egy, a mighty eruption, there was a rear as of the loudest thunder concieved, and most of the retreating columns were swept from their feet by the concussion, while a shower of stones debris of the barn, sand and water and all sorts of timber fell in a wide circle and pelted even general Sladerlinias headquarters fell in a wide circle and polted even general Sladerlinias headquarters like a terrific chower from a volcanic eruption. Thetroope were goon up and scrambled over their posttions, and were all ready within fifteen minutes as extensive as their line of retrest was. For a minute the dreadful explosion that sounded like a hundred thousand cannon at one time was sounded or followed by a death like at hundred thousand cannon at one time of trough fragments, and stones, then from the whole of Sladerlinias line of trough embattled or not, a great chose of triumph rose up while a yell of fury embattled or not, a great chose of triumph rose up while a yell of fury answered them from the enemys intronchments, and from those who were counter charging and who had momentarily halted at the frightful disapter to so many of heir commades. Then those who survice answived came forward with redoubled fury and the attac raged with a frentied viclence.

While the struggle was going on incanely general Hansonias's first question was from general Name;

"Did you suffer much lose.?"

"Couldn't tell that now cir "was the report of the officers of the nearest "Did you suffer much loss. ?"

sections. "We haven't had time for a roll call."

Finally it was discovered that Hanconia's loss th though considerable was far less than Hanconian himself. The latter suffered four hundred thousand in wounded, two hundred thousand were severely wounded, twenty two thousand were seriously hurt, but the gradual reports always came in showing that at big as the loss of wounded were none would prove fatal.

showing that at big as the loss of wounded were none would prove fatal.

His loss however in dead was twenty eight thousmis.

"Hurrah my lads"said general Siderlinia" we hundred and sixty guns captured our christian troops and my headquarters freed from those terrible captured our christian troops and my headquarters freed from those terrible of them blown up, and at the cost of our own smaller less... It was well done indeed, "and general Edderlinia with two or three of his officers stepped indeed, "and general Edderlinia with two or three of his officers stepped toward." It sure was gallently dene, but how indeed was it that all those guns were slient. cilent. You could have hardly caught the enemy asleep in bread daylights.

those gues were alient. clients? You could have hardly caught the enemy those gues were alient. clients? You could have hardly caught the enemy selept in bread daylights.

"We sir maid general johnstonia "Those of the girlscout leaders who brought in the emessage from general Vine Vivians section two or three hours age went out on the ir own account with a strong force of men dressed in gray and went out on the ir own account with a strong force of men dressed in gray and went out on the ir own account with a strong force of men dressed in gray and went out on the grap battery by wetting the priming."

A surpressed cheer brole from all within hearing for untill now general with the day of the grap and the silence of the gues had been any every to ail-with the day of the grap had been any every to ail-with the day of the grap had been and the silence of the gues had been any the hand " a most have done a most gallont action how ont on clasping them by the hand " a most will do more now to follow your directions than ever before 1 shall have great pleasure in reporting your conduct of such gallently to our little "Commander in Chiefs the Orthoeoses when the times comes for doing so.I will not mar the pleasure which all feel at your deed by saying it has only brought the fierce assault of the enemy upon us, but I believe we can scon repulse that easily enough, Good fortune has attended your enterprise but in one that easily enough, Good fortune has attended your enterprise but in cone way you should have considered first before you went out to do it. The lives of our brave girl scouts are too valuable to allow them to undertake such unseen risks as this on their own account. And now that I have a side said

in the core of the enter of the enter wif the attack of the enemy comes upon Signerlinia's rear before our attack the artillery men will prepare for action and may discover that the overenes of their puss are prepare for action and may discover that the overeches of the by an are wet full up your divisions at once general nanounk and les them all in the position, and do you'me taken to a stable time down to general state that and taken his action of stable time and appearing state. Tall him we are going to capture to batterise if position and and minimate over battery of the control of the control

assembled in the position even those on the roof of the headquartors being

"Bring f orth the small michine guns to advance with the charge, "Was the command all along the line" Now every body we are going to carry the enemys two batteries, they have been rendered temporarily useless so we have only to dash for the first battery. We can use that to cover our charge against the second, as we now how to render them useful again in an instant the enemy don't. The moment they were in our passession, you general Herdrudes with 100,000 men will clear the position immediately behind the batteries and look for the munition dumps. Ceneral Curran you with I, 115,000 men will try to move to the right a little, and you general Percival Jone with your command to the left. Do not go far at on ce but each carry the enemys ca camp or two set the tents or barracks on fire, and if you're too hard pressed fall two set the tents or barracks on lire, and if you're the hard pressed laif back here when you hear the bulls. Now as quietly as you can "all till you hear we are discovered, and then to at a rush to the guns. And remember if they're Omarians don't give any quarter. If not then take prisoners." In fact the whole line of charge had gonevonly a few paces before the enemys lines suddenly opened with a terrific fire of rifles. The noise of so many columns of men stumbling over the debris of levened country houses,

through thickets and over brush was heard in an istant instant and the enemy was aroused and threw themselves forward most gallently to defend the line.

"Forward"was the coo command. "pont answor hair fire, give them the

The divisions of 'roops under this scathing fire rushed along. They poured into and acroses the lane now, and were able to run fast, but the enemy's into and acroses the lane now, and were able to run fast, but the enemy's fire swept them off in appalling numbers just the same. The first fire had been followed by a crash of guns from the second and more distant guns but they were too close now to be hit by these and the shells and balls whistled overhead or crashed everywhere else in frightful explosions, but the only loss incurred was from the enemy's infantry. The foremost of the troops heard the voice of the nearest officer at the guns that had been rendered

useless shout to his men.;; "
"Steady infantry and grenaiders don't fire till they are on the crest. Then open and sweep them away. Draw of the useless guns so they'll not capture

The first wave topped the crest and rushed at the guns.

"Fire" shouted the officer and the command came simultaneously all along
the line and a crash of rifles stunned the troops. The first half of the
christian wave was swept away into dead and wounded but in a moment the survivors rushedon to the guns, and though the foremost went down into bleeding and wounded in whole ling teeming line the others aided by the others coming up coming up behind swarmed mong the surprised and actorished Glandelinians and a terrific bayonet fight occured. The Glandelinians though fighting desperately and being Zimmarmannians were driven to the rear trable to withstand the assault, and the guns were in the possession of the victors. Then each man selected went quickly from gun to gun removed the quest substance, cleaned it out while the infantry pressed on, and in short order the whole battery was useful again, and opened upon the enemy with grape and canister. The Clandelinians reinforced rallied and strove most desperately to recover the gups under cover of the battery further away but in wain.
Another section of the christian assault struck against that battery and
as the guns couldn't be depressed to hit them it: the battery was carried at one swoop. All along the line a short but furious hand to hand fight raged. at one swoop. All along the line a short but furflows mand to man light lagds.
The Glandellian infantry foucht most desperately but manyallinely, One of their generals fell and this caused disheartening and confusion. The firght their generals fell and this caused disheartening and confusion the firght was stern and bloody there was no yelling on either side, and the enemy was steadily pressed to the reart. A Fegiment of Omarians were surrounded and they knew it was useless to ask for quarter the lighening of bytonet significant against bayonets the sound of many shots close at hand and the sound of the fall of heavy bodies alone told of the desperate struggle.

It ended temperarily just as general Johnston came up.

"Search around before the main force of the foe comes to counter attack us "was his order They must have a munition dump around here perhaps a large one. We can explode that to cover our retreat for we won't be able to

none we can explode that to cover our retreat for we won't be able to maintain these positions th ugh we can drag the artillery with us."

There was a raid search that lieutements home name was hed as a lieutement of the lieutements home name was hed as a he loo ed into a large wooden barrac s of one stroy and very long. There's enough explosives here to blow up a whole trench. There's lots of barrels colling the residence of the lieutement of the lots of barrels are to blow up a whole trench.

2 what I was obliged to may, I request you all within my hearing to give three cheers four our five gallent young friends.

Three hearty cheers were readily given then the general hurried off to superten shauler intend the preparations for the defense of his rear threatened by the "storm" from the other section of the Glandelinian army if indeed the assault would not be personed owing to the fact that the enemy did not seem to show any discouragemen which the blow just inflicted would naturally spread. Surrounded by their friends the girlscout leaders re-entered the holes.

house.
"What was that terrible explosion? What in the world has happened?" Was

The house.

"What was that terrible explosion what in the world has happened?" was as ed by a score of little femile voices as they entered.

"Good news" one of the soldiers said I believe was can deep in peace to night. The gune of the two batteries which has unneyed us all in this territory are all captured, and their huge magazines blown up, and all this without much loss to our side, thanks to the four or five girlscouts and their bey with them who went out with a mass of men in gray and temporarily dis abled all the gung of the first firstery first battery by wetting the primings as fact as possible. All your gratitude can be due to them. The endmy are storming our position new but I have doubte if they'll have any success."

There was a general cry of grateful joy, for since seven or sight guns of the battery had begun to play upon the house no one had folt that his or her life or the lives of those dearest to thom were cafe for a min on her dared even so much as feel to go to bed, they had been terrified by the dar ness caused by the burning of Ethelread, and now they created reund the child scout leaders, shalling them by the hand, patting them on the shoulders many or yory ing for very loy and reliefs.

When hashe "was standing at the door and Certrude and her followers went up to her, he drew as ide the curry out some desperate interprise, none of their family had even lain down. Mrs Mason, and her a ide-de-camp helper of her family had even lain down. Mrs Mason, and her aide-de-camp helper fellowed them in

fellowed them in /

"We were all praying for you she said simply, "sepecially the Rosary
and two Litanies. for we felt as if you had been our own children, fer you
were doing as much for me and my children may more than my own could have
dens and she liesed them on their cheels.

"I believe, Kre Macon soid Gettrude with the demure impulence of a
girlscat girlscout leader That that ought to go around."

"I believe you have fairly earned it you brave but impulent little girl"
Wre Mason said laughhm.

Mrs Mason said laughing.

First Edith Rissed Gertrude and the others tearfully for she was think first Edith Rissed Gertrude and the others tearfully for she was think ing that had the batteries been salenced and captured only one day earlier her little brother would have been saved and many others too. Enith glanced her little brother would have been saved and many others too. Enith glanced while

her little brother would have been saved and captures only one day earlier her little brother would have been saved and many others too. Mith glanced it her mother and allowed the child scouts to kins her and the rest, while little hile threw her arms around cache such ones not lovingly and kissed them heartily, telling them they were darling girl and friend scouts.

Radoliffe who possessed none of the good impulence of her sister and whe moreover was at the age when if she had been a boy for sell would have been bashful with little girls, contented herself with shaking hands with little girls, contented herself with shaking hands with little gards, contented herself with shaking hands with little girls, contented herself with shaking hands with little should be same with the closest boy but that young lad believing she really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a bey kissed her on the cheek with a lauking the really was a solution on the time in the meantime camp for the expected assault of the enemy officers believed it pesulls that the onemy would be too much disconcerted by the capture of the two batteries, and the loss of so many men by the christian fire and the explosion to attempt any offensive operations, but nevertheless this did not put them off their guard for cling from all other experiences thore was no talling whatever what the landellinians would not next. The dostruction of the munition shed bothed them from least and the camps of the enemy would have it seemed deterred them from least and the camps of the enemy would have it seemed deterred them from least and the camps of the enemy would have it seemed deterred establishing a battory in the same place, as there would be no shelter for the enemy infantry supporting the guns, and after a result of the counter christian assaults it was evident to them that a large force must be retained in readiness to repell any 'u further assault of general Skiderlin as

in readiness to repell any un further assault of general Shderlings army.

But the assault upon the rear came, with tromondous fury at first the christian line there was chain and broken in several places and finally driven back but the christian generals had henty of artillery and troops on hand, and the flam attack was well nigh annihilated before the survivors of the enemy was repulsed.

Though the battle was raging elsowhere with a fury and violence which the writer cannot oven describe for a few hours nevertheless life was more tolerable in the region of general Shderlinia's headquarter, for although through the action in the neighborhood shot and shell f still frequently hit the house, and batteries multiplied in the neighborhood and the thunder of cannons became redoubled, and the fires in St Ethelvida became worse with the recent described final efforts to stop its progress going on, non of the artillery retained so deady a fire as that from the two batteries which had been captured. The girlscouts too their fair c share in all the heavy fatigue work to show as example to the soldiers, and in the place duty in one of the christian positions, but they enjeyed their slight

Her husi and though a Foriogner and an Scotch Irishman was a general in charge of general Slader linias right wing, and was also high in the Abbiean mian Civil ge-vice, and a member of the Abbieannian Gemini its was a fit husband for his loving and indly wife, and as general Rightonia Mason was of a hopeful and cheerful disposition the girlycout londers found themselves members of a charming family circle of Scotch Irish Catholies. Often and often they wished that little Jack and Jean could recover and but jointness, and though ofen often they had recieved letters from them the letters told the same chough wien without they had recieved letters from them the letters told the same same old story, not well enough to rejoin yet.

right now, even perfectly all right, but the charitiable little girl wouldn't leave Jack behind and not untill he was all right o would they start out to gether.

During the time when the assault of the enemy was somewhat slack but when buring the time when the assault of the enemy was somewhat slack but when the firing on both sides was more severe than ordinary and the noise sounded as if the end of the world was coming, one of the orderlies came up from the front to report to general sladerlinia.

"Ceneral Sladerlinia ien't here just now "eaid Gertrude. "I'n in command though for the present. That i s the trouble sir. ?"

"I am afraid Miss Aronburg they are going to or are mining somewhere near here.

Certrude rose white as a sheet.

"Mining "tehe cried." "Miner Manon was horrified. "Where "demanded Radcliffe, while Mrs Manon was horrified. "Thy Miss Aronburg, lying on the ground we believe we can hear the sound

of b lows and digging."
Gertrude glanced at h r companions. "That is terrible" eald Jennie Turmer. "I heard this afternoon the enemy were driving two huge mines into some sections of the lines of battle of our own side but I did not telieve they would be driving mines tward this locat ionand tward the generals headquarters new we are to have our turn of being blown up oh. Woll we blow in the last they tried at Jonnie vivian, that was why there was such an explosion there, and we must do it again here I presume but it is so much more hard wer Listen to the firing, Isn't it terrible.

We will frustrate them. We know how girls come on."

The five girlscouts and indeliffs were outside in a second-

The five girlscouts and indcliffe were outside in a second.
"New gentlemen"she said to some of her friends who stood near her.L "Let us see who has the best ears. Excuse us Mrs Mason, we shall not be long away. so do not be worried. They have tried to blow us up, but it always happened

to be the reverse."

They notified general gladerlinia by telegraph as they knew where he had gone. Gertrude too found all the men on goard all lying down listening as far as the roise of tattle further off would allow them to hear. They had their lar as the roise of the also listened, and she and all the otherw could ears on the ground. Gertrude also listened, and she and all the otherw could hear the sound, it was very faint because of the noise of battle, a faint hear the muffled sound of a drum, sometimes beating atgular at regular as the muffled sound of a second or two, semetimes consing for a short minute or two.

"I don't doubt at all that they are mining close or under general Bladerlinia's headquarters, "one of the officers said.

"The question is answered Sertrude glancing at Jennie Turmer From which

"That cannot be hard. "Emiled Jennie murmer. "We can plan to frustrate them.
and suddenly too... """???...,
"How. "Dennaded Angeline pichee.
"Yes e tell us "said the rest in a chorus. "You are the head in brains Jen."
"Fell, at any rate "Jennie surmer said to the men but loud enough so her
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"Tell, at any rate "Jennie surmer said to the men but loud enough so her frience friends could hear her "We must begin at once to sinv a shuft.it won't frience friends could hear her "We must begin at once to sinv a shuft.it won't false long. If we get down a glitch bit we cannot indice and to the direction we must dive two or three listing gd Heries in did different direction directions. Ejt but before we begin we must let Colonel Andrews of the Byal Abbieannian Engineers now and tare his advite advice;;;;;for he is

is the fifteenth we have discovered to day, and none of them were unsuccessful and how many more there may be our n lessed hord alone could reveal to us, and how many more the re may be our n lessed hord alone could reveal to us, and how many more the re may be our n lessed hord alone could reveal to us, and how many more the re may be our nessed mand while at work as our plessed Mothers Intercession and holt prine end to one one of the officere... "Your engineers have got all sorts of tools to one one of the officere..." "Your engineers have got all sorts of tools to one one of the officere..." The lessed many men as necessary can be lieve... Eay about eight feet square, then as many men as necessary can work at once. I will be here the first thing as soon as possible and then we can sa search round and see which i is the likeliest spot for the men to be working from will you as your men who have heard the sound to listen closely all the time in order to detect if possible a stir of men coming orgoing from any given point. It

Pic s and showels were brought out, the men told i off into working marties of fifty each to relieve each other every hout, and the work,,, began...
Well sin ing is hard toil in any climate, whether it is summer or winter, in the trp tropics or in the Artic, but with a October thermometer mm ing a hundred and twenty at night and day because of the Forest fires, when it should now be fifty at the lowest it is terrible, and each s t of wor ers as they came now be fifty at the Lowest it is terrible, and each s t of wor ers as they one up bathed in per spiration, threw themselves on the ground utterly exhausted. "This is not work." one of them complained. "This is a Turkish Bath." "We are the lost souls working for nothing. "one of them answered with a grin, "What is this. July or October. "eaid another.

For fear that the discovery of where the enemy were going to lay the mine would not be successful as it had falled to be elsewhere, everybody were commanded to clear out of the building, and all troops to move from the danger zone, for even if it was discovered the toilers intended to blow the mine to frustrate the enemy. Tward evening with the fury of the battle aligntly stopping it was decided that the enemy miners were probably worling, from a rulned country house, near their former two batteries which they had lost, and a gallery was begun from the bottom of the shaft. This may have been pushed a gallery was begin from the bottom of the shaft. This may have been pushed on night and day for three days, the christian workers now being cortain from the rapidly increasing sound of the Glandelinian tollers that this was the line by which the enemy was approaching.

To dig deep enough to frustrate them seemed impossible on time, for it was believed the gallery must have been driven nearly fifty yards in one day

that many barrels of puers of or explosives were going to be stored there, and an effort was made to beat the enemy to it, by having thousands of men ta e up the wor at many relief shifts so as to be no stopping, and through the intercession of the Blessed Mother no doubt, a work which too the enemy on the other side three day and nights to accomplish was being done in less than five hours by the christians workers. Then the christians waited for the approach of the Glandelinian's Gallery. The Glandelinians meantime had erected batteries whose cross fire this evening swept the ground outside the pritions positions so that a sorties it was believed could not be carried out with any hope of auccess, but christian batteries replied from an unseen position and blew these clandelinian batteries into the air in a very short time and committed incapable destruction among the enemy positions driving the enemy even out from his camps which also reached was reached by the

terrific curtain of high explosive shell fire...

It was therefore possible for any christian for force to be able to attempt any sort of counter or general assault had they wiehed to do so, and a long party was prepared to move out to drive off any strong guard force that might have been placed and to enter the enemy's galley and catch them at theor their work. A sentry too was continually placed in the gallery and each minute the sound of the pick and crowbar became louder and louder.

At exactly five o-clock that afternoon the engineers judged that there could not be more or less than a few yards of carth and gravel letween them. The train was laid low, and a cautious watchcontinued for some time until just at the moment when it was believed that an opening would be made the train was fired. The hearth heaved as if there was a tremendous earthqua e, and a great eruption occured sending clouds of debris nearly two thousand feetbhigh, and for over a mile showers of stones fell on the surrounding districts. The enemys gallery was blown in, and the men working destroyed and a loud cheer came from the christian twoops at the defeat of another attempt upon them.

another attempt upon them. The early evening began very badly for the whole of general Sladerlinia's army. The enemy hurled a dreadful attach upon all parts at one time at about five thirty, and concentrated his artillery in a dreadful storm of thunder ing fire that shook the air like a convulsion. The roops troops continued to hold their position but their locates was something beyond believing. General Bandico Ving, one of the Civil Commin doners maned by Emperor Vivian to such a position was chot drea dead while trying to restore his bro en front and ten of his staff were Milled. General Henry Lawrence Stanck one of the Relatives of Marie Stanck was shot from his horse and died a few minutes afterwards. The Reverend Father James was mortally wounded in a deed or errand of mercy, as were lieutenant generals Lewis murners, Henry Sherpard and Archer Rickson. Mover before in his career as a general did general Sladerlinia suffer from such assaults. They came at him i lije insane storms from an insane world / The Eighteenth Division of Concentinians observed a column of Hobbonites believed to be under general Heidl Horner was to be moving forward in a unusual singularly formed column miles long, and these yelling so fiercely as if the air was rent by the scream of a tomado these yelling so fiercely as if the air was rent by the scream of a command a most furious as a assault upon the Eighteenth Division. The etorm was inconcievably violent and wild, and the Glandelinians tore through and began to carry the position. Every soldier even the ill and wounded too posts wherever they could fire on the foe and hept up a n uncessing wither ing fire, annihilating a portion of the line of assault. The Glandelinians spurred on by their officers and the waving of their National flags pressed spurred on by their officers and the waving of their National rage pressed on through the hurricane of fire. The dim was productous—the "Devil yells of the enemy, the tremendous artillery fire on both sides seeming to tear the landscape away with their tornado of bursting shells, the incessant roar of exploing gang gang shells, and the terrible noise of rifl es along the whole christian line. The enemy summed and with their dare devil courage but they couldn't press on any further. General Mason threw in his own divisions and his fire of rifles and cannon tore the eveny away from his front. Blood literally flew into the air from mangled bodies during explosions

it literally seemed to rain blood, ent intestines, fragments of bodies, bones dirt rocks and debris of serry description.

The Clandelinians along Masons line was swept away before the christian fire. Along general Herdrules from large waves of Clandelinians advanced in one most discribid description. in one most d terrible desperate and determined assault after the other. Each time however the withering fire of so many christian troops along a five mile front opened upon them, and also cannons from the line of pettien positions from the branches of trees, from the roof of general Sladerlinias head quarters, and the storm of grape from the nearest short range batteries caused them such frightful loades in wholesale numbers, that they wavered and fell to the rear Each fresh effort was led by brave officers who led on the assillants shrieting; "beath to the Christian dogs. On my the position."

But they died, even though their spirits animated their followers. Only once or twice did the assallants get near the christian line of intrenchments, and then but to fall back rapidly after suffering heavy loss, only to recleve reinforcements and go at it again with redoubled fury. So fierce was the "Storm" from the enemy that every half hour the position of joneral Sladorlinlas army grew more unendumble. The positions were being torn up, the building was crumbling away under the heavy and continued she ll fire, and as one negition after another heavy and outlined she refurees were heavy in the position of the refusees and the refusees position after another became absolutely untenable, the refuges were becoming more and more crowded in the small number of houses which still a offered some sort of shelter. Even dea h everywhere fearful as its ravages were did not become sufficient to counteract the clas claseness of the Racling, Crowded in gloomy rooms living on the most meager food -- for all the conforts such in gloomy rooms living on the most meager food -- for all the comforts such as tea, sugar, whise, spirits, ets etc were exhausted, and even the bread was made of flour, ground each for him or herself between rough stomes—without proper medichnes, attendance, or even bodding; tormented by a plague of flies, made ill by disgusting smells; condemed to inaction and confinement, the women and children had died off ragidly and the men refugeed although better off with red regard to light and air, sie/ened fast. The glare, fierce glare from the burning sity of St Ethelreda on this chore ble night of October the Fifth added to the scene, the flashes of explosions, the glare of so many rocket bombs in the air, the lightning like flashes of shirls of an and all other horrors of the battle was unnoving to say the least.

Half the christian officers of the whole of sladerlinds arms were laid up with ser severe, mortaly or any sort of woulds law climble, and all were lowered in health and strength. It was one day of the wildest and fiercest battle battle ever raged between general V ivians whole arms and that of the enemy, though it was "Tamerlino's first battle in his career, At near akt thirty that frightful evening, as Gertrude and her followers had just returned from a sort of short distanced accuting, a terrific and great explosion was heard,

a sort of short distanced scouting, a terrific and great explosion was heard, the loudest ever heard before, the sty wan full of flanking fire and one of those posted on the coof, and down shouting;
"To arms. The Glande linians have fired a nuce mine under Howson Lotts Farm."

"The Glands linions are coming. They have broken the line." The reserves were cont forth, avery an not engaged in the battle yet rushed to the spot. The mine had curried away a portion of the thristian position, and the enemy with yells of triumph rushed forward driving whole brigades of demoliched christian troops before them. The confusion was awful. The christian troops in the reserve spring formed to the rescue, and then ensued a furious males. Each man fought for himself, hand to hand in the long gap, Hobbonite and Angelinian struggled flercely in deally combat, the chart report of the revolver, the thad of countings clubbed gups, the ring of be onet beyonet upon bayonet, the clash of sword against steel, the wcheer countings and the support of the countings of the countings of the countings of the clash of sword against steel, the wcheer of the chris inn trope and the yoll of the kindolinkane mingled in wild confusion. The enomy fought with a bravery that none could compare, and they presend on successfully, the christians were being forced bac, and the Olandelinians presend on with trimmph. It seemed their blood was up, and they cancelinians pressed on with triumphilt scened their crood was up, and they fiercely followed their advantage. Fart of the Glandelinian engineers ever on the alert admid the dreadful carnage joined the through with some barrels of T.N.T and the desperate Mationals were pushed back, sufficiently far to enable some of the houthouses of the generale Headquisters from hich which the enemy had been greatly analysed by the christian sharpshooters to be blown up. This success cheered the Slandelinians and spured them on

to greater efforts, and the enemy too were driving two new mines.

The gardson of general Sladerlinia's hendquarters had now legs cover than before, for the building had been reduced to a mere shell by the enemys fire and all the women and children had a few hourn before been removed to other quarters and just in time before this "Frightful storm" came on. The division of general Herdrudes right was shattered by the enemy's assault. It was difficult to form an idea of the storm of shot shell and high explosives which except the space included within the very locality of general gladerlin as headquarters, but some notion may be obtained from the fact that an officer had the curiousity to count the number of shells that hit the building a glancing blow, or exploded in the yards in the first three hours of that territle evening and found found that they mounted to the almost incredible number of five hundred and eighty. Going through a hell as this, all that terrible 1 ve long day, with the enemy coming against Sladerlinias army in vave after wave in end less uccession, Gertrude angeline e rejoiced when she and her followers recieved orders from angeline Jennings to move further to the rear, with the news that the Glandelinians along their point of observation was advancing successfully. The Glandelinians here were Zimmermannians and led by general Warrener Vorger. About 100,000 of general Craniters christian troops had formed up in St Andrews Orchard

firing on tye the enemy who were now dashing over the position in a surge of men three doep and rushed in a charge for general Sladerlinia's house. The first line fell into a confused mass of dead and wounded, and the second was shattered, but the third though galled came on opening fire as they ran. The scene of massacre was frightful, but the enemy came on furiously. General Sladerlinia's headquarters had through the whole day the post from which the christians had most arroyed the enemy, one of the men of the National Gurd in particular having also a great many of the Clandelinian officers and artifery men of the nearest batteries. It was tward this point that the enemy mines had been driven in vain, and it was determined by the enemy to destroy or capture this position at all lazards. The sudden rush of the survivors

of that surge took the christians by surprise.

Scarce a chot was fired untill they had traversed half the distance, and then a fierce storm of mustotry opened from all the line of pointions hold by his troops. Still despite the big numbers of their t men going down the enemy i nue troops.btill despite the cig numbers of their clear going down the enemy pushed on at full speed without payeling to return a single shot. With a cheer they burnt in an awful swarm over the first line of the position, and while half the column of plandelinians entered it and engaged in a furious hand to hand combat with the Nationals along a sixmile front the others in accordance with orders, pressed forward to the right against the positions there, so as to prevent other divisions of christian troops from advancing there, so as to prevent other divisions of christian troops from advancing to the assistance of the others thus being so hard pressed.

The "Bervener" Clandelinians belonged to the divisions of troops who advanced and were soon also engaged in a hand to hand fight with the christians. Scattering through the Orchard under a scatting first they drove the Nationals there before them. Thousands of the Warreners were fighten flighting the fiercest, and a dozen of them burst into the hadquarters occupied by the firlscout leaders, before the latter could find time to escape.

A Clandelinian colonel by the name of Johnson entered first, followed by the grant Nad and richard helps the last of the party of the dozen Warreners. his sons Ned, and pichard being the last of the party of the dozen Warroners. Gerirude was nearest the assailants and she raised up a chair and gave the colonel a heaty blow. The Clardelinian colonel lay on the floor his

excuse a heaven in with a blow from the heavy part of the chair. The Clandelinian lichard was in time to see the terrible chair descend again upon Neds head. Ned guarded it with his rifle but the guard was beaten down and Nod stretched Evanded it with his viile cut the guard was beginn down and not externed senseless on the ground, indeliffs brought down two others with shots from his pistel but the Glandelinian Richard raised his rifls to strike and hid him senseless on the floor. Pefore the Glandelinian could raise his rifls to aim it at Jennie Tuyner, the drove her little eabre through his chemtand the Clandelinian fell prostrate his body rolling down some steps it into the yard. All but one clandelinian romained, not after all being any match for the Einsecut leaders, and as the last fell this survivor any match for the girlscout leaders, and as the last fell this survivor tried to escape. Fortunately Angelire piches had her pictol still leaded and she fired, and the moddler rolled down the entunes stops after the other. The battle was aging fiercely outside but no more glandelinians came in, or thought it time to do so. Throwing acide her small rifle Contrude twend to raire Padeliffe, indeliffe lay as if dond. Schell hit the top of the house tore it away, and brought down a min of debric upon them. nother entered the doorway and explicaded in the room doing them no harm however but causing the floor to be torn up and the plactering on the ceiling and walls to come down on and all about them. Gartude leaped to her feet, and glanced out and saw that the christian troops (for the time being) in full retreat. The shouled but her voice was lost in the sputtering of rifle fire, and the rattleing thunder of exploding shalls, and the sharper noise, of chappell. Whi lo the others were accidend to stand guard at the windows and fire on any more who tried to get in, Gertrade run to Rudcliffe and

of chraphell. While the others were accioused to stand gund at the windows and five on any more who tried to get in, Certride ran to Indeliffe and tried to lift him, and had got her on his ler shoulders when there was a tremundous explosion that rade such a concussion as to raze all the windows in the house, and to bring her down with indeliffe on top of her. Ceneral Greathers beadquarters had been blown up.

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Following close upon the sound came the yells of the enemy who were following close upon the sound came the yells of the second line of defenses. Escape was now hopeless. Gurtrude lowered to the second line of defenses. Escape was now hopeless. Gurtrude lowered tiths adeliffe to the ground hattly dragging the bodies of the Clandelinians outside the door and then lifting indeliffe bore hi her down the steps into the cellar into which two of the enemy had fallen, followed by her companions. She carried Radeliffe well into the cellar, removed the wooden steps and then with great difficulty, also dragged the bodies of the Colonal and the obtains further in, so that any one pla noing lown into the hole from the outside "build wherefore not be able to see anything trusual.

Then as she lay down faint from her exertions, she could hear above and land the herefore are formed a great number of men followed by a tremendous rifted five trom the houses...

one or w twice she thought she heard some one coming to the door of the one or w twice she thought she heard some one coming to the door of the outs outhouse, but if o no one entered, though her communions were ready for him if he did and proved to be a fee. Beyond rubbing leadclifts hands, while angeline Riches put cold stones to hi his forehead, Gertrude and whe could do nothing but Radclifts breathed, and certrude felt strong he hopesthatbher sister in disguise was only stunned. In a few minutes, she showed signs of reviving and in a quarter of an hour was able to hear from Gerrunds and the rest an account of what had happened, and where they ere

"We are in a hor ible fix Certrude this time, we're in possession of the enemy if not yet captured, and the mistale, my head aches so I cannothhard ly thin let us be quiet for a bit and we will all try to plan what is best to be done. There is nohurry to decide lie one may some down to this place but we may as well, all of us creep behind this huge pile of wood and sta snaw and then we shall be eafe. If they do come in and we're hard put to it we got good religible pintole and plenty of ammunition."

Gettrude and the others assented, and for half an hour they lay quiet had driftes regular breathing soon to ling her that her degulated sister had dry dropped off to a leep(de peep) Then making a sea sign to the others of ertrude of crept out again qui try from her hiding place.

"It's a grand idea"said angeline Jennings when she told her what she intended doing. "Magnificent. It's nasty, horribly 'nasty, but after so many conthe of what we have gone through during this war one can see and do things

conths of what we have gone through during this war one can see and do things which it would have made one also am almost die of illness to imagine of before we en tered the regiments, and as our lives dependeupon it we must not stand upon niceties. I wish though as had something to color our skins though it would have come natural then I su pose."

"Do you agree" ! Persisted Gertrule ..

So saying Gertrude took out her pocket knife,, opened it, and went to the body of one of the Clandelinians. This soldier had long matted hair.Gertrude body of one of the Glandelinians. This soldier had long matted hair terrices took the long matted hair into her hand with an exclamanation of great disgust but nevertheless saw at once that her idea was a feacible one. The hair was matted together in an strange inextricable mass and could be trusted to hang together. She accordingly set to wor to cut it off as close to the head as it was possible but although her blade was was a sharp one it was a long and unpleadant tas and nothing but the case of the necessity of the case alone could have merved her to go through with it. It was finished at last and she examined the hair with complacency.

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"That's a magnificent wig "said Angeline pichee.

"Yes, I defy the best bar ber in the world to form such a natural one." "Arclimed Angeline Jennings.

"Now for that small tiger rug. "said Gertrude.

This was a long task, in the finding as they chanced the danger of being discovered by the foe but at last it was found, and Gertrude with the help of her combanions set to clean as well as well as they could the inside, of the hide... Then she dragged into a corner and covered up the carcacese of the deed men having first o'ripped the clothes off them and secured their pictols and anaminition belts, scattered a little straw over the bearckin and then her tay being finished, she and her followers crept behind the low logs again, any down and waited hoping it would be still outside... It was some hours yet and it was starting to get dark when faddlife awoke, and and sat up by her sides. Outside the din of the titanic stile battle, the steady noise of countless rifles here and there in sputtering roars of fire, and the roar of so many hundreds of cannons, and the bursting of shells was going on as usual with out interruption. now near, now close, and then recording but never ceasing.

"How do you feel now fadcliffe?"Gertrude asked....

"All right Certrude." have gu got quite a bab lump on the side of the head where that fool hit me, and I feel a little muddled still, but that is nothing. I can't thin of any plan for escaping from this place Gertrude with us held in place and neighborhoud we would soon be detected ecomewhere else and in this region of battle we too might be hit by shells or stray bullets, and once outside it would be useless to beg for shelter or aid."

"It is all arranged Reactiffe Jennie purmer sind cheerfully.

"How"

"Find out from Gertrude."

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"I have gotting of the best diguises in the world for you and me, the others
"I have gotting of the best diguises in the world for you and me, the others made disguises for themselves and we have only to dress up in them and trip out. of here.

Padeliffe looked at Certrude as if she thought she had gone out of her

"You don't believe me?Just you wait, then just three minutes, till I have dressed p and then I'll call you and without waiting for an answer Certrule went out. She speedily stripped to the waist, put on the Glandelinian shirt and coat with a grimace of disgust, tied up her hair as tightly as she could, put the wig on her head, shook the long knotted hair over her face and shoulders-behind it hung to the waist---to the officer s'aff in her hand and called quistly to laddliffe and her friends to come out. They did so and remained petrified with astonishment.

"Good he avens Gert rude" Hadeliffs exclaimed at last. "Is that yout"
"It is me sure enough Gertrude said, removing the wig. "Here is a wig
in which the charpest eyes of a disguise reading glandelinian could not

"But where in the world did you?" began Radcliffe, still lost in sur-

prise.

"My dear Radcliffe I have borrowed it from a dead rebel soldier. It was not at all aunice tancy job "she went on in answer to madcliffes more actonished Lock" ut it's over now, and we need not say any more about it. The hair and rags I * "put on are disgustedly filthy, there is no doubt about that. Their late owner never used a comb, never cleaned his hair or scrubbed his head nor washed his hands nor face nor never I supposed ever had a bath in his life and was otherwise beactly in his habits, still Radcliffe dear that cunnot be helped, and if you desire when we once get out of the battle zone if we can get out, we can put them in hot water for twenty four hours or manufacture a cort of own and be a them to get rid of their strongs little

if we can get out, we can put them in hot water for twenty four hours or manufacture a sort of oven and ba e them to get rid of their strange little "Inhabitants" Our lives are at siake ladeliffe, and we must not mind trifles. We got to do anything now adays even droes in filth if possible when it is compelled to do so.""

"Right indeed"radeliffe said making her or making a great effort to overcome his first sensation of diagust. "As you say it is a trifle. You have hit upon a good idea, Certrade, Superb, and I believe you have saved our lives from whit ceemed a hopelecs scrape. But what is the diaguise for me.?"

"This "Gertrade said lifting the bear skin. "It a can get into this, and if we get by to night, so that you can go upright, for you could never travel far on all fours, we were nt creatured that vay, he five should pass very well, as you could lie curled up by my side in the daptime and no one will them question us. I don't believe any of the others could get into the sin, ladeliffe or I'd certairly offer it to one of them, but it'll be awfully hot in it."

"We don't blind mind going as a few Vagabonds a bit"anceline michan.

"We don't blind mind going as a few Vagabonds a bit Angeline Richoe.....Brid.
"Forturately last gummers our has done his best to us and the color of our skins can be hidden by a good coat of icdine or dirt is better, which will appear an natural as possible." ow let us set about it at one."

"It on It is a quarter of an hour for it was not necessar; to see up the bears "nuit" it having once been used by the ever as a sent of cout and was factured by buttons lever helps the operation had been completed so perfectly, that once they were drossed they had so fear of being interrupted, and it was hoped for that the built would rease b, right full my low indeliffe before we go I will set five to the straw. I don't out one

au 1088 any flandelinians will go downand discover anything, but it in a well to prevent it if possible. We vill throw that big piece of matting over the opening in the entrance, so the glare of the flames won't show watll we get

opening in the entrance, so the glure of the flames won't show wrill we get far away."

She has down the ladder, lit a match set the straw after and then can up gain as fart as it was possible. The mat was dragged across the opening and then they all went holdly out into the yard, indeliffe torting on all fours with Certrude. The coming of night was to prove a dark one except for the glare from burning M. St Ethelreda, and although there were many claimed in ans in the yard no one noticed the child scouts, who turning out through a gateway, took a road tward the child scouts, who turning out through a dateway, took a road tward the child scouts, who turning out through a dateway, took a road tward the child scouts, who turning out through a dateway, took a road tward the child scouts, who turning out through a dateway, took a road tward the child scouts, who turning out through a dateway, took a road tward the child scouts, and order to be at heard to the batteries, to resist or to repell assaults and counter annults or to join in assaults. The girls f were for a time in a pickle. For they didn't know what A troops these may be, of their side or of the enemy's. Fortura cly the night was very dark, and they were able to plans by many of these unseen. Their uniforms however didne't seem as dark as christian uniforms wore, and their fore they were extra cautious and over and over again they were challenged and answored the words they understood must be recleved by Glandelinians or sentinels, and therefore they were not melasted or questioned....

"Indeliffe guessed from the fact of their having been met with a close to the position, that they might have been wall known by the glandelinians bind they been Manlays, men instead of Tamevlines, and this therefore proved the case of why they had been no easily able to pass through the landelinian troops without hinderance... Eaverul of the men addressed the givis, and one of them pointed to the "pointed to the "washond frequently are abdorbed in thought

troops without hinderunce... Eeven 1 of the men addressed the [1ris, and one of them pointed to the "bear", but Curtrude waved her arm to seed her head as Fily, and strode on, and as "vagabonds frequently are abdorbed in thought of where they re going to get their next meal, and unwilling to converse for nothing, the questioners impudently fell back, but swore at them as they did so, telling them they were better off to be in the army as accurs or

did so, telling them they were better off to be in the army as scouts or omeiting of the sort o instead of being lay good for nothing trumps. Ferond this the territory resmed described. The most population divinced ricturius landulinian divisions lay far away and for of the Clandelinians so diers or officers, save those on duty at night, and as pickets and sentries had to be cut after nightfalls.

The instant they rege in a quiet to best and the rese to his feet. They goodness madefulfer ones book Certride. They now turned charply to the left, presently crossed a wide field lead that they have and scharply to the left, presently crossed a wide field lead that they have a more than they have a mental than a still they came to

They now turned chirply to the left, presently crossed a wide field leading from the road and continued on through quiet lanes ...till they came to the stream was the guide which they wanted, which they hoped would lead them tward general Vivians part of the lines, and they followed it along, going the same route which general Mio-Cantier afterwards followed in his advance, untill they came to a small bridge acrosses the canal. Once over they were they felt sure within chrivtian territory and fairly safe. They therefore went on at a most rapid speed untill well in the country and trat down by the roadside for a consultation, as to their best course of proceeding proceeding. All of them were of the same opinion that the perils which would lie in their way of reaching general ivines army closest to St Ethelreda would be very great, especially if the battle still vaged, and to travel by day because of the battle would be sucide. Too this road was occupied by great numbers of troops, of which side they couldn't tell unless they were seen, and they may be landelliners who were determined to bar the way to seen, and they may be landelinians who were determined to bar the way to general livians against general James Cannon and Mic-Cantler. They no doubt had set advances without question because it was natural that clandelinian troops should be coing their way from St Ethereda to Vantura but it would not be at all natural that ragged girls should at this time be going in the opt osite direction, and Tamer lines clandelinians could be very suspicious too.

Moreover and this reighed very strongly, with them, especially Certrude ——they were well aware that general Mic-Cantler will or was already advancing with a force fully worthy of the deed tefore him, general Tamerline had heard that Mic-Vantler was or had mustered the biggest christian army on had heard that Mic-vantier was or had mustered the biggest christian army or all record so far, and they thought should he even succeed in the sting thand St Ethelreda, or form deplyo deploying movements Taner line would be trapped, and would not be able to retreat wis whal hampored as he would be with so many millions of his wounded. In that case Tamer line would have to continue to hold. Bt Ethelreda untilla fresh relieving force arived or continue to nome of monateum unitil a light method arived or retreat and give it up altogether and lose his career as a fighting man, Animated by these cosiderations and fea feeling sure that Tamerline will coon rue the day he dared to go the "rounds" with goneral vivian, Gertrude and her firends friends determined to puch on for St Ethelreda sections where they hoped they may arive on time to see the end of the battle, at o whose com

monogement they had been presen .t present...
So suspicions would be so easily excited however they believed by their Passage through that line of country which would be they felt sure be found denuded of enemy troops except of cour e enemy scout patri patrols, for all the Chandelinian regiments and divisons of troops were in the action now or had marched off either tward St Ethelreda or to the left of the line of battle and the country was in the hands of the christians would would not only not mister e a wandering warfarer as a foe but give him shelter and food 2.2.2

It certainly was unusual for "wagabonds "to be accompanied by a "Little boar" butbit did not seem mean impossible. Handeliniand might not be suspicious but the christian troops might bo. of Course Gertrais prospected protected that it was absolus absolutely possible that they should continue on during the whole night, for that as long as they may still be in one territory of the enemy they would be at once detected in the day.

"I vote that we continue all to night girls, we'll sure be able to reach

our friends by then. If we cannot so it we can turn in and hise during the day. Then in the evening shen it gets quite dar! We can reach probably the cuter limit of the christian line. Then one of us can begin to shout, and bring soldiers to our gidlf we are tooclose to the foe lines we will go on one within the christian lines we can readily change to our uniforms. . I told we could only have something extra for you had, as it is awful for you to have to go far in the bear outfilt, and no about I've not the ulightest noubt that your feet is very uncomfortable."

This plan was agreed upon, and they moved across the country for the

Vantura Road, natcliffe elipping out of his bear disguise, and simply wearing it wrapped loss lossely round him. All girl and boy scouts had been very accustomed to such incessant adventures that these would have no officulty in continuing on all night. As they saw a Rarty of schliers coming on horses and carrying torches they retired into a Broup of trees, and threw themselves down, leadliffs using cautious enough to get into the bear custom themselves down, haddliffe to the cautious enough to get into the bear custom and butt on it up in case of surprise.... It was of course over heat but at least the files coulan't other him, and as it was quite lease for him it was not quite so war mas it would have seen had it fitted more tightly. It was past ten that night before they continues o on, and they too having had not, ing to worth antle in food auring the terriols day sefers they were extremely hungry, fet now so many so disters were about that they didn't dare expose themselves, and no count if they were beingtrailed the snemy would be forming a ring round the country about Some no doubt when searching at hight would bear torches and use bloodhouses for so far there were no appealed the ight for the present. enemies ins ight for the present.

"I'm sure hungry"Angeline hiche said.
"I have with me some in the purened grain and some suked cares" said

"I have with me some it the property of the part of dealer and the purpose of the

and roast it. I'll be glad when we are eafe to the christian lij es. lines. And believe me I'm awfully sleepy."

And believe me I'm awfully sloopy."

Indeed they had made a very long march that night so far and soon it began to become day and fortunately there was considerably more light this morning with a strong southwe southwesterly what, out no sun appeared, the sky being sty gray, Certruis collocted some dry pieces of wood and lith a fire. Then she and angeline pichee made a hole in the ground, and filled it with glowing embers, and when the embers were just out she cleared them and the removed the wig which was teeming with lice, rolled it up carefully, and put it into the hot even she had thou prepared and covered the top in with a sod. Then carefully glancing around to be sure that no enembes were in sint, sight, she and the others removed their clothing old rags nothing sleep and emenoyed a dip in the stream near a bend close to the woods. They noticed for this time of the year that the water was as warm as it would be found in a beathub hotsenowth to be un constrable for the first ermerson and they wondered

time of the year that the water was as warm as it would be found in a bathtub hotenowh to be an comfortable for the first ermere on and the y wondered why. After their swim they again smeared themselves over with must, and sat down in the hot wind to dry. Then they returned to the oid filthly rage again which they had to redon with a feeling of disgust. Then bertrude opened her oven, removed the wig, gave it a good shale, combed it as hard as possible without injuring it, and put it on once more saidting;

"Trank God and Hie Blessed Mother I feel clean again."

In this whole nights journey, these girlscoute had traveled only about ten miles, and were now closeto St Ethelreda. As they started on again they say a squadron of Scoodler cavarlyapproaching. They were seen therefore there was no need to run for it, to do so would have incurred their fire, and there were too many to cope with in their suall number. The Scoodlers moved close up, and contemplated the wild looking boy with his long tangled hair and his eyes peering out through the angle tangle. One of them gave a passing glance at the "little Bear" and then gaid;
"That is no real bear it is a little irl in a bears spin. Are you going to a shows!"

going to a show. "" good near it is a fittle gara in a nears spin. Are you going to a show. "" getrude had feared that the discovery might be made and at first didn't find a word to say in a newer but one of them muid; "Fool sure they're show childreen. "Bo you believe they're Christian dogs."

"They sure must be. "said the leader.
"Do you call me a dog damn you"said ladcliffe angrilly and rushed forward
as if to strie with a long staff he carried, and as the man still insulted
him he twirled his staff round his head brought it down with such a force on

a iddiers wrist that it nearly disc a islanded in a range drew his pistol. Clandelintans began to shout, as the criticer in a range drew his pistol. Before he could fire however his courages threw themselves upon him crying "Don't shoot a vagabond. 187s mighty angerous for their councies might be near here and mesuare us all vagabonds are worse than christian dogs. leave them alone and let's go on."

The fur lous Scoodlier while cursing and swearing was draged away by his compades, and the girlscoute calmly resumed their way, and now congratulated themselves upon having done more of the trip than they had holed for for now the first hour of traveling in the morning brought them, nowever much I new the first hour of traveling in the morning prought them, notever much inger than they had expected for Angeline idohee cut her foot badly again against a piece of glass lying in the road, and was ee lause that they d have never reached the christian lines in a month had they not been already up to it.

They now saw in the s hor: distance the flag of general Vivians h, headquarter building il, flying from the watch tower They had made a long detour and came in at the wain rear of general Vivians position. On this side the country was perfectly ofen, not as enemy in right but the region as they can was teeming with christian a patrols livey new nothing of general vivians part of the battle of Yesterday, but that early afternoon the enemy had sent a force of six hundred thoreand men to intercept a heavy train of troops coming and which had need on its way to einforce general vivian, it being a portion of blain right Lingers Corps, brigaider general Bel benligan one of the most gallent and promi promising officers of the christian army had been sent out with a force of equal size of which only one fourth were the brave (alverinians, he not them on Heidi's goad and routed the enemy with a loss of four hundred thousand, capturing all their gums, one hundred and thirteen of the five hundred guns being centemeter shelld cannons. A most curious instance here occured in the namer in which the Glande Linians will fight with a bravery and furly which is inconcievable when driven to Lay or cornered. The army of six hundred thousand men nowever also had made such a desperate it fight that they had even caused the also had made such a desperate if fight that they had even caused the christian loss to be about fifty thousand in dead and one hardrest thousand in wounded in the frightful contest. After the dreadful fray was believed to have been ever it was found that a party of some twenty thousand of the Scood liter remais had toen in jointion in a number number of farm houses once belonging to a f farmer whose name was George Allenberger, a Foriegner by birth but a loyal mun to Abbisannia's cause, and who was now in the army, while his wife was a few Gross Burse, and his three children scouts in the army of general Concentinian Aronburge. General Currens infantry about the house and street we resent to drive the enem, out but about the hundred should strong we re sent to drive the enem, out but its commanding officer and fifty thousand of its men were claim by the desperate handful of Glandelinian soldiers, many of whom were found to have rapid fire machine gums.

The Six ty First was watsons division was then ordered up two

hundred thousand atrong, supported by long runge centenater was, but their assault was repulsed with a loss of one hundred and fifty thousand slain, sixteen generals dead and many wounded. While the batte raged fiercely elsewhere, it was not untill nightfall after many repeated fierce attempts before the enemy in the houses were finally overpowered nerce attempts there exists the snewn in the nowes were that if overpowers and a number of other generals congerously woundedand many nor had fallen. Altogether the victory over this little band cost the christians the logs of six handred thousand in dead and wounded, far grater logs than which had been incurred in defeating six handred thousand planed in the open. The result of this fearful and bloody engagement has that the road in the rear of the christian position was perfectly open, and Gertrude and her friends experienced no hinderance whatever in approaching

the christian lines this morning...

J sunie rad after crossing the road in the early morning left the bear c ustom behind her, and adopted the simple clothing ofa vagabond. Indeed their hearts leaped within on beholding as they they continued on a larg large force of Concentinian cavarly trotting along the road two miles

from the camp. "It is the Gemini"Gertrude eaid, recognizing the leader Gingigore with him, and a boyecout who appeared to be adeledefob. "I believe I recognize the leading officer girls. Petain your disguises a minute longer, we shall have some fun."

Gertrude accordingly stood in the middle of the road and shouted her strange girlecout cry "Who-o-o-oha "at the top of her voice...
"Get out of the kay you little numbekull"Gingigore himself said, as he drew up his horse on seeing the wild figure covered withshagey hair to almost the feet, twirling her formidable staff-de-baff2.2.22

Gertrude stopp ed a moment.

"what do you raggamuff ins want?"demanded Adele-Pe-Fob himself."Have you been Glandelinian spies escaped from the christian lines. It so---"lie · finished by drawing his sabre;

"Not a bit of it more than you are yourself"Oertrude answered x draw ing her own. "I'm as good at the sabre as you are my lad."

Adele-de-fob reined his horse in showing his actorishment in his face.

"No had drawn his sabre unconsciously, never really intending to use it on her, and seeing her doing the same and meaning as it apprently seemed to really use it if she was attached, and defiance from such a figure as this,

really use it if she was attacked, and deliance from such a light as this, naturally petrified hims. 2.2.2.2.
"Who in the world are you!"!"!!!!" demanded.
"angelinia Gertrude Aronburg, this is Radoliffe, Jennie gurmer, Jane
Melfort, and angeline Jennings." and Gertrude pulled off her wig.
"By heavens a in Heavens" a said all of the officers, and Adeledefob
leaped from his horse exclaimig;
"I am glad to see you where are on earth have you come from and rigged

up that way .. Some scout who came up here from V and and had met some scout patrol who had come down from gladerlinia's army and he reported thatbyou and your followers had gone on into his lines in disguise, and that news had come that you got saftly in...."
"go we did" Jertrude said. "And as you see we have got saftly out again. We

left there early jesterday evening ."

"and what was the state of things in general Sladerlinia's army thenffff"
General Gingigore as ed. "How long could be hold out. We feel sure it'll be another i six hours before general Vivian can hope to send him heavy reinforcements

"Another six hours "Gertrude said "That is terrible Gingigore. General Sladerlinia was or is hard pressed when we left."

"Well"Mused Gingigore" laderlinia sure is a good fighter. Haver before had the enemy ever whipped h.m in all their assaults."
"That is not the half or it"said Hadeliffe himself.

"hat's wrong?" demanded the general subjucted suspiciously.

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"My"Said Jennie Turmer the enemy were driving e terrific mines in all directions which explode like volcances in eruption, his losses are weakening his army every hour, and the men fit for cuty have to be worked to death to try and frustrate the enemys mining details."

"You don't are "each general elementing statistics" by Heave a if

"You don't say, "said general Sladerlinia startled." By Heave s if Sladerlinia has to give way general Vivian'll be beate n. That'll leave a huge gap in our battle front. Couldn't they hold out for a litle over Bix hours.'

"No sir. It don't seem possible that they could hold out for another four or five hours from the time the battle will renew to day; but if it can be done they will do it, but it'll be short of miraculous."

"Do you happen to hear of my unils!"demanded Gertrude.
"Sure. why!"

"We could telegraph him to come with his army ac and help general Vivian."

"The man that brought the news about you said he was all right and hearty, had an ernormous army, and his cavarly was doing good work scouring the country around Maximillian. He's too far off to do anything right right away. Now will you ride with us and report the news to general Jacob Marcus. He may form a plan to help us out for general gladerlinia. I believe its the best plans .. "

So saying he ordered threese of the propers to ride to camp with the news, while five of the soldiers dismounted to give their horses to the girls while they would walk alongoides.

So trude had thrown down the wig when she removed it from her head of the proper mounting Radcliffe recovered it rolled it upon into a o little bundle and said: bundle and said;

"It was your first effort in the manufacturing of a wig Gertrude, and as it has brought us saftly through the enemy lines and probably saved our

as it has brought us saftly through the enemy lines and proceed by saved our lives I'll retain it as long as I live, as amenente, besides who can foresee it may be useful again yet..."

There was unusual excitement oreated within the christian lines within eas reach by the arival of G ingigor as Gemini Cavarly with five what they if first thought were ragamuffine arrested with arms in their possesion, and the news that they were obtricting rilscout leaders in disguise lne intensifed the excisme excitement and yet the news did not take long to spread. 2.2 The cavarly two hundred strong draw up at their own lines, and then dismounting general diagigore at once sent an orderly to general M arcus with the news, ..., while the five girlscouts were showed into a tent, and enjoyed the luming of a bath, and a message was sent round to all the various enjoyed the luxury of a bath, and a message was sent round to all the various officers of the general, which the quarter master brought sufficient clothes to allow the girlscout leaders to put in their appearance in the garb of little girls, there being no uniform s here for them..... A good hearty morning meal was ready for them by the time they were cleaned up and dressed, and these were enjoyed after a fornight's feeding upon unboiled grain varied only accous occassional piece of dried up half mouldy bread.... The break fast, concluded they accompanied General dingigore to the general'S

Indeed they were most cordially recieved by general lineus harous, and omitting all details because it would be too long a story now to tell, they gave him an account of their having been cut off during a successful assault of the enemy, and having made their way to this portion of general vivians army in disguise. They they proceeded to describe fully the state of affairs with general gladerlinia's army, a recital which was at once intereshing and important and yet alarming inamuch as several scouts messengers had got through from general Saderlinia's to general Vivian, as none of them carried lotters—— for these would have insured their death if searched——they had brought simply messages from general Nemo requesting for speedy help to general gaderlinia, and their stories as to the extent of the situation at Sladerlinia's were necessarily vagur and not trustworthy...2.2.2.2

The most satisfactory portion of t Gertruies statement was though greatly alarming, that although general gladerlinia was getting short of ammunition, and that all the comforts and many of what are regarded as a almost the necessaries of life, were exhausted, his loss was frightful in men and officers, the enomy wouldn't let up on him, and it was hard to say whether he could maintain his position for six hours longer or not."

"But why!"as ed the general. "Sladerlinia is a terror for the enemy, a great fighter, and no Glandellinian general has even been a le to stand up to him before even in an unfair fight."

"The reason is this "said Gertrude. The great fear is that some or manyees many essential portions of h the defensive pointions may be

destroyed by mines."

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"B at hagn't he been able to resist infantry arrays.?" "Against open assaults he is safe"said thickel Jonnie Turmer" and if 'int was all he would reed no help from any one and could hold his own. General Oz is the min comandor of the fee concentrating against him and is doing what is an unheard of thing before."

"what is that?" "The enemy is now devoting the molves so much to driving tourible mines that however great the care and vigilance of the troops and guards, and others, they are not always able to detect them, or even if they do so to run counter mines owing to the exposure of so many of the t troops, and one mine has blown to their deaths two whole Commanies."

Goneral Marcus pendered a moment rubbing his b eard thoughtfully, and then said;

then said;

"Where is general Sladerlinia situated.?"

"Bear Vantura Junction."

The general consulted a map, help held a private intercourse with his general s for a few minutes, and then coming back to them said;

"Buch obliged for you your description wirls, it throws for me a great light upon the state of affairs, and is very valuable. I will atmost elegraph a code report of it to general vivian, and general Plain wight Linger. The dangerous situation that will turn up if gladerlinia is forced to give way, and the proschip need of aid, will no doubt impress general Plain Mightlinger with the urgent necessity to place general Ben Marcus my brother in a position to mive against the enemy and enable general. Hemo to advance at the earliest possible moment. He of course will also if you wished it communicate to general Concentinian Peter aronburg the news of your safe arrival here, and request him to advance to our aid if possible. Will also cent a note of warning to general Vivians brother of the danger here. You girlscout heriones and your boy companion here (indicating had lifte) have gone through a great deal since boy companion here (indicating indeliffe) have gone through a great deal since you were in this battle, while we have always been successfully holding our own, and my other brother lake Marcus destroyed the enemy storming him yesterday, Horever the fide has turned now to curselves have recleved lauge reinforcements, and a strong munition strain from general Cannon, and I m

reinforcements, and a strong munition strain from general Cannon, and I'm intending to smash through my enemy's front to day in accordance with general Vivians plans. I can stars my two brothers, and will send them immediately with all their available force to help gladerlinia at the start, and if possible will come myself. In the meantime you will at any rate for a few hours if not days need rest. I will leave you for at least a day with your will at any companions of the Cemini, and you can send for your survivors of your obild scout regiment unless you with to go to them. I hope that you will with your companions here dine with me sometime to day."

A little later Certrude and her followers met out in the Company Street general Donald Aurand whose xhivalrous bravery placed him on a par with mperor vivian, who was gelled the "Thunder old 2" of the christ-lin armiestie was short of staff officers, and did not wish to depitts the fighting powers of his corps by drawing officers from them, and the girlscoutthough superior to any one in their own mank at the say of the Princesses, nevertheless volunteered to attack themselves to his perconal staff that day till, the proper oney could grive who should be be in the place of day till the proper ones could grive who should be be in the place of those fallen. However for a time there was no occassion for their styles and they put themselves at liberty to do as they could otherwise untill that days battle op evations began in earnest. The next few hours were

accordingly spent in conversation.

There were a large number of boyeccuts in camp here "Called the "Lore Formes ens belonging to no commander in person and being of an Independent Regiment, and every boyscout in that egiment was anxious to hear the tale of the outcome of that portion of the battle at laderlinia's, and of the personal experiences of the girls cout leaders in entering and leaving the endangered christian division. They therefore had to get one after th other on a tall stump with the two hunded boys around them and told all they found wise to relate in detail. They were the heroines of the day, and all these elder boyscouts were much pleased at the simplicity at which which Gortrude and her companions told their adventures and at the entire absence of any consciousness that they had done anything more than any one else. In fact they rather regarded the whole husiness as two or five school girls much regard some adventure in which they has b ind boer engaged, Certrude in farfi particular, regarding all their adventures, with the exception of all the horrors and thrills of the frintful battle in the light of an "immense lark,"

In the meantime during the right general Marcus's troops had been torling half the right in the positions and the batteries under the direct direction of the engineer officers, and av as daylight had started to come on with more brightness this morning than had beer for months, every heart beat high with satisfaction, that aftet standing for four days on the defending defensive while other portions of the christian line had made grand and fur four gesquits, and regelling continual assaults of ernormously superior numbers, at last their turn had grived, and that now the day was at hard then the long defered rengeance was to fall upon the blood stained

Clandel in lar a we we the battle could have its find lending or not for this day was to be the bloodiest of the terrible conflict.

General Vivian decided to storm the city of Vantum which the enemy during one of his fierce counter charges had recpatured during the night more terrific artillery fire than ever before in the battle and sent the first battering shot against the city which had for three or four days resusts resisted the most fierce attempts to capture it, and which when captured had again been regained by the enemy. Hitherto indeed, heavy shot shell and shraphell had been fired at the various Glandelinian gunners in the position to try to silence their terrific answering fire, and the city and Clandelinian resitions beyond had been shelled by the motar batteries sho and claimed in an positions beyond had been shelled by the motar actuaries sho so that the annon cannonade was a fierce and as steady as well as destructive as the artillery storm in the full duration of the "World war "combined, but either purposely or otherwise not a single shot had been fired with the object of injuring the Clandelinian position or bring the awful resist ance of the enemy toan end.

For four days the christian armies had both been on the defensive and offensive, and the enemy not only held the positions, the two closely divided cities but had during each succeeding night ereserted very strong new positions and had free ingress and egress from both the towns at all points mave from the sides a facing the christian positions, and never before had a battle b een more stubbornly and desperately fought. during these four awful days with the configuration at St Ethelreda aging raging so terribly, however the respective positions of the two buildeg term clous enemies had changed a good deal because of incapable destruction committed during the artillery storm, and the frightful onslaughts, and by quadruple numbers of dreadful fires. For the first part of the battle the Clandelinian armies had cut up the christian army a good deal, and had thrown o general Vivian out of position so that he had to resume a new one, and the Clandelinians were elated with their most tremendous success they so far had ever gained in battle in the war, and even on so hard a general to beat as general vivian. Never before in any war all over the war zone could any other Glandelinian army claim such a success. It was the best won battle so wa far on all record, general gladerlinia too was despit his career now losing it it seemed by his threatened smashing defeat and destruction, general V ivians right wing was no more, a new one being formed under cover, and though he outnumbeed the enemy three to one he had lost all positions he had carried, and his loss in dead and wounded exceeded that of the enemy at Evangeline St Claire and Cedernine together, while though dreadful the enemy loss was yet far inferior.

They had been intoxi cated with their success, and murder of women and children, and the destruction of Certrudes bands, and despite the fact that general Vivians ernormous numbers concentrated against them, their more successful a tillery fire disabling so many christian guns and demolishing the positions made them not only confident of success but arrogant in the belief that general Tamerline had general vivian down on his knees. But their main success had been on these three days in general. Yet general Tamorline was worried. Despite the failure of all his attempts, even with ernormously su erior numbers to drive the enemy forces from the grip which it had so insanely and tenach tenaciously held the main danger was, general Manson had vanquished general Manley at Lebanon, general vivian was not even dreaming of giving up the contest " but of renewing it more vehemently., Hansonwas advancing, Concentinian Aronburgs dangerous Abbiennnian army was only five miles away, and coming as fast as men cald march, and general vivian had too many men which never saw a battle yet while Tamerline had no one to replace his losses. All this began to dampen the aromardor of their enthusiasm. Doubts as to whether after all their great fighting at St Ethelreda would meet with any further success, and fear that destruction of their Omarian armies would result for their atrocities w would finally come upon them, began the first time to enter their minds, and with the fact that their spies brought proofs that general Vivian planned imediately to form a try a final effort to crush Tamerline was n enough to cause the greatest apprehension. For a time what had alarmed the christian armies throughout the was zone,,, was that a frightful complication of pestilences swept or was sweeping throughout the country especially among the refugees, a reign of terror prevailed throughoutnthe country and in many towns even though ill the inhabitants were robbed and mrdored murdered, all sorts of property were raided or fired, and violence reigned supreme and the clandelinians did not seem to far fear the pest ilences.

Many of the clandelinian generals were terrified at the terrible resul results of the long enduredbattle, and had tried to get general Tamerline to desist in his "storm"un upon general Vivian-but finding their a withority was purely nominial began to long for an ending of the horrible st stuggle struggle The heavy shell which from time to time crashed into reneral Tamerline headquarters disturbed his peace but he was stubborn

and would not give up the battle. The it was then by an army which however large and smallll was confident of vixtory, against one which however however large or equal in size, was beginning to doubt that firal success would the be theirs, that the main operations of the battle began on the morning of the sixth of the month of October. The artillery at some sections of the battle line had continued active night and day. Every might hadseen heavy be batteries of fresh cannons (maybe they were freshies) rising at a distance of ody three hundred yards from the Glandelinian position, fifteen thousand horses pulling wagons brought oith, two hundred thousand mon filled sand bags, placed facines and erected traverses for the gume. To the surprised eyes of the Glandelinians the batteries had rose as if they had been erected in the Magicland of Oz. The Olandelinian generals had vived viewed there repeatations with a strange apathy. They had tried at the commencement of the formation of the batteries to sweep the ground with such a storm of grape shell and rifle fire, and to throw so many hand bombs that the erection of batteries so close to their positions vald have been impossible, had not the other long gange christian batteries had down such a storm of curtain fire of shells and high explosives that the enemy couldn't do a thing, and when at last they were able to bring non their heavier hatteries and began a furious cannons de against the christian lines, the positions had reached a heitht heightting afforded shelter for all those employed upon them......

Pach battery no fast as the heavy gues were placed into position opened a steady fire upon the Clandelinian positions untill hearly a half two thousand hig gues thundered incessantly, and yet represents with greater violence on the morning of the fifth day of the battle.2.2.2.2 On this day the enemy now fought desperately. They harled a line of assault two million strong against general Vivians center, and in the horrible "storm" that resulted that whole line was shattered and rolled back to its own position in panic and confusion and with many of its generals dead. The christian artillery fire in the meantine (vor powered that of the gues at the long bastions of the foe positions near Vantura opposed to them the intrendments were torn into the air by the explosions with great loss of life,, but from the Clandelinian gues placed out in the open on the christian left flank they placed uponths Rational batteries, while from the enemy positions elsewhere a horrible storm of rifle and cannon fire was poured upon the christian troops. But the christian guenere continued to hammer away unceasingly. After half an hour a simul aimilar "storm's before poured against the christian line, but far more extended, sweeping against general vivians center and right wing, but the christian artillery and musfetry fire tore that the or helder of their own positions, leaving a wave of dead and

Meantwhile section by section the messive Clandolinian positions before Vantura crumbled under the christian fire or erupted into debris. Orders were issued at once for the assault to be mide, which came at ten oclock, sometime later after the enemys seconfd second storm wave had been devast ated. The assaulting christian force was divided into four immense waves of their own, the first composed to one million three hundred thousand men of the Se venthy Seventhy Fifth Domdolian Corps, one million two hundred and fifty thousand men of the First Bengall State Fusiliers, and one million four hundred and fifty thousand men of the Calverinian division——in all of a probability of four million men under general George Cashemrea were s to storm the enemys min line on the left Wing. And all this was the first column, or wave....2.2.2.

The secon. second wave of christian troops consisting of two hundred and fifty generals and other officers, and flye hundred thousand Concentinians, and six hundred thousand angelinians, added by three hundred thousand Domiobians, of the minimum and the second Bengall State Fusiliers, and three hundred and fifty thousand men of the Second Bengall State Fusiliers, and three hundred and fifty thousand men of the Fourth Triponligonlian Ina Infantry under general Daniel Jones, were to storm the Glandelinian position fronting Vanturium Rum. The third wave consisting of two hundred thousand men of the Fifty Second Corps, two hundred and fifty thousand men of the Winkie Abyssinkilan battalion, and five hundred thousand men of the Abbleannian Infantry of the First Grand Division under general Bengimin Marcus were to assault the Glandelinian centre, and the first line position which was to be torn up by the curtain high explosive shell fire of general buckwig Baldwins batteries. The pourth Mave, eight hundred and sixty thousand thousand strong was made up of many brigades of Angellnian Regiments the Red Gross Battalions of Concentinians, and the Main winkie Abyssin ilian divisions the latter being six hundred and fifty six housand strong. It was commanded by general Richard kindernine, and was to try and carry the town itself held so desperately by the Glandelinians called the Mannaboes-Scoodilers, and also the Omerians, and to enter the city by two sides if possible. In the addition to these immense four

waves of christian troops was the reserve one million five hundred thousand atrong under general Doubleday Federal. They were all I the powerful Abjeninkillan bodies, but there were also the Sixty First Corps of Angelinians, the Winnen Battalion,, the 344th Hinfantry of Angelinians under general Pennser, the Winkie Abyasinkillan Auxillary force and of the Sixty Hinth Grenadier corps who were to cover withthe aid of the artillery first the assault of the "Christian storm Wayes", and then to go forward with the reserves reserves. This though it must be understood, was not the main of general V ivians battle line, but the assaulting columns only to "storm Wayes" and the process of the second storm of the main of general V ivians battle line, but the assaulting columns only to "storm Wayes" and was the second storm of the main of general V ivians battle line, but the assaulting columns only to "storm wayes" and the second storm of the main of general V ivians battle line, but the assaulting columns only to "storm was not the second storm of the second st

This latter body however, was to await the success of the "storm Wave" and then to follow them into the town, and assist them as required. The cavarly and the rest of the force, including all the advancing light field pieces was to cover the rear, and defend the christian position, should, the desperate enemy attempt a counter "SETCHA." Precisely at ten thirty in the morning, the Sixty Winth Grendier Covres dashed forward in Skirmishing order tward the Alandelinian positions, and the heads of the main assaulting columns, moved out of their positions under cover of such a tremendous pieced by flashes as if a long fu fissure sruption from the ground. Gestrude Angeline, and her followers, who had stuffed cotton in their ears to shut out the dreadful sounds of those "crazily thundering" cannons we had placed themselves on duty torick grainil Jacob Marcus, and as accust comed as they were to danger, their hearts beat first as they watched this movement of so vast a wave of christian troops. Indeed it was to be a tremen dous interprize—an interprize absolutely unrivaled in any history ever written—for so many hundreds of thousands of men to move forward in one wave to assault a position and a city garrisoned by some thirty million well trained troops all it may be said, fighting with ropes around their needs. The total of the assaulting christian line was equal to that of the

As the long angular shaped s irmish line of the Sixthy Sixtieth Grenadiers dashed forward in front, and the head of the main column advanced, a most terrific fire of firearms of every description added by machine, rapid fire, and other small cannons brose out from all sections of the positions, added by the thunder of hundreds of bigger cannon; which the christians all necessity for concealment being over, answered with a tramendous cher as they swept forward.

For a short time as outers as the fire was, and severe knowth to have tired of the full force of the Oremadiers, it was however either too high or too long in range for not a soldier fell. The first section of the wave arived at the first abandoned trench of the enemy, and there so fast did regiment after regiment of men fall into dead and wounded that there was a temporary halt. It was some time before they could be rallied under such a severe test, and officers and men fell as fast as snow under the hall of bullets and from the graps and confister and shells of the enemy. Then as they gathered in strength in the position there was one wild cheer that was as deafening as the noise of all the wild acund of firing, and they dashed up the long low slope of rubbieh and stones and other earth debria and passed the over the position drive ing the Glandelinians before them. After four hours desperate fighting, in which the christians were repulsed four times with sickening losses the entrance to Vantura was won. Scrambling breathlessly up, always close behind their gallent general, despite the danger of it all, though it was apparent dare devil recklessness on their part when they did not need to do so, Centrude angeline and her followers were among the first to win their way into the city, and fought as the

An equal ly rapid success had attended the assaults upon the left wing of the Chandelinian position by the Second Wave. Nor were the Thrid Third far behind in the violent furious ascault through the apple and Cherry tree Orchards. In this big Orchard, or surrounding this big orchard was a high stone wall in the center of which was a gae gate, and here a bloody deed had first need to be done which always lived in the memory of christian generals and the nation in general as long as it would exist in the world or stories as a nation. As the head of the accoulting wave moved forward in the face of a dreadful fire of guns and weapons of all descriptions which galled them terribly, a good sized party started at the doublt tward the gate. The party was commanded by Lientenant Homer and Francis Connings of the Abbiennian Poyal Engineers, and Captians amoth and Jamesonia, and six corporals of the same Corps, the begler of the Fifty Second Brigade, and one hundred and ninty four Angelinian sappers and miners under Turner Jensin, and George Jennings .. Each of the sappers carried heavy high explosives in bags, and covered by such fire as the christian the center of the wall, and from the parapets a storm of rifle five was continually pured upon them. When they reached a ditich ditch they found the draw bridge destroyed, but crossed in single file upon the beams on which it rested. The gate of course was closed, but a small postern

door of some sh sort beside it was open, and through this the Mangaboos

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added a heavy fire to that which streamed from above. The sapp ers laid their bags against the gate, and slipped down into the ditch to allow the firing party to do their work. Many had already fallen. Sorgeant George St Peter was shot dead as he laid down his munition bag,, and three corporals were wounded. As Lieutenant Warner tried to fire the fuse he fell shot through both legs and one arm, while two others who stood by were shot dead, and Pameay Comorton was severely wounded. As he foll too Lieutenant Turnor handed the slow punk fire head to Captian sanders who lit the fuse, but fell mortally wounded as he did so These then those who survived timped or were helped into the big ditch and in another moment a terrific ear splittingexplosion convulsed the ground and air with the din, and the gate was blown to bis, bits and the wor wall therevtom into a huge breach mangling to death some one thousand one hundred and fourty of the enemy who were behind the gate and that portion of the wall. Then general Threanter seeing that the way was clear ordered Colonel Hardar to sound the advance and the assaulting column came rushing forward with a 6hard annihilated the defenders of the wall with their sharp rifle fire, while one portion of the column brust through the breach into the Orchard, closed with the glandelinian columns there, cut them to pieces, and routed them tward the city. In this gallent action general bargenter fell mortally wounded, General Daniel Hinders was also shot to death, and five others wounded, O of all the column of men who who too part in the glorious deed of

O of all the column of men we who too part in the gloricus deed of blowing up the pate only two lived to wear the Abbiennian victorious cross the reward of valor. Six of the lieutenants had died on the spot, two lother lieutenants died of their wounds, two captians were mortally wounded, and the colonel too was shot to death. Thus only Seg Serg ant Leange, and Private Improved lived to wear the honor so nobly won.

The battle raged with the most stubborn fury in the rear of the Orchards and in and across the Farm belonging to Allenberger, and was as bloody and as stubborn in this space only, only as a hundred Antstams could have been in that space of time. Here at the farm a check was made. t the Clandelinians fought to frightfully desperately, that the christians couldn't advance any further, their losses was awful, and they had to throw themselves into positions to be free from exposure, and to be in reading in case the but degree Glandelinians would raily and counter charge, and the scene here was like a hellish inferno. The barks of all the orchard trees was torn away by the rifle shots, and the branches too, rail fences on the farm were splittaned by the same fire, or hickory broomed, and at allenberger's Crossroads the loss of life was immeasureable on both Bides. After the battle when the fr ightened Farmer and his family dared to return he stated that he believed a bu million bullet holes were in the west side of his farm house, end a thousand in each window pane. The battle rassed onward and forward across the farms both sides equally as buildoggish and tenacious, but endurance was a matter of course, and unfortugately it was the christians who began to yelld ground inch by inch, and general Callahan who direced the battle here had to send for aid for his losses was so severe he believed he couldn'thold out much lon longer.

These Chindelinians were under general Tamerlino in portion.
Go of Genoral Bornard Dirnor who was in general command of the whole assault ing force by the aid of his generals concentrated the two columns which had poured through a portion of the stubbornly defended city, and then swept the enemy off the the positions and ramparts as far as Center Street, the whole of the northern portion of the town being in the powass possession of the christian troops. Then he proceeded to push on tward the main section of the city, where he expected to meet general Watson with the fourth column. This rave however had failed to even reach the position of the enemys right wing, the enemys defense proving so strong, the enemy being as despetate as men fighting for their very lives, and the position was held by so numerous a force of Turmerannians that the christians found it impossible to carry that position, and after suffering heavily beyond magaure, the commander had to call back his men his retreat being covered by the cavarly, and the artillery.

The Clandelinians counter charged him most furiously with the aid of artille artillery and machine gums but they in turn were repulsed with greater loss than they inflicted upon the christian troops before. Then general or as general Berlardson or Bernardson too advanced through the narrow lane sutering the St Gertrudes General City Park, the christian christian way e of troops was swept fr by a storm of fire from window, loophols, however, from behind every tree and bench and ther postions in the rarge a fire to which no effective reply whatever was possible. The ark of a fire to which no effective reply whatever was possible. The thistian troops were shot down in terrible numbers, and at the left of the park by the big Animal howse a whole platoon or drove of the troops was annihilated, by the fire of all the soldiers in that building.

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Generalisation generals tried to rally the torn up christian columns and foll one after the oas the other, regiment after regment was destroyed, and brigades were reduced to regiments as fast as they rushed to the assault to try and carry the part. It was a terrible horror

within that once beautiful city, but navartheless the christians were were or seemed to be more determined than the enemy and 1 no losses seemed to discourage them and they even ris rished on again and again. The main commander general Bernard Dinner jist as he was in the act of cheering on his men, was shot through the lung, and abdomen and fell back in the arms of two men behind him mortally wounded. He was carried off by his sorrowing soldiers, and lingared untill the twentyfourth of this month of October , when to the deep grief of the whole of constal uivians christian army, he after recieving the Last Peccaments explicat.

Finally the general who had to supercode him saw that it was evident

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that any attempt no matter how desparate to force a just further in this direction would lend to the maceure of the whole wave of christian troop and would be useless in the brushin, and that this park must be won step by step, and mostly by the aid of artillary, the treets by firm orders, not caused natural by by the aid of artillary, the treets by firm orders, not caused natural by by the enemy were ordered to retreat to the positiond they had captured and from there they stend such a fearful withering fire that the Glandelrians no matter how great were their numbers were absolutely afraid to counter charge, and part closely under cover to escape annihilation themselves.

In a nimilar respectione had befull the third wave, which had guided or help by general Callahan, who was well accominted with the city as it ind been his own home two, endeavored to form a circuit so as to readh and carry the houses centrains the city, awaver so desparate and furious was the resistance experienced that this wave of troops also had been compelled to retreat to the positions it had captured. The reserved column had followed the hird third in at the northwest section of the city, and had after some buildings and an open square in that neighborshood, ,, most important which was a large and magnificent public two Library and when therefore the Third column fell back, all these horse were had against four desparate

counter charges of the enemy and gins were constituted planted to command the streets leading thereto and covered the streets with dead and wounced wounded blandelinians.

One cause of the slight advance thathmorning was the severeity of the Glandelinian rifle and artill any fire, at one section of the battle line usually knowing the wear-ness of hemnity, the enemy had store immense quantities of champagne, and other wined, hear, and aprils and streets next to the rammarte, expecting that the christian though proched with thirst and excited by the sight of these lux lessuries a would fall into the snare, , , , and dr into accomply that the fighting power

of the christian force would be for a while seriously impreed,
This t scheme and lod the alandelinian troops to neight, for soldiers
who came upon these, only stoped long enough to refill their canteens
with the luxuries, and deliberately destroyed the barries and dumed the rest
into the streets, and applying the torouch set the wines and brandy aflame.
Despite the resultes of the christian near lite the forful fighting continue

continued, as they were crazily determined to carry the city or dis.

From house to house the christian troops fought their way frequently when the streets were so swept by terrific rifls and machine g un and rapid fire guns that it was impossible to progress there, making their way to breaking down the smaller walls, and so working from one house to another or from one district to another, uring these terrible hours guns and mortars and other pieces of artillery were gradually brought into the city from un sed christian batteries and placed so as to shell the many houses defended by the enemy.

In the meantime the Bixty First corps had arived and the pourth O:Grand pivision and they made a rush at the great magazine and city battery in ft Certudes Park The plandelinians offered more fiercer resistance than it could take a million volumes illy this to describe but it was in vain, these christian troops rushed through all obstacles and reached a long Glandelinian battery which cannon were crammed to the muzzle with grape and can ister and which commanded overy approach to the great Park. Here one hundred and sixty five cannon opened upon the assailants, and mowed down the entire line of troops in front at one discharge, but before they could be reloaded again the ghristian troops behind rushed among the plandelinians and the gims, and the landelinians were so stricken by the rapidity and dash of these christian troops that no matter how desperately and couragely couragelously they fought, or no matter what they sacrificed to stand ground they could not bear up in the face of the onslaught, and like a prize fighter knocked out, they had to ta e the nine counts and retreated, but poured a sudden withering fire as they fell back destroying the first of the onrighing christian column to the last man.

General Calaban who led this one laught stated after wards that he had never seen Glandelinians fight so stubbornly. The one hundred and saity five dandelinian gurs and an ernormous supply of amunition fell into the hands of the christian asseilants, and a great many of the gurs were at once turned against their late owners. The clandelinians valled and made one desperate counter charger after another in endlans flings, and bangs. but the gurs and the christian infantry fire i annihilated the charge as fast as they came on, and the Glandelinians from sheer horror fell

38 back to the rour. To how by how the most desperate fight went on-A pa 11 of heavy smo a from handreds of burning buildings hung over the A part of nearly smore from numerous of outroing collatings many over the city. From either side hundreds of cannon and mortars, played uncendingly while the rattle of millions of rifles, pistols and mankets, the crash of falling houses, the shries of momen, the screams of children, and the shouling of countless numbers of man, the boum bang of shells exploding in the streets and above the city in an uproar wilder than the most insane

thunderstorm mingled in a chaoss of sounds. To the credit of these Clandelinian soldiers who happened to be the Scoolliers be it said, that infunited as they were by the thirst for yen gonnog against their christian assailants, and the heat of the reightful

battle not a single case occured, so far as was discovered of a christian woman being ill treated, in a let or fired upon -- although the women and children had been o and were present in the conflicts and constantly accompani accompanied or chosed on the charges of the christian troops.

To the christian soldiers however met with in battle in the town no mercy was shown, every christian soldier captured was at once out down or bayoneted and the same fate befell all townsmen found fighting against them or sniping from houses and atreet doors. The rest of the men while the battle was in the wildest progress and it seemed evident the christian would destroy the christian would be christed when we would be christian would be christian would be chri were before the fighting was over parmitted to leave the city unmolested. although large numbers of them had been a the sharer in the destruction of the shalters of the enemy soldiers. This was an unusual thing among the plandelinians, nomething which as fierce as they were never happened before it might be that the city was in danger of being captured, and the Glandelinians understood if any of the linabitants had been harmed they themselves the same as the Omerians would recieve no mercy.

they changed you into name as the Contrains would receive no mercy. Fearing this anyma; was why they gave no quarter during the fight. to the christian soldiers they captured. Thom the time that the christian soldiers burst through the breaches an exodus had begin from a portion of the town of the inhabitants on the other side, and across the big bridge over the Vantura Stream. The or christian heavy some could have destroyed this bridge, and the christian cavarly might have awapt round the city, and cut off the retreat on the other nide had they been goldiers of the foo, but is they were refugees nothing was done untill they were over, and then the bridge went to pieces

into a terrific explosion that shock the goods.

They ou had forgotten the provert that it is "good to build a bridge for a flying foe for the onemy fluding their repress cut off, and fearing certain death against all them unless they could drive the christians at of out of the city, the defense was so indescriably and wildly desperatel that it was becoming absolutely impossible for the christian troops to accomplish it. The defence therefore showed what could be effected by desperate men fighting in narrow or wide streets and city squares, and loss and disasterous repulse along the right wing of the enemy was another bloody evidence of the inexpediency of driving a desperate enemy

to despair.
As it was tward noon the christians were so depleted in losses they had to gradually fall back some of the regiments fought feebly and were far from making the most of the narrow streets and strongly built houses. He one desired to be the first to retreat, but all were forced on the christian side by their generals to make off slowly and gradually at the earliest opportunity to avoid the too severe fire of so desperate an enemy. Hundreds of thousands had fallen on the christian side in that city, it was appearing like Unitago when it had its great fire, and the results was most doleful. The christian loss was end in officers and generals, and all the regiment al flags had countless bullet holes in them. Hen grew distrustful of the situation, and minute by minute the retreat increased, the resistance to the enemy's counter storm diminished and the districts held by the once victorious christians grew smaller and stabler smaller. It was true that by true thus allowing 10,000,000 shrwiving thristian soldiers to escape, was to allow them to continue the awful "War storm"in the old way outside the city, the christians to the enemy were dangerous foss beyond contempt, and the results of the horror which raged simultaneously in the two cities, and of Bladerlinia's deliverance soon proved to Tamerline what an adversary general Vivian

The Clandelinians receptured every section of the city, but up till noon the christian position along the St Certrudes Fark still held out. This with that strong wall was a fortified region in itself, the christians were in possession of many cannon. The Clandelinians had tried with their artillery to laid low that wall while the Clandellinin mining engineers had tried to rm a trench to enable a closer rank mange battery to be easily erected to play upon the christians in possession of the fenced in a walls along the Parks Lagoon. This so region was the bothest contented part of the battle in the city. The Sixty First Division of Glandelinians with some Mangaboos, and Growleywogs rewhed boldly forward, though they fell in teeming lines, in ill they got to a long overhanging park hill under which they found shelter, and opened a tremendous fire at the walls and positions in possession of the christian & Sixteen times s charge as fierce as Picketts at Settysburg was made by the christians to disloge this Sixty First Division, and sixteen times that many fell and the charges were repulsed. Along all portions of the christing line the fire of rifle and cannons was so seven with the enemy dared not

exposed themselves, general Mic-Hollestinia Jones who was in command of the Clandelinian troops in this carter, convinced that the report

that the other christian forces had began to retreat was trus-determined upon massing an overwhelming and alt under cover of a tremendous artillery fire at once. General Dome Homer was appointed to lead the divisions told off for the main duty, which was effected but not without dreadful loss.

For a time the christian fire had swept everything away,, but the Glandelinians were took great in numbers this, , time, and they finally were in possession of the wall. One regiment of fiften fifteen hundred men encountered three rapid fire guns placed in the blacted gateway, and were nearly annihilated before some grenadiers blew the gras and their crews to amithereers.

The news that the Par kwas finally wrested again from the almost victorias christians spread rapidly, and there was a rush to drive the christians further, but to expose themselves too much maint orribilation and the advance of the enemy had to be rade with great caution as every house window, door way, and other objects of shelter fairly stupted fir with rifle and tapid machine gun and the dischars of other arms. The christian troops in their slow hotly contented retreet carried off everything of value in the houses they standoned, and as they left the houses, to cheer the enemys advance they applied the torch and terrible fires were burning unking the ecene as dark as night with so much smoke. It was the consist and most destructive battle general Vivians

army so far had ever fought,
At exactly twelve noon, (the boom) the headquarters of this part of
the Glandelinian army were replaced in Vantura and thousands of soldiers fought nearly as desperately now to stop if possible the progress of the fierce conflagration, at the Glandelinian Fanners can up the flagstaff against the city hall so lately captured by the almost victorious christ ians, the sent and headquarters of the Chandelinian army which had deluged the city with christian blood, a royal saluta was fixed by the enemy gums, and tremendous cheers arose from the victorious troops in all marts od of the city. The releing of that flag anew, the bounder of those gums was the signal that the christian assault of that morning had recleved its death blow. Over fifteen million Clandelinians were therefore still in possession of Vantura, but the heart of the action here was gone. cheuld gneral general Vivian mass a new assault of the same horrible fury upon the city, it would easily fall this time. Fach body of Clandeliniane during the dreadful battle had fought for themsolves -- for life rather than for victory, and yet had so far won, as far as the progress of the battle may count, and so far it was not even started this day.

The final issue of the struggle was now certain. The enemy no longer had any brigadier generals, or Divisional commanders, a center or a common aim o ail had failen dead or wounded, and the loss among the troops was frightful beyond compare. All the surviving Clandeinian generals who had highither to showed the greatest energy in the fighting hesitated no longer and in holding a council with Tamer line urged him to abandon the titanic content and flee while the fleeing was good. But he refused to listen to

reason being confident he bould yet worst general "ivian.

Nothing has been said as to the part the girlscout leaders bore in that fler efferce six hours fighting. They were not actually in the conflict as it was not their place, but they did their own personal scout duty, but they were not inthe fight, though they did specially distinguish themselves in all other ways, and had often v clunteered to carry messages to generals and officers of troops engaged in sto stubborn fight, and in doing so to dash across open spaces and run the gauntlet of hundreds of wifle balls and shell explosions, and the burst of shraphell, and face the peril of falling walls from burning houses, and the danger of meating with b odies of enemies inthe streets, but however they miraculously escaped with out even the slightest scratch. . They had not been present on the occassion of the sad reverse of the assault, but during the 1ull of the battle she had learned where a cartain number of enemy officers were stationed a little outside the city who had had a hand in the massure of her band, and a little later she rode out of her tent and said to

"I intend just going on an expedition of your own hearts, not to go into any part of the battle again, girls. I have recieved word that a enemy general and his officers who had ben been in the massacre at Vantura goad when I lost so heavily in my commades in defending the refugees have stolen awayand have gone to the farmhouse near the one of Allenbergers, where our armies are still in possession. I am going with a squadron of troopers to capture and bring them in. I have some accounts to settleswith them which will be an example to them hereafter and Glandelinia too she cowled for a moment and then clearing her face added "ould you wish to accommany me.?"
"Oh yes of all things The girlscout leaders xexclaimed." out have we

any time to get our horses."

"We don't need to modent ours"said Gertrude. " ny of the soldiers will mount is "Several of my horscouts of Penrods autyin surviving parties slipped into that localite localities in the hopes of sit getting some loot and three or four were shot, so we must go at once to capture them. They are some of those who destroyed so many of our commands.

The girlscouts at once went to general Warrow to tell him where they were going no he would not worry about them in case he found them absent. abe absent. As they were the highest girlnout leaders on the staff of the Vivian Girl Princeses, the general at once proté to protested, but there we saw could not atop them purpose, and he of coulse course having so say could not atop them, and therefore gave them a powerful escort of Abyssin Villan winkis cavaly cavarly lie had been greatly delighted in their presence, they had been celestial beings to him, he aderstood how gallent and fearless they were, and derit de and all her higher commissioned followers had so frequently distinguished themselves in the hundreds of dashing exploits which they had executed with their other friends, that even Emperor Vivian, confirmed faithfully and truthfully by Violet, and her slaters had said that they even went far beyond them in all they did, and the perils they encountered, aspecially Certride Angeline and Angeline Bichee ..

A few mi nutes later they were riding at a trot tward the spot where those plandelinian officers had retreated for refugee when their regiments were wiped out at Vantura junction. Their rout ellay across ground hinterto in possention of the enemy, but which now was christian possession, and they rode past hindreds of thousands of fifthering christian wounded soldlers, who were on their way to the Rase army pospital tents. They had among them many wounded Zimmermannian Glandelinian prisoners also who soowled among them many wounded himselfall that the property of first state of the little trop of first state of the Clandelinians see shouting loudly at them"It's better you crazy little fool a minded your own business and don't butt into our own cause. "and other words too many to be put here but they did not pay any attention to them, though when some of the prisoners shouted imprecautions at them Certrudecw heeled and said;

"We can prove to you we are the main commanders here though we're more dutterenipee as you called us. It's to us alone thatbyou zimmermannian soldiers were spared. Bette r look out. We might yet clasify you among the Omarians and live no quarter. Beware. We can be mercilese too."

That shut the incolent Glandelinians up for a season. Therefore not a soldier among the prisoners dared to raise his voice or even give them

so much as a black look."
"What are all those strange but wonderful ruine?"Jertrule as ed of

Jane Melfort, by whose side she was riding."

"This is the out s irts of Vantura. The smaller houses have gone to dust and ruble before the cannon fire of our artillery but these massive ruins contained or was the south where some of the firecast fighting of the morning oddured. Whit till we hear of the losses in this battle when it is finally over. In my opinion there is nothing in Calverinia or in the world to equal its fury.

mother half hour riding brought them into eight of a migitt ragnificant farmhouses of storr alongside of which was a tall shaft of manonry rising above this now quiet part of the battlefield, where the girlscouts saw more dead lying about than it could have brought them five

months to count by tens.

"That is the place we're to surprise and surround. "Sertrude said;

"To bad we will have to laid it low.isn't it not ma nificent."

Indeed near this structure was an immense shaft or to or to er. It seem ed to bebuilt in Stages with a mallery round each. Each Stage soo was different but what we them no one was certain but from questioning scouts they learned that the Glandelinian dicials had halted at this neculiar building. The gates were shut, and it was certain that the Thin delinian officiers wouldhave a large force of troopers with him Teaming numbers of men in gray showed themselves at the windows and on the rooof rouf, and indeed things appeared quite perilings for Sertrudes troop to storm this stronghold. One of the Abyssin William captians however rode,,, to storm this stronghold. One of the Apyssinki line duplants however rode, forward without the slightest hesi'a tipnand pounded on the greattt gate with his sabre handle... A strange little window by the side of the gate opened, and he was asked what he wanted.....

"I represent alse Angelinia Gertrude Aronburg who has some to take and carry into the christian camps, the chief staff officer here, and all who are with him. It is better to submit quietly, for though you do who are with nimit is certer to scomit quierly, for chocky you do overwhelm to entirely in numbers we have four which ill had shells that'll demilish the structure at one shot, so therefore if we have to shell, int force out with in account of ill the place will be put to the enod...you're men missacred out band an of boy and girlscouts at Vantura Road and will jave have to pay the consequence.. "

"Is there any conditional surrender att firm
"I the third way rol. We'll do as we please with you once your re

If two minu tes the "what may be called the postern "opened and a strangely sarbed man made his appearance...2.2.2.2.2.2

"I am his minister"he said. The captian ben' in actnowledgement that the minister stood before him.

"The general will surrender "he said "if you will have Miss Angelinia Aronburg promise that his life shall be spared, if not he will defend himself to the last, and if worsted will die by his own hand. We glande linians do not fardly believe in surrendering any more than you christian dogs do

"Defense would be sucude in itself and absolutely useless. "the captian said. "The force she has here is strong enough to carry the place and our can; one could reduce it into a heap of ruine, and if it did not, the sound of fiving would bri bring any strongth of wirforcements I could expect in the shortest time. She though she is our superior, has no aurthority to give High a promise since your bands destroyed her boy and girlscouts.

"If you give the promise it will be kept"the Glandelinian said. "If you refuse the general will commit suche when the first christian soldier fasses the gate. We Clandelinian would die first before we'd surrender

inconditionally."

"I'll consult her in person. "said the captian. At hearing this Gertrude hesitated. It was true by the laws of violet and her sisters she had no aurthority to make such a promise unless it could be proven the Clandelinians were not Omarians. Therefore she only decided on that purpose answering herself to the landelinian thus;

"If you're not Omerians all right, at if you are we're going to give no conditions whatever, What cort of glandelinians are you."

"We are Scood liers."

"You lie." "Pon my honor I don't . Are you blind. dirl. Can't you see my uniform." "1'11 find out first"she sneered."

She sent one of her scouts inder a flag of truce to go in and see

and he saftly came back and said;

"They're Scooldiers and Mangaboos there Miss Aronburg. "They're not the guilty ones. ""I agree" he said after a pause" o for she felt sure the christian
government would rather have the Glandelinian general a prisoner in their
government would rather have the Glandelinian general a prisoner in their

possession than he co should excite a feeling of regret and adminition among all the Chandelinian armise by d ing by his own hand in preference than falling into those of the Mationals."

"Un conditional or Conditional, "demanded the soldier.

"Conditional. He and the lives of his followers will be spared.""" In a minute the gate was thrown aside or open, and an aged general came out followed by ninty warmed cavarly men and a host of infantry who had all cast aside their arms and advanced under a glaf of truce. The aged general was nearly ninty five, fortrude had thought him a young man. In ro case Certrude thought now having seen him would she allow him 1) 10 meanacto be executed by the military nince she realized now the old man was clearly not guilty in the massacre of the refugeen, and for the antihilation of her band of child scouts The party were soon on their way to the christian lines. When in the lines he was brought to one of the tents and placed there, and Cortrue Cortrude then said;

"I'm going out again r ight away, and try to catch as many Omarians as possible. I have seen they are the real culprits in the matter as only they annualted the refugees in ambush and caused me to sacrifice my troop to save the uniforturates. If you would care to go out again well and

They were very glad to do so, but they delighted more if they could have the survivors of their band with them and this was readily agreed to, These boys and girls though few in number were very pleased to have the chance to do so and were pleased still more at the news of C ertrudes capture of the general and all his retainers. They were collected in about an hours time and dospite the fury of the battle raging everywhere else, set out. One of the christian spies had reported to Angeline Jennings tint a number of the Omeriane who had particulated in the maco massacre were trying to capture a farmer and his children, and that the farmer was defending his home and children against them with a rifle. The whole

q squadron of child scouts and soldiers hastily rode in that direction and came within sight of the fight. "That's the farm house from which window you see the puff of smoke"Gortride said pointing to a large farmhouse near a number of barns. "Forward. Give

tem no quarter." The troop rode forward at a forloadly capit pallop, and the plandelinians seeing them coming ran for the shelter of the barns, jammed the doors shut and opened fire. The troops dushed up from two sizes, and surrounding the barrs dismounted. An above of the Chandelinians had nowien into the farmhouse too, and soldiers were placed at all the various doors of the far who se with orders to shoot down any claudelinians who might come out, and while a flag of truce was produced which stopped the firing, Gertrage

There arose within the farm house a great tunult within the building as the question whenthey they should surrender, or refuse and fight to the last man was argued. Several times the courier not and to as Gertrude if any conditions would be given, but she only ead sheerilyly, that no conditions would over be made with them. The Glandelinians in the farm house saw the odds were against them, that in one assault the troopers could burst in set the collections against the farm house saw and the e Glandelinians, some of them high officers who ware leaders in the Ventua Vantura Poad massacre came cut throw down their arms and surrend ered. The troops who surrendered were immediately put on spare horses under close guara, and sent away, while the leaders too were sent off tward the christian lines.

Then they made prarations to carry the barns. The assault was made in one tremendous rush, and though some numbers fell the barn doors were

Then they made prapartions to carry the barns. The assault was made in one tremendous rush, and though some numbers fell the barn doors were burst open, open and the clandelinians seeding it useless to escape fought untill only fifty of them were left; Still the ctruggle raged. untill not clandelinian lasted. Then they burst into a little outhouse and here from five to six th ousand landelinianshamy o many of them still armed were assembled. A yell of hate and and fury arose arose as the bands of christian trools troops entered guns were shown threateningly and sabres waved in the air, and many of the rebels told the christians to go "some place". For the little band who entered here while the fight was going on in the other barns the odds were were tremondous, and the boy and girlscouts who entered with the soldiers felt that nothing remained but to sell their lives dearly.

"Lay down your arms and surrender." One of the soldiers shouted in a sterniorian voice. "Was the answer and a number of shots were fired from the crows of so soldiers of the enemy and the bullets whichled over the heads of the Abysinkilian horseen but fortunately none were hit...

"Lay down your arms "accemed Cortride going in de pite the danger." "You little girt girl go sit on a tack.

"Is, won't got time. How unalung your rifles. Peady . im."

According the simple of the enemy and the bullets whichled over the Glandelinians flew at once. Those nearest threw down their arms and as with leveled weapons the horseen rade through the crowds, arms where servywhere through own of an arbital simple of the sell and the crowds, arms where and as with leveled weapons the horseen rade through the crowds, arms where say thousand rifles, five hundred sabreg, and tweelye thousand aggars and other wapons in addition were collected, and a large number of horses were captured. Ordering a part of the trooper force to remain with the squadron in charge of these things untill some wagon or cartscould be sent for the weapons, Gertrude Angeline accomminied by from which with the greatest difficulty the guards had so far retained the crowd, but held them just the same as they wore threatening to linch the prisoners. There was not a moment for hestation. Certains a raised a hand, and a momentary silence followed. 2.2.2.2222222
"These Glandelinian soldiers on horsebac in the hands of the soldiers said

she in a loud voice "Live not only massacred the refuses on Vantum and but have ordered and witnessed the missacre of my followers in that

but have ordered and witnessed the missions of my followers in that similable fight. This therefore the Government and through my can hands hand a purishes such traffors and child murderers, by the many first and the soldiers ever thought what she a was soing d to do she by her own hand shot the Glandelinian officers dead. The crowd of Camp fire girls and the soldiers estenished and a wod wont to their own see petive playes, and the dead Glandelinian officers were carried

File the Glandelinian guns were saluting the raising of the enemy flag once again in Van turn, withthe recepture of that place and the driving of the contestion assallants out, general Richardson Haleted, Greatheart and many other christian generals who despectately fighting their warm to stricklered, and here the battle was still still more severe. The reaction of this portion of the battle started earlier than it did at Vantura. General Greatheart was the first to advance and he crossed Vantura. General Greatheart was the first is it to advance and he crossed the Vantura liver, brushed aside the enemys ficrosest opposition along this point point, and after three hours much under a tromendous shell fire, and his men galled by rifles and machine guns drove the onemy to shelter and captured the position. The Glandelinian left wing at this seation which could have arminilated entirely the christian assault was defeated through the blundors of its general, and his position too fell into the hands of the angelinans. All the enemy stores and the baggage and minimions were left here in their possession.

A strong forge of christian troops under general Opraha was left to hold it against all kindelinian counter "storms" and general Greath Greath head at the child have an and freshi his four through two lines of orchards and fields the strong ty defended by the Clandellinians, and he indeed was flabbergasted at the deeperate four of their fighting. He came just in time to support a portion of general characterials arm for the enemy had driven ten mines

The desperate fighting of the decadful day before had however terrible of plated concern Miderline a clorices army which had performed the face of such as real magnitudes army which had performed the face of such as such a second breaking devices and difficulties. Out of face of such as such bad defended this portion of the christian position, more than a third were dead, and two thirds wounded, among them not form the such allest brigaries and divisional generals and many other officers. With so deplated a christian force it was evident that it would be hopolass to endravor to carry off the many wounded, the ill, the women and children reference should the army be compelled to retreat during the height of a dreadful battle, and it was then efore determined to hold the position children reference should the army be compation to retreat using the neight of a dreadful bathle, and it was ther effore determined to hold the position with to the last untill further aid arived. The battle here therefore recommenced, but under different conditions, for the increased force enabled the christians to hold a larger area, and although the discomforts, and but the horrors of insane wild fury of battle and the privations were the same as before——for the reinforcements had not come up in the entire army under Greatheart, the other sections having moved on to storm other portions of the landalinium positions and the daner of the positions by being carried bu enemy descults was at an end s.

One noble action connected with the desperate fighting to relieve general gladerlinia's arm should never be forgotten, and was never forgotten by

any one who witnessed it.

Before general Greatheart started forward with his own main divisions of troops, general sr Johna his staff general officer arived with full of troops, general sr Johna his staff general however he issued a general nemmission to assume the command. Upon his arival however he issued a general order to say that to general Greatheart who had done such great deeds to relie order to say that order to say that to general Greatheart who had done such great deeds to relively general chaderling, should be the honor of the crowning success and that therefore he waived his en x seniority and would would fight under toneral G reathant greatheart as a volunteer untill the latter arrived.

A more gener ous act of self goodness for the purpose of relieving his changed than this was near accomplished by any other good shrieting. A move gener our act of self grounders for the purpose of testaving his friends than this was never accomplished by any other good christian general before. To the christian general who relieved general gladerlinia in the face of such a Hellish battle line as this would fall honor fame the gratitude of not only Sladerling and his army, but more so of the refugees in the generals army, and all this credict general Greatheart gave to him. He was worthy indeed of the name the men always gave him "The "Fisry Sworth" of Abbieannia. The news that general Sladerlinia was relieved caused almost as much delight to the troops who had tried to capture burning Vantura, as their own successes elsewhere outside of the city had given t them for their anxiety as to the saftyof general gladerlinia

city had given t them for their anxiety as to the Bartyor general gazanta and his army had been most intense.

To Gertrude Angeline and her surviving regiment the news gave an intense plansare for the thought of the bfriends and commades they had left be hind in that most terrible situation had been ever present to their be hind in that most terrible situation had been ever present to their be hind in that most terrible situation had been ever present to their be fine faces of the suffering refugees, the tender little girls and boys, the delicate of the oldieren, the horrors that might ensue should the enemy force his way into the refugee camps, and the terror of their the onemy force his way into the refugee camps, and the terror of their friend the Mason Family had haunted them since they left laderlinias command, and the joy at the thought that these were resued rescued from

the awful fate impending over them smashed all records.
Following greathearts arival, came Blain wight Linger, dangerous Nemo and "Desperate Desmond, then Hairbreath Nero and some others, and the Glandelinian forces assailing general Sladerlinia was shattered into fragments, their own positions captured, plenty of cannons and wagons, and the loss of the Clandelinians in officers was ffi frightful.

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They had given these christian generals the greatest resistance that ever can be maintained in battle, but all in vain, the christian troops swept everything away, general Greatheart was in the wan, and the whole supported by fresh divisions, poured on fiercely to storm at Ethelreda. It was not only at this place that Gertrude and her followers heard the news, for while the battle was raging so fiercely, they left with the big flying columns of troopers under general Baldwin which was ordered to support the rear of the assaulting christian columns to sweep round and try to surround St Ethelreda, to clear away the bands of landelinian cavarly which infested the intervening country, and then to drive the enemy from the position near Vantura road while the main columns not in battle from the position near Vantura read while the main columns not in battle yet were to advance to force the capture of St Ethelreda and smash general Tamerlines arm y in two. gladerlinia was heavily reinforded with troops Tamerlines arm y in two. claderlinia was heavily reinforded with troops and artillery. Gertrude Angeline and Angeline Richee being well acquainted with the country in this territory had decided to lead this column of Calvary for Baldwins desire, as Gertrude herself would naturally on the first opportunity resume command of what is left of her regiment of the first opportunity resume command of what is left of her regiment of boy and girlscouts, which was at general livians center where she had left boy and girlscouts, which was at general livians center where she had left them, while Angeline Jennings was longing to see her sister and some of them, while Angeline left behind. The advanced position of the Clandelinians the others ho were left behind. The advanced position in the Clandelinians were found not far from Vantura Road, and were defeated without difficulty and after several minor s conflicts the troops moved has lity onward tward the min position. As they deployed to the right a heavy battery of and after several minor s conflicts the troops moved hasilty onward tward the min position. As they deployed to the right a heavy battery of hidden artill ery opened on them with shot shell and grape, an infantry fire of exceeding fury reared out from hidden positions in a long stretch of woods, and then a large body of clandelinian cavarly dashed upon them

as if they were a sus sudden tidel wave..... Then a section of the Glandelinian infantry rushed forward with all their bravery and the shock of the attack was so severe that for a time of fifteen minutes the christian line was rolled up in the frightfulest confusion, and one of their brigadier generals fell at the first fire. w.3. But however the christian troops were always inured to all symptons of a war, and with wonderful rapidity thouse who had been driven rallied and made a counter assault, and finally hurled them back with wade wholesale salguiter slaughter, and captured fourteen battleflags. General agra moved forward with his troops. The enemy still resisted. The advance that the proper index that the proper index that are advanced to the still resisted of the still resisted of the still state of the still resisted. Agra moved forward with his troops The enemy still resisted. The advance ing troops under Hal sted had been joined by a division under general algon. They moved forward tward the enemy in the woods nearly three million atrong, all theteta troops who had gone through many big battles in the war. Also the Ninty Third Concentinian division, and a part of the Agralmiandivisions two hundred thousand strong also pashed forward while Gertrude and her friend officers were able once more to rejoin their

while Gertrude and her friend officers were able once more to rejoin their own regiments, and their delight was unbounded.

Her c omrades re o reported to her for duty at once, all sorts of rumors as to Gertrudes doings had reached Penrod, and he congratulated her more than the others had done, General Fractic son Parsons columns also were moving forward. They had with them a great convey of seige material and plenty of provisions. The sixty Fourth pivision which had done so much fighting in the other days of the gigiantic battle were allowed to rest for the re minder of the day. ... 2.2.2.2.

The other troops pre paring for the advance was increased as soon as general Vivian could mass up the troops, and by the arival of general Walter Jennings, who with two hundred thousand cavarly beside his million infantry, had also a troop of Nine hundred and fifty thousand abbicannians. They had had heavy fightinh on the way down, and had protected their convoy and heavy seige guns which they were in charge, and had defeated the enemy and heavy seige guns which they were in charge, and had defeated the enemy four million strong in a two day fight far on the left, and captured all his guns but with a loss to themselves of nearly one hundred thousand men in dead, and six hundred thousand wounded. Soon after the commencement of the fi fifths mornings engagement at St Ethelreda, general hoswell Buster Johnston who was in main command of all this column, was wounded, his aiding lieutenant was killed, and general Melsonia who took command also was wounded rive times an officer took command of the divisions only to be Killed or was wounded, and the battle raging along this portion of the line was as violent as any could possibly be.

The astonishment of the many thousands of refugees in general slader linias army at the disaster to the Glandelinian assailants, and of the strongly massed reinforcements ariving for the christian army was an strongly massed reinforcements ariving for the christian army was in bounded. During the hull many of the new y newly arived soldiers went about glader links cames in platoons siding the many wounded being brought in Greatly de lighted they had been when they had been able to crush the fury of the Clandelinian one lought.

Hearing the news that the city of Vantura was again assaulted by ernormous numbers of troops and that general Vivian himself led this

ernormous numbers of troops and that general Vivian himself led his storm with the utmost determination to carry the city, they went there with what was left of their troop to witness the fray. They were in one of the streets which had been carried when Gortwide said;;;

"I believe we had better turn angeline. "These furious Clandelinians are rallying arain, and those secreting c scoundrels would be only too glad to put a bayonet or a shot into us, and we might be buried away under ground in one of the city done and no one over be the wison for it. I have no dout do bt it will be a long long time before any army can carry Wantura. See the Glandelinians are coming in a counter charge with terrible fury. 2.2.* terrible fury .. 2.2."

Gertrude and all the others turned to retreat, when Anne Angeline Jennings

said;;;;

"Listen?"
They paused, and in another section where they thought it was still they heard a confused sound of shouting and a noise as if of a terrific tubult tubult. They listened attentively.
"Gertrude Perrod said or exclaimed;"I am sure some of those shouts

are worlegn . Some poriegners have got into a row with the Glandelinians.

Come on. We must say e the strangers at all costs. "so

Come on We must save the strangers at all costs. "So saving he dashed up the narrow street, accompanied by his followers with all their pistols drawn. They went down two more lanes which were very wide and then in a large open space they saw a crowd of Clandelinians coming driving a large platon of christians before them. The leaders of the hard pressed christian troops seemed to be or leaners. "This is a most serious business" Gertride said "as they ran. "We are in the worst part of the city. We will have to avoid this or we'll all he lost this time. Three are four more ran immeds of the enemy as they

the worst part of the city. We will have to avoid this or we'll all be lost this time. Three or four more regiments of the enems as they retreated to the end of the lane came into sight, and a sound or two of them rushed forward to prevent their passage, but the child socuts fought their way through, and shoulder to shoulder charged the crowd of Glandelinians in the van. all through the city the second fight had been as desporate at the first one.

Reinforcements for the christian troops were griving however and the Glandelinians were counter attacked but that d'd not relieve Gertrude and har followers from the assault upon them. They stretched four or five

Glandalinians upon the ground, and two of the child scouts were blacking from bayonet cuts. The Christian troops gave a cheer at the sight of the reinforcement and tried to storm those who were menacing the child the reinforcement and tried to storm those who were menacing the chis social, and the infiniated related rians drew bace for a moment and then being reinforced resumed the assualt most florcely Oerbide and Penred had drawn biber little subres, and for a minute they and all their followers fought for their lives back to back Ir was evident however that this could not last for as the Glandelinians were being victorics again, every moment added to the numbers of their foes, the Glandelinians expecting from every parter.

"Now lade and winle "Pennod shouled "Get nouse to asselves ready, and when you get yourself ready, and when I signal the command altogether deah for the this house at the right connew. The door is open Thank Heaven. When we are once in there we can hold it till help comes. Press them a bit first as that as the ast in active them a little, and then for the rush...

Are you all ready. Thow......."

With a cheer the boy and girlscouts hurled themselves upon the nearest place no of Glandelinian troops in a body. The sumprise added to the weight and force of the charge, was innest labe, the clandelinians were cut down or shot in greater numbers than was desirable for them, and before the enemy guite understood what had hap a happened, all of the child scouts were safe in the house, and the door slammed to and bolted...

"See. if there are any win dows they can force their way in at..."

A number of the boy and girl scouts man into three or four rooms of which only on the second floor the house consisted,,,,,, but the windows in these, for some reason or other were strongly barred, perhaps the place may have been used as a propice of nearmy soldiers, There was a furlows beating of rifle butts at the door, and should of Down with the little chulction dogstoutside.

"They'll force it out in a minute. "Coort, yimmarmon said."

"They'll force it out in a minute. "Ceorg. wimmummon said."
"Upstairs everybody" "Gertrudo said; "We can there held them against

any number."

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"It's strange they did not use their rifles or pistols" Radcliffo said as they all gathered in the apper rooms "We should have been playing the harp with the angles, if they had done so."

"I I believe they thought they could do us with their bayonets and daggers"

Angeline Riches replied , , "

"Maybe they thought of capturing us alive said Gertrude.
"Let them try it said Janie Turmer.
"Now late said Angoline Jennings to the coriegners whom she and her friends had rescied; "Now did you got into this row with the Clandelinians." seeing you are not in uniforms but in civilan clothes?" and this question

was asked a little sharply ... 22

"Well Miss Girlscout"said one of the oriegnors"We were some of the refugees in the christian army, and when the christian troops charged into the city we thought to go along with them and getting here we got lost altogether especially when the Clandelinians began to repulse the assault. hell we saw we had fallen among Glandelinians of the fiercest type. We thought the Glandelinians wouldn't bother us because it was said they don't patyany any attention to oriegners, but they saw us in their counter charge and about a score of them made for us with b fixed bayosts bayonets. We at first ran for it as you may well imgine then they all began to give forth that "terrible devil yell" of theirs full of blashemous words and curses. Seeing that it was either fight or die for running we drew our pistols and fought them desperately. We shot down about ten of them before they could reach us, the whole five of us! There were to many of the enemy though for the more we shot the more there came, and we were well nigh carried,,, by the Clandelinians when you and your little squads care to our help....

at this moment a terrific enach was heard below, that proved the door, had finally yeilded, and the crowd of Glandelinians rushed into the lower part of the house. When it was found to be empty there was a little dl

"They are coming" and no of the origeners as the house trembled from the right of a body of men up the stairs. For a moment they fired upon the clandelinians but could not stop them. Stand well out of reach everybody, and cut them down as they entered the door.

Pushed from behind as they were half a dozen or more of the Glandelinian soldiers forced their way simultaneously into the room, crying"gurrender you christian dogs or we'll give you no quarter".

"currender you christlan dogs or we'll give you no quarter".
"Try and get us. "shouted Gertrude, and ere the Clandelinians could fire a pietol or even put themselves into an attitude of desperate defense they were cut down or run through the body. Certrude then drew a tramendous greened from her greened holder, and it exploded on the steps with a tramendous crash, and a wild cry was heard while a different noise as of the fall of timber was heard. "Hurrah "oried angeline Richee. "Your greened had demolished the staircase and it has orashed down with everybody on it."

Many groens and yells and shrie's, were heard below,,,, then there was a sound of persons being carried out, and then for a while everything

was quist below, while outside the hubbub became greater; and and Gertrude "What is all the confusion outside from "as led Indcliffee, and and Gertrude and he peered out of one of the small windows into the street.

"That hole is made big enough" Radeliffe cried at last"We have not

made by the fire.

"That hole is made hig enough" and all watched anxiously the progress made by the fire.

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"I'm George climb through the hole, now girls follow in turn."

All of the girls went rapidly through the hole.

"We lads to the boy scouts" one"one o of one of you two don't waste any time. Now Gertrude catch hold of its mans legs and give him a hoist that's right. Now don't hat ron's Certrude, Now Certrude you go on. Now lads catch this bundle of rugs. That's right. I'm one end. There we are to the last at last. Now agreed one of these tigs over the hole to keep the smoke out. Now commades how is the wall of this room above."

"In accordance with orders those first had up had begun at once to dig hole through with their daggers through the plaster wall which formed the artition between the nouses. I though thicker below as it seeds were made but of a single wall of wood and as George clambered up through the hole, the boys above had already made a good big opening quite large enough for a good sized man to get through. All crept through it, and again had lifts hums a rope or rug over the hole to keep out the smoke much noise as you can. The Glandelinians will be in possession of all the streets below, and thoy might hear us, and it is, well they should have the impression that we are burned in the nonce where we were tall you must watch sharp commades for the fire will spread through they should have their way from house to house but the flames followed as fast her and cless, and at last almost chocked by amoke, and dust Gertrude said;;;;

"Quieff my commades, knock of some tiles or shingles, and get on the roof the read out through the hole they had made for a breath of fresh air, in the trap. This side, which is further from the street. We don't to get into the buttle. "The tiles gave way with dome resistance, and carch che thrust his or here head out through

they will be too b may fighting the Nationals. I can hear lots of firing close by firm from many unburning homeon novo on boys, and every one of you girls, the fire is spreading now prottly no nearly as faut as we can scramble along and we might be overtaken.

It was indeed already a great fire; down both the main districts of the big city at whose junction the home first fired stood, the flames had because of a fierce winchlowing had selzed the opposite homes. Tready five hundred or mix hundred homes ware in a big bloze. Although theme was the hundred or mix hundred homes ware in a big bloze.

because of a Tierce windblowing had belzed the opposite houses. I ready five hundred or six hundred houses were in a big blaze, although it was not twenty minutes from the beginning of the fire.

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slide down by means of our rope to the roof of the house lower down. The Christian troops are edgeing forward, I can tell by the recession of the firing, and the Glandelinians will be too busy now with resisting our own friends to try to fdlow follow be begined it libet they believe we have been dead long ago, and the Glandelinians who are at the head of it will have been driven off by our own soldiers but well have to be on the watch for this fire, as the wind is blowing fresh and strong and there is no watch for this fire, as the wind is blowing fresh and strong and there is no saying how far the fire may spread Fesides we shall have a reinforcing troop of christians in a few minutes, as son as the enemy is driven out of this district them we are safe.

of this district then we are safe. They were soon gathered, on the roof of the last hou house of this district, and threese minutes later were driven from it now not only by the flames but by shells aimed at them by a glandelinian battery. One by one they sorambled down even while under fire on to the house below and thence to the side walk below without a loss of a single commade...... Then they passed through the house into the opening of the city square and the contract of the side walk of lames, the opening of the city square an ernormous archy wall of flames, the flames were rushing from every window and towering up above every roof, almost meeting over the Square upon the other hand, the battle was raging, the christian troops was pressing forward with insattle flame, all was wild confusion and terror. men forward with irestible fury, all was wild confusion and terror, men

of both sides were fighting fiercely and the screams of the wounded, the yells of the landeliniane, and shoute, and blackhemice of the Clandeliniane mingled with the rearing of flames and the crash of falling. roofs. As the recent great floods in Calverinia, so was the confusion now and in all excitement all was forgotton about the child scout fugitives

For an hour and a ju quarter in the face of great peril, and from shells hitting the houses they all labored and toiled assiduously, and many a bedridden old man or woman, or a frightened child, did they finally rescuered the state of the street lane was an open space of some extent and here piles of house hold goods in the midety of bodies of those fallen on both sides and helplose people were gathered in great terror. At the end of that hour and a quarter they heard the battle recode far through the city, showing this time the Christian were victorious, and then there came a deep tramp, an and an ernormous brigade of win less led by general Hendry Dargor filed up through the street. The boy and led by general Hendry Dargor filed up through the street rise boy and commess arive, and these respinded responded upon seeing some of the forien forieners at work carrying the 111 and the seed... Addiffe and Gertrude at once made their way to general Dargor, and reported with the purpose of burning them and all their little commens, but that they had escaped, and had since then been at their greatest efforts helping the terror stricten inhabitants whom ctrangely the enemy during all

they had escaped, and had since then been at their greatest efforts helping the terror stricten inhabitants whom etrangely the enemy during all their time of co occupation of the city had not harmed.

"all right, ill right "quencial parger said." You given better details afterwards, at present since our troops have finally carried the city we have got to try and stop the progress of the conflagration. It seems if we don't we,ll have the whole city aftro, and then we have only to claim we have captured fire."

"The whole at wis andergered air It is extending over more districts."

we have captured live.

"The whole of y is endangered sir. It is extending over miny districts already, there must be a couple of thousand of homes in flames, and a lready, there must be a couple of thousand of homes in flames, and the strength of the considerable fear what we have seen in the lane we have been toiling in, a considerable loss of life from the conflagration itself to one of his staff officers "Jeneval Percy Lyn" denoval Barger sald to one of his staff officers.

"Take your whole division of soldiers, with your mining engineers and knock down or blow up all the houses on this side of the district there. Coldens Junieson, you take as many men as you can and do the same with the district on the right. The main army itself will follow mo. Forward mirch. In about half an hours time if not loss all the entire force of general In about half an hours time if not loss all the entire force of general Dargers troop which had artived, on the ground, immediately after the enemy had abandoned the city--wore at work pulling or tearing down houses, so had abandoned the city--wore at work pulling or tearing down houses, so had abandoned the city--wore at work pulling or tearing down houses, so had be a trest the progress of the great conflagration by lool isolating the burning districts. Upon three sides they finallly succeeded, but upon the other side the fierce fire driven by a high wind, defied all their efforts. and so often threatened to trap and engulf them that the fighters had to and so often threatened to trap and engulf them that the fighters had to retreat beforevit, and the blaze swept envard for many blocks untill it burned itself out when it reached the surburbs and the open country.

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some, and the general and all who heard heard the story expressed themselves in terms of warm praise for their bravery, quickness and presence
of mind... Then the five forlegners were callied up, and their story
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return to their test, and had to go through their yarn again with great
mit winuteness

"wo"the ol other soldier anid"I am quite sure the thought would never have come to me. Tos as you say sir, Gortrude, and her followers have had no end of luck, but they certainly deserves and makes the best of it."

THE MAIN DESCISIVE ACTION FOR ST ETHEL REDA.

IN the meantime during these events, general Richardson Halsted, with Fredrickson Halsted and kindernine, with five hundred thousand of his gallent Angelinian troops pressed on from Vantura Road, moving forward with them the heavy soige and other guns.

An hour or so later they took were joined by general lain Night Lingers main column, which had been encamped on the shores of the stream and in communication with the christian forces holding that position. simultaneous to this General Hendro Dargar the Gemini, and Cingigore arived in camp with immense forces of troops, and their coming was hailed with delight by the embattled christian armies who now felt sure that the hour was now at hand when the city of St Ethelreda still smouldering in its vast stretches of ruins was to be soon in possession of the christian troops.

The total force that moved up thus to aid the embattled troops were, the Calverinians, the Fifty Third, and Saventy Sixtus corps, and the Minty Ninth corps of i Infantry, two divisions of concentials infantry, and the largest force of Abbicannians yet to have arived. The cavarly consisted of the Minth Carbineers, and dotatchments of Demioblan Dragoons and Calverinian lancors. The sattliery comprised the main of Rilw Saldwins battery with three hundred and eighty eight heavy guns, twenty guns of the Royal cores artillery, six hundres light field pieces, and a heavy battery of they not a fire guns, and nice hundred and supporting seven gathling and rapid fire guns, and nice hundred thousand supporting

a twan- was auded to this or about one thousand one hindred and twenty seven gathling and rapid fire guns, and nine hindred thousand supporting artillery cavarly.

On this morning one of the civilians of the city came into the christian position. He had disguised as a Gladdlinian started the evening before wr from the city with a guide, had swum the river, recrossed by the bridge, passed close to one stretch of the Glandelinian position and finally made his way in safty.... He was perfectly acquainted with with all I the hadolinian positions and brought plans for the guidaliance of general Vivian in his main purposed adfa advance... After an examination of the plans, general vivian determined that instead of forcing his way through the narrow streets, and amidst instead of forcing his way through the narrow streets, and amidst the smouldering ruins, he would move a large force of troops partly round the city, and assault by the western rural buildings. These if in possession of the foe could be stormed and captured one by one, by a series of seporate assaults, and thus the city. Could be approached with far loss loss than which would have occured in an attempt to force a way through the crowed city, and endager the terrified non-combiants as well. Therefore general hand blac-Halley's divisons pushed on, through the Norm Wood droves, defeating quite a large force of landelin lans which attempted to stop their way. The combit vone pushed on, through the Norm Wood droves, defeating quite a large force of landelin lans which attempted to stop their way. The combit vone pushed on, through the Norm Wood droves, defeating quite a large force of landelin lans which attempted to stop their way. The combit vone pushed on, through the Norm Wood droves, defeating quite a large force of landelin lans which attempted to stop their way. The combit vone pushed on, through the Norm Wood droves, defeating quite a large force of landelin lans which attempted to stop their way. The combit volume the pushed on the landelin of the d

was still using crutches had heard of the disaster to Uertrudes squadrons cat "Her bettle of Vantura cod" as t she and her boy companion were on their way to St Ethelreda, but since then no word had reached them, and they had to avoid the big battle was that was so torrifically raging. Gertrude angoline and Ampoline niches were more than delighted to meet them again,,,,, and the whole of the army even who saw them arive vied with each other in the heartinose of the the wee welcome accorded the two. Unfortunately Joans eleter Minorva was with Radeliffes troop. Jean was surprised to see how dreadfully the battle had lessened the number of Gertrudes troop of scouts, and of the fifteen hadred boys and girls who had been so long under her and been comrades of Jean and Juck not more than fifty now remained in the ranks, those not having died being in hospitals.

Jack not more than fifty now remained in the tanks, those not having and being in hospitals.

It was rather early in the morning when they arived, and Gertrude did not find it out untill two hours after the ap capture of Vantuma. Soon after this the whole troops moved forward. The Seventy Fifth orps to its intense disappointhent was ordered to stay and gward the fear with its immense accumulation of t stores and munitions, and the rest of the fighting troops turning off from the direct Vantuma road and following the lines Certrude and her followers had traversed,,,,,, when they made their way into gladerlinia's army moved forward to storm with all their might the whole of general Tamerlines Center....

The Rebel Angelinian troops in gray who had anticipated an advance by the direct direct line taken by Halsted, and who had made immense preparations for offense in that quarter were taken aback by the movement to the right, and no opposition was experienced untill the column approached the beautiful meadowns and level glens.

Then from positions of the enemy miles long a simultaneous rifle and man retry fire was opened upon them. Fortunately for the first long line of christian troops the snemys fire had either too long or too shorts a range for that fire of the enemy was withering enough to have wiped out the whole christian christian advance. This gave the advancing troops time to secure means to advance from shelter to shelter and return a storm of

The head of the christian colum was extended in stimushing order,
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reinforcements were sent up with support of tapid fire gums to keep down the
rifle fire of the enemy, and firting heavily as they advanced, and being support
supported by a cannon fire of heavier artillery, they dreve the enemy slowly
before them but met however the most determined resistance all the way
that never could be besten. It took two hours to drive the enemy from this
position and the christian loss now was dreadful. The enemy recoiled
recoiled to the ear, desperately contesting every inch of the ground,
but the christian troops continued proceed forward, and with increasing loss
in which three generals were filled carried the strong position on a bend
of the creeks, and drove the enemy acrosses the strea, run-mam stream,
Fy this time the enemy troops from the main position were coming
up and prepared to recross the estream and give battle. They check ed

By this time the enemys troo is from the main position where and prepared to recross the other and give battle. They checked the christian advance at this section and drove it back with greater loss than ever, and as many cannons were brought up on their own side of the stream the christian wave at this point made to further attempts on the offensive, and retained the defensive.

The result of the fighting more than answered the commander in chiefs expectation on the foe side, for not only had his troops finally regained their commanding positions, from which the whole of the chistian christian advance could be shelled and blown into the air, but a large convey of provisions and stores had been captured in the repulse of the christian and stores had been captured in the repulse of the christian are been of clearly long of the land. 222222

provisions and stores had been captured in the repulse of the christian onslaught, and a new base of operations obtained...2.2.2.2.2.2.

This day however for general V Ivian anyhow could be colebrated in the anals annals of the Christian Military istory as that upon which some of the bloodiest and fiercest flighting fighting which ever raged with general viviane army occured... The clandslinian positions were in long lines of high breatworks. At a short distance offi from the stream was a long angle of trenches supported by a wall of oith. This wall of earth was loop holed for rapid fire machine guns,,, and a large opening in the wall made on purpose had a row upon row of heavy artillery placed in such position as to swepp an an advancing christian army right and r loft, front and rear, and had a ray vory strong into infantry line behind it. In front a hundred yards distant was a fortified oncampaont of very large size also held by the main army. All the positions were defended by heavy masses of troops, while a woods beyond were held by an immonse division of the best cracychot rifle man of all the Glandslinian army.

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The column of christian renewed as a nult was commanded by general innorm, he had twe nty Divisional, and fourty Brigadier generals under fine, his advance of troops was excessively immonse, and as it crossed the stream in a very long wave by wading and advanced a tremendous artillery machine gun, and rifle fire was opened upon it from the villiage of camps which formed the advanced post of the enemy, and three quarters of Tin Horns immense division was wiped out, and had to fall bact. The line of immense division was wiped out, and had to fall bact. The line of battle however was reinforced, the columns broke up into a training square and advanced steadily, and half way reached the villiage only to methest the same dreadful whole sale slaughter and general winhers was slain and half of his general officers too.

General vivian investigating this dreadful situation saw the position was impregnable, and he ordered his heavy shell guns to open a curtain fire upon the camp life position. As he rode back and forth to give the order properly he was shot from his horse and borne to the rear severely wounded for a time the confusion enused by this diencter was

was impregnable, and he ordered he heavy heavy code back and forth to curtain fire upon the camp like position. As he rode back and forth to give the order properly he was shot from his house and borne to the rear severely wounded. For a time the confusion caused by this disaster was terrible, and taking advantage of it the enemy issued forth in a flood of me n miles long to storm the christian position in turn and hurled half of the christian troops out with great slaughter. It was general gingigore who in such a situation saved the day. General Myletze indersonia led this terrific landelinian attackylich swelled again the christian line as if it was an erm ernormous san from an overflowing occas and m for an hour the enemy held full sway, but general Gingigore seeing the danger and finding out that the army was without a head, and absolutely leader less, as indernine and plain rightlinger too were wounded, assumed the full command himself.

full command himself.

He watched the enemy coming raging forward with a fury as if they were all the fiends of hell on a wild ramage with Hell to back them, then he hastily sent this message to general Ealdwin;

"Your gung to the front Hurry, Advise general Jack Evans to fall bac or he, il be trapped and annihilated. Centell general Haisted to sover the rear. The enemy is advancing with irrestible force. No delay. Gen r General Vivian is shot. Hurry."

Indeed the messenger reached general Baldwin but the message had not needed to have been sent about the guns as they were already in position and masked. But he had a reserve battery of higger guns. It too some time to bring the ponderous sixty eight pounders and higger centemeter shield guns into avtion action and position, but as soon as all was in position Baldwin first sent the messages to Evans and Halsted, threw his own heavy infantry into line of battle, and awaited the retreating columns. As soon as they had passed through the gaps opened for them all the guns opened at once and ture and ripped the enemys immense column to pieces. Wyletze ndersonia was mortally wounded, but however the glandelinians though astonished by the terrific fire of artillery charged on, and rushed

and swarmed among the genn, and f could meet chattartely, their leaders leading their troops gallently forward. The non-fell however as fast as they swarmed among the gime, either shot or cut down or bayoneted the christian infantrybbohind the guns joined in with their own fire the christian infantrybbehind the gues joined in with their own life and after fighting for twenty minutes and striving most despectably to press on, the enemy to avoid ann lhi atton as more and more troops concentrated against them had to recoil recoil. The Glandolinians however had won the christian position and were leathe to give way, and fought with the energy and desperation of as many Glant because, but the gues of Ealdwir e batteries blew the captured christian positions into

gums of Ealdwir s batteries blow the captured christian positions into
the ene air made it untonable for the enemy, and after resisting an assault
led by Faldwin the enemy gave way and fied to their own positions.
At the height of this repulse of the enemy reneral Faldwin recieved a
severe shoulder wound, and his horse was palled.
The christian gums were now pushed forward,,, and their fire directed
at the Glandelinian positions and the strong fortified camps. The enemy
replied with a heavy hurricane artillery fire of their own and the uprear
was record breaking. The concussion of so many cannons and explosions
was so terrific that the men of both sides could not hardly remain on their
feet, and the trees of the forests in the bettle zone shimmind with the feet, and the trees of the forests in the battle zone shimmled with the

feet, and the trees of the forests in the battle 2016 shimmled with the vibration.
At this time Singipore ordered an assault. The Fourth Calverinian division had been directed to lead the "storm" while the Minty Third Abs Abyasing illan Corps, and the Fifty Third proved division and other calums were to cover their advance, by their rifle fire at all points from which the enemy were firing. Fire proved however were too impatient to be at the enemy to perform the mitlent role assigned them, and so joined the other troops in their one laught... The landlin han fire was so flerce and searching that along the whole line of advance it cleared the way before it, but the other lines of christians not annihilated rushed on ith a speed and ardor so flerce and rapid that the glandelinians didn't have much time to reload their weapons, they were too close for the enemye higger cannon and the troofe though mowed down in long teeming numbers pished through and over the Glandelinian position on the right, and though the enemy mustered in great force to repel them with demonical fury they now couldn't stay the great long of the litter a wild desperate conflict, the enemy repelled the assault with all their might, there ensued a most frightful struggle, two million of the Omarians here held the position, and those refusing to retreat even when the way was open to them fought with the energy of desperation and despair. Nothing however could withstand the troops of Ealawine command, mad with the longestived thirst for revenge, and attacked with the cry--which in very truth was the death whell of the enemy enemy member Abbieann on their life. It was a fearful merciles death struggle. No quarter was assed or given. Some alandelinians started to retreat, their commades on their lies it was a learrul moreless death struckle no quarter was asked or given. Some clandelinians started to retreat, their comrades shot them down it was a most stubiour, furious desperate strife man to man desperate clandelinian against furious Abbieannian. However in such a man desperate Gandelinian against lurious Activannian However in such a strife weight and power tell their tale, the Clandelinians were reinforced and not one of the two million three hundred thousand christians out of five, who crossed the Landelinian position escaped, thatbamny of their dead bodies and one million of the enemy's were the next day counted within the position and out side of it, and the remainder of the christian line

the position and out side of it, and the confined of the circles and was driven back to its own position.

Why how the clandelinians could fight. It is now for eix hours. and the enemy hild the advantage. long other portions of the line of that the the enemy held the advantage. long other portions of the line of that advance maintained such a ferrible fire upon the christian troops that advance against the enemy second impossible. Yet general home was ordered to move against the enemy second impossible. Yet general home was ordered to move

meintained such a forrible fire upon the christian troops that advance against the enemy council impossible. Yet general keme was ordered to move against the enemy council impossible. Yet general keme was ordered to move against the enemy council impossible. Yet general keme was ordered to move forward with his divisions and young that would rend the positions and bow everything into the air. The Christian troops along this line and bow everything into the air. The Christian troops along this line however had fought with some better success and they had cut their way into farmer Browns Orchard and captured a position of the enemy on the right of the Cow Pasture. Il Nome moved forward, his batteries were in position and in action fiercely ag if he were on a ship and fighting his ship and in action fiercely ag if he were on a ship and fighting his ship and and air,..... General keme and he restroops rushed forward to the assault with tremendous fury. It was an action o probably unexampled in any battle of the war before.

Despite this big assignit being supported by a teeming line of artillery all in a continuous roar of thunders and by a strong wave of infantry general Aronburg Delights sixteen brigades was annihilated by the storm of general Aronburg Delights sixteen brigades was annihilated by the storm of rifle and rapid mechine fur from the position also chad its career come farm, and general Etchard Warrereners division also chad its career come to an end Hemos division was chattered, halsteds, was demolished, he had to fall back to the Lanes and general pouble may federals division also chad the action of the heavily. The christian gum however continued such a tremendous fire upon the enemy and his battery that the exultant landelinians didn't dare to counter charge, daring and as desperate as they were but as it came to pass general Stanck Omerian and pinnernammens al crackhot care to pass general Stanck Omerian and pinnernammens all crackhot care to pass and the battery for the time was unsupported and t

in the battle yet, and he ordered them up to the attack. He realized that the Thandellnian position in Farmer Browns farm wan a very strong one situated on high rises of ground and on an eminence, with flanking woods and fields of corn. The christian guns reopened with redoubled woods and fields of corn. The christian gums reopened with redoubled vigor Jon the enemy position here and effected a serious breach in the foe'lines and tore up a good deal of the position, but still the enemy was too desperate to give way. The left of this foe position was also greatly annoyed too by the christian motar batteries in an advanced post of the christian position—but the enemy did not seem to even mind it at zall and returned as hot a fire a they could. Determined to silence the foe batteries the wood was given for an one laught, and all the christian forx—force—cambed forward, and despite their axful losses which was that whole teeming lines were away away as fact as they came on, finally sur mounted all obstacles because the enemy fire had to elacken because the gums grew too hot, and they carried the advanced position with the bayonet, and a long observatory behind it was also most gallently carried by the christian troops, but they couldn't peneture any further, and had to be content with what they had captured.

In the meantime rescued and reinforced general Sladorlinia was not idle. On the arival of the heavy reinforcements for him, and by signals general Halsted requested that Sladerlinia should begin to fight his way forward to meet him, Delighted at having the opportunity to assume the offensive after

Halsted requested that Shderlinka should hog in to fight his way forward to meet him Delighted at having the opportunity to ansume the offensive after their long defensive action, Sadorlinka's troops assaulted the enemy with great fury and carried two strong lines of works, and then dashed on through a great orchard and despite the resistance his enough made carried all before them with the bayone. At Sumbeam Farm the dof a defeated enemy was relifered heavily, the christian troops met a terrific first that destroyed whole divisions of troops by the score, and drove the remainder back, defeated themselves and with zeneral gaderlinka badly wounded.

It has seen by both sides that it was attackly impossible to cut through each other as both were undefeatable in the whole battle. Yet the enomy was slift hity more vistorious. Not one stronghold of the onemy which had a len which had not again been recovered by the enomy, and the enemy are rely leaderloss was threatened by the enomy, and the enemy the enemy to the relief of the to meet him. Delighted at having the opportunity to assume the offensive after their long defensive action, gladerlinks's troops assaulted the enemy with

how the terrous of the battle here had in reased increased as she had left aid i and in view of the general havos that met her view Gertrude was great thy astonished that any one should have survived the long continued bombardment of hundreds of enemy guns. In some respects the change had voteen somewhat favorable. The increase of strength after the arival of Halsted and his force had enabled gladerlinia to maintain his postion and to enable his troop great and beneficial alteration in the internal arangements and external and the extension of the bloody tattle lines held had also aided in improving the sanitary conditions. But the change in the appearance of the battle zone was trifling in comparison with that in the faces of the many hundreds of thousands of wounded, and the defenders themselves. These were it is true still pinched and thin for the supply of food had been reduced so terribly, that the rations had been lowered to almost the starvation points. But in place of the expression of deep anxiety or of stern determination seen once before on every face, all now appeared joyous and glad, and relieved, for the end to the terrible transfer he trials had arived even whether the battle was over or not, and it seems dong before it would be as it couldn't be decided by other side. 2

As Certrude moved along men gl gave her curious glances, almost as if they had seen her spirit, and then as she dismounted and advanced with outstretched hands and proved who she was, greated her with how the terrors of the battle here had in reased increased as she had left with outstretched hands and proved who she was, greated her with cries of astonishment and pleasure for it was natumlly supposed by all soldiers that Gertrude and her followers to the last had fallen

in the terrible magazer at Vantura Fond. Vary hearty were the greeting greetings which Gertrude received especially from those whom she met who had been acquainted with her for over two years. This pleasure however was greatly dashed by the answer to her questions responsesceing many friends cand acquaintances among soldiers and officers. Dead, dead in the wounded were the replies, that came to every one of the inquiries after those she had been so well acquainted with and the kason inquiries after those she had been so well acque inted with and the Mason family in whom she had been chiftly chieftly interested had suffered heavily. General Mason was mortally wounded and was expected to die any minute, the elder Mason firl was dead, and really Mrs Mason, Hunny and file were the only survivors, and hundreds of refugees had succumbed to the confinement, privation and by shell fire or by being burned in fires. After brieftly telling how she and her comrades had succeeded in escaping in disguise, after having been cut off when Sladerlinias assault had been so disasteriously repulsed the day or so before, Gattride Angeline hurried so assasteriously repulsed the day or so before, Gertride Angeline hurried offto the house where she heard that the survivors of her friends were quarted. It was some distance to the rear of Sladerlinias army position, for the battle line too had since the arival of general Halsted been greatly extended, and the Mother and har remaining children had two rooms assigned them in a partly battered farm house. With a come heat opened it, glanced at her, gav e a scream, as if she saw a spirit, and ran into the room lengthus the door open crying lite is not it of Gentride.

into the r com leaving the door open crying"It's the spi it of Gertrude Angeline.

Angeline.

Angeline."
Gertrude seeing that it was a sitting room followed bimtin her in.
Hrs Hagon alarmed at the cry had just rigen from her chair, and jumny
and oblise an in from the liner room as Certrude entered... A general
cry of astonishment came from the mether.
"Angelinia Aronburg "Miss H ason exclaimed." Is it possible .Heavens
be praised. My dear girl, it is gratitude I havecfor God and His Blessed
Mother I see you again. And your convades?"
"They escaped too. "Setrude said.
Hrs Mason toot her in her arms and kissed her as a mother would have
done, for during the time she had nown Gertrude, and remembering well
how she restored her lost children to her, fortrude and her companions
had become very dear to her from their tawarying readiness to hid all
who required it, from their self doyottom and presul bravery. Nor were Hunny
and little brown haired file less please less seased, and they warmly
in turn three their arms around the young girlsoout general whom they
had. come to lool upon as if she had been a member of the family, and for
whom they had wept as dead. For a atime all were too much moved to say
as single word, for the sad changes whad which had occurred since they had
met the day before were present in all their thoughts, Did the youngest
of the two was the first to recover, and which had occurred since they had
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met the day before were frequency for what they all have done
to my father and sisters. We were frightened too in belleving you and
pacilifie and your other friends were all dead. But I never quite believed it
after all for I we heard lots about you and felt sure you were safe. I said

nadcliffe and your other friends were all dead. But I nower quite believed in after all for I we heard lots about you and felt sure you were safe. I said all along you and your followers c ouldn't be even captured by the enemy didn't I mammind that good little Abbieannian boys and girls always sot out of scripps sementow."

"You sure put it that way exactly Edie, but I will grant that between your fits of crying you used to assert over and over again that you did your fits of crying you used to assert over and over again that you did

Then they sat down quietly and Gertrude told the whole story, and Mrs Mason congratulated his her on the manner in which she and her comrades had escaped and upon the great presence of mind they had shown. Then the in turn told her how her husband had been wounded mortally, how a shell exploding in their room illed all but herself and her two remaining

have I not?"

"You give area dear brave Abbisannian Girlscout general Miss Aronburg

"The little girl said.

"Even though I am a "general eh?" Gertrude answered. "Ind you And
did you reallly cry when you thought I was dead?!?!?"

"Is "the poor little girl said demurely"I always cry when there is
danger of losing my friends. You was the dearest friend I ever had—you
found my nother and father for me and brother; and saved; iliferabs asked.

"I hope to be "she said positively," at you understand I can't help
being affaid of those awful shells Miss Atthitus. Aronburg."

"Don't fool yourself, Bite I like you because I now you're true
blue. I should desire most of all to have your brother and yourself as a
commade in my troops if you're mother wouldn't object. "she said in lowering

tones.
The little girl f lushed p rosy red. "If you could get me in as you say "she said after a little pause, I should not mind it but how could I fl o now nothing of scout work, and there's a lot of red tape of getting in.It is qui te sad'she went on Lathetically to think it is so hard to get in the army as a little girl scout.".

"I am quite in earnest, Edie.2"gald Gertrude. "There's no hardness of getting in if I desire it. The led tape comes at the recruiting stations. You do not need to apply at the stations. You can get the commission from me through the Princesses. There's no red tape here."

do you reality believe you get would get me and my prother in the princesses. the scout troop.

"I am quite in earnest about it "Gertride said solemnly. "It's easy when you win our frien dship. You are not too young to get in."
"No real lly Miss Aronburg, se are not y too young "Bite said with a great affectation to grayity. I believe we could rnjoy hide and seek together or eben blind hans bluff but we children now never need to play at soldier we can be real ones even though we are quite small. I remember a dear little boy he used to be---

Here Mrs Mason again entered the room(s de boom) and Gertrude jumping op suddenly, said that it was quite time for her to be off. "I shall only have time to return by the the time I promished? I heard my Grandfather general vivian is seriously wounded. I must go to see him."

general vivian is seriously wounded: I mat go to see him."

"Good bys Miss Aronburg. I hove to see you to morrow again."

There was a he he sarty hand clasp, except that Gertrude clasped little
Edie in her arms as if she was her san little sister. Then leaving
she paid a visit to where general vivian was brought wounded, and then returned
in an indig mant mood to her (what is left) command.

"You are out of gotte this early afternoon Gertrude." Angeline pichee

"You nothheard that general vivian is wounded!"

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"You for trudes what's wrong with him! He get's wounded in every battle."

Angeline ichee said almost disgustedly.

"Yes" said Gertrude. "He' always gets wounded. Couldn't sometying be
done to prevent that!" she dominded.

"No i fin afraid not."

"Were you ever wounded angeline;"

"Slightly woun ded lots of times!"

"And could you al ways persaule the enemy that you were in earnest!"

was Gertrudes most request..

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was Certrides next request...

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"angeline michee statiated pondered.

"Bell I'm not quite sure about that, Gertrude but then you see, I never was quite sure of it muself that the enemy would believe I muself was ever quite earnest in anything, and that's rather a drawback you know. See how desperate the enemy was?"

"But what would the enemy do supposing they would find out we were sally quite in earnest, and the prisoners laughed in our faces, and told you were a christian deg!"Gertrude pemanded.

"I expect Angeline pichee maid."I should shoot him down as if he were to me a madog, and let them understand we don't stand for such insults."

"Oh nonsense "Gertrude exclaimed testily "That would help none."

Angeline icheethen said;
"Being christians we have to stand for what we get if we wish to get to heaven. The glandelinians don't care a rapt what we do or say they! I'do it anyhow. We have to watch out for ourselves that's all. See how we fared when we tried to rescue the refusee on the road. We lost more than three quarters of our troop a and have't had the chance to ray the enemy either."

"I thin "said Penred mi schievic.sly"The right thing to do would be to rut your right hand on your heart, and hold your left, hand up with the fore fig fore; forfinger pointing to the heavens and say; landelin is Dear I'll leave you now, Men years have rolled our cloude of battle over our heads and when you have massacted enough of us I will return, and prove to you my found affection and my constancy."

Gertrudes eyes opened the widest, and it was not untill he went off

Gentrudes eyes opened the widest, and it was not untill he went off into a peal of laughter that she was certain he had place played a foolery on her, and then with an exclamantion of "confound you Penrod" she made a rush at her boyscout friend and comrade, who dodged her assault, and darted off, clos closely persued by Certrude, and as they dashee round a small barn, their light hearted laughter for Gertrude soon joined in the laughter a, dinst herself—rose on the late afternoon air, and the slessightly woundee wounded soldiers smiled as the sound came to them a and one of

"Those two girlscouts are playing hide and seep, just as they always

do when at home."

General George Cingigore had considered it posis possible that the enemy would upon finding that laderlinia was relieved, and the pray of home destruction they had felt so sure of slipped from beneath their fingers leave their positions not yet carried, and retreat to the open to fight there, which case he would at the advise of general twian after restring the ripped prilops of the christian lines have left agtrong body of troops to guard the captured positions, and have sent forward other troops to carry the rest and bombard the city.

It soom became apparent by the aythe battle still raged so wildly everywhereelse, that not only did the enemy have no intentions of deserting their strongholds but that they were apparently just as unbeaten in the battle as when it first started. To carry the city itself seemed impossible without blowing all the surviving buildings and the smouldering ruins into the air. The city abounded with a palaces and and all sorts of big buildings each of which had also been turned into a fortress, while everyntreet not hit by the conflagrations were were barricaded, every wall loopholed, and house tops had innumerable riflemen on them aided by rapid fire g.ms. As from fourty to fifty million men in the city alone in cluding many millions of well dripped sharpshooters stood ready to defend the town foot by foot, the should the landelinian armies be driven from their positions outside, it was clear that the fighting forces of general vivians army was without hansons support, utterly indequase to attempt so cericus an operation as a reduction of the whole city, exc. It by destroying it by the heaviest artillery fire that could be mustered against it, and to lawe a prilon of the force only would have submitted them to a side sector was selge, with the enecenity for advance advance to their relief. Despite his being woulded general, vivian from his cot of pain

retreat from the captured positions, to carry off all the wounded and all provisions, and to renew the contest on the old scale untill the reinforcements from lane me army should arive, and he should be untill the reinforcements from lane me army should arive, and he should be enough for the purpose. In the meanwhile he had ordered seige operations to be begin so the enemy in the city couldn't escape in case the troops to the positions were finally worsted. His intention too was kept a secret in the positions were finally worsted. His intention too was kept a secret in the lest moment of the retreat lest the news might reach the enemy which from the batteries in their passesion along Vant; Vantura Rum could have who from the batteries in their passesion along Vant; Vantura Rum could have topened and maintained an annihilating fire upon the rods roads and fie his through and along which the somen and children refugees would have to pass and who would have made such a terrificonsia ught along the whole line to be traversed, that it would have been next to impossible to draw off the

troops.

In order to decieve the snemy guns of all the batteries were placed in position to play a terrific fire upon the tow; town and a heavier fire of long range batteries was opened on all the strong positions of the enemy until the noise of the canonade far outrivaled the canonading of any big the noise of the canonade far outrivaled the canonading of any big volcanic Stuption. In the meantime preparations for retreat of gladerlin in and the others who had advanced so far were quietly carried on all the army covered agon trains were prepared for the carry away the women and army covered agon trains were prepared for the carry away the women and children refugees, and every one were warned they must prepared to leave that evening, and that no lo luggage beyond a few personal necessaries could be found time to be removed the order a aroused mingled emotions—there was a gladness at the thought of leaving a place where all add suffered so much and round which so many sad ammories were centered, there was repret in giving object to the foe positions which had been captured at such an avful cost of lives, mong many too there was quite to the enemy but there could be no time to remove much one small satched to the enemy but there could be no time to remove much one small satched to see all that could be allowed to each or am small the trunt and as each tried to put together the most valuable of his or her possession, the whole of the shatter ed houses of the refugee camp were littered from and offect end with handagene dresses, silver places am more, would have gladly resigned effects of all sortes. A short time since, and one work with the possession of the possession of the possession of the coll of the c

the state they possessed for life and liberty, but now that both were assured the state that to give up everything.

Gentrude went in to Mrs Mason to see if she and her followers could be of any service, but there was comma wattvely very little to do for that provided the liberty of the destruction of the poor lady had lost all her portable property in the destruction of the country burgalows and houses on the estate owned by her humband, which had been x swept a ray by the flood, and had come or were sent to gt Ethelreda for refuse in the sent to the state owned by her humband, which concentrating here, which the time any force of the enemy would be concentrating here, which the clouds of battle began to lower head to here the same the concentrating here. The clouds of battle began to lower head to had not been able to see them since any like the concentration incessantly incessantly on duty.

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The off of the second of the second of the enemy like, as we may suffer from snother storming asseault at any moment—general clinking to suffer from mother storming asseault at any moment—general clinking expects them to rush forward with all their men. The battle is far from decided yet.

"hall we get away without being fired atf"Hunny as ed.

decided yet ."

"hall we get away without being fired att"Hunny as red.

"I'm afred you will have to run the gauntley in one or two spots "Ger trude said. The enemy is maintaining an incessant fire, and although we must hope they will not have any idea that any number of people are in maintaining the red, is and their fire nevertheless may only be it mand their fire nevertheless may only be directed at our contending troops it may be a little tunglessant, but you directed at our contending troops it may be a little tunglessant, but you I believe are all accustomed to that nowI must be off again Mrs Mason I really only came to explain why I did not come again so soon to see to things, and only have got time for half an hour, so I had made my home go his fastest all the w ay.

CHAPTER TWO....". ". ". PET ROAT. A SAD PARTING. ONSLAUGHTS GALORE. A DESPERATE DEFEISE. CHIERAL TAMEBLINES STRANGE RETHEAT.

AND so Certrude made off again, and as she shook hands with them he could feel that poor Bile was regreting her departure upon the previous reaction of the terrible battle all the ill and wounded were being removed action of the terrible battle all the ill and wounded were being removed from Vantura Junction. The guns were sent forward to cover the retreat of the shattered troops while at half past three in the afternoon the emigration of the women and children refaces began all had to trot and wal to the dangerously exposed Vantura pead, a road stream with debris, bloody bodies, of the fullen, and anylie deep in dust and in some places exposed to a heavy fire, especially of high explosives that tore the earth uo up into terrifying eruptions that seemed to reach the heavens. There was danger too from the noise of these explosions of all who ventured on this road to suffer shell shock. At one of these points a strong line of covering troops with artillery was posted, along which Certude was on duty, and acting as their director and commander. As each Larty of women and children artived to the spot, they were advized to stoop low, and to run acrosss at full speed, as the road being a little suntthey thus escaped observation by the ruthless enemy, whose battery was at some little distance, but the grape and bullets whistlod as if there was a hurricane overhead, added by the great earsplitting bellowing thunder of high explosive shells, and many were wounded, ore more lor less as they passed.

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Gettude had been on the low out for the Masons insty, and came forward and had a tal with them before they started across the open apot. All the naise as if a great participate and that are true as if a great participate and thumberstorm was ranging simultan and the participate and the pa and as h she was in conversation an exl explosion tore and ripped up the ground about three hundred feet away from them, and they recleved a great shower of earth and stones and other debris, but were unhart. a great snower of earth and stones and other debris, but were whitt.

-Bang, went another explosion more close, then two or three simultaneously.
The situation was getting worse. Gertrude was however, rather serious
now at the prospect of the danger they were about to run,

"Will you let me cross with you one at a time! "she demanded,

"Gertainly not Hiss aroning Aronburg Mice Macon acid. "you could not
do us a bit of good, and would run a sucidal chance you'self with all
those bits as no leave shells becaming rounds. When we were with all

those high explosive shells booming round us. Now Humny, Edie are you

those high explosive shells becoming round us. Now punny, Edie are you ready. The control of the moment. The control of the co

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Tratevening a heavy gloom foll upon all, for onthat day the galleny ga, gallent general landrove, was shot and mortally wounded, and in a few hours breathed his last He was a very good man as well as a gallent soldier and his death just at the moment when the eafty for allthose for whom he had done so much was assured, cast a gloom not only over his commades and those who had cfought a dose retely under him, but on the whole christian nation. All thatovin afternoon since the sant the great convey had been on the move. His for general Currens division served as an escort, while the main chr istian lines were still in fearful action and been on the move hilf of general Currene civilion served as an encort, while the main christian lines were still in fearful action between them and St Ethelreda but the enemy though he maintained an awful fire did not come out to do any more "storming." The whole road under fire too between the two towns and the battle was throughout that aft; awful afternoon covered by a continuous stream of army wagons provision and store wagons. Mrs lineon and her little boy and girl were on horses with their servant, and as the girlscouts had given them basyets of refreshments the long warry march was borne not only without inconvience but with some pleasure at the novelty of the scene of battle, and the delight of air and freedom

General Jack Evans had intended 'ciallow a half at four in the afternoon but as a cont inuous heavy firing was head in the direction of afternoon but as a cont inuous heavy firing was head in the direction of poth Vanruma and Ethelreda, and fearful for the safty of the all important poet of V antum, the commander determined to push forward his army at once. Certr de hid by this time rejoined her little regiment.

"There is bad news and Angeline J ennings" the news is from Vantura. "We wil have to push on with the refugees or wo'll get into another scene as at Vantura with the refugees not so long ago, I expect it will be a terrible three hours march with this converseray see that you all have enough provisions with you for two or three days. The confusion onesweing there is something awful, but if we have everything with us we will be able to manage. I am sure that the tents will not be got up."

I heavyll that they were go prepared, for the first part of this is something awful, but if we have everything with us we will be able to manage. I am sure that the tents will not be cot up. "

I waswell that they were so prepared, for the first part of this retreat owning to the lumpase length of the convoye had lasted an hour or so, then there was a half halt for an hour, and then the journ journey was continued. Many brighted accompanied the convoy, but Gertrude had seen nothing more of her friends. Colonel hand ly wans hower with his troop had moved along the line at intervals, was in conversation with them, and was able at a halting place to assist them to alight.

The news that had aroused the christian army, and worried general vivian was bad indeed. General General Hobert Powenin command at Vantura and been defected by a "einforcing army of the enemy, aided by the troops of Tamerlines reserves, and part of the town had been recaptured. Jeneral Calahan h imself had pushed forward with all speed with a large body of troops with heavy guns so as to secure the safty of the bridge of boats across the stream, for had this fallen into the enemys hands the cituation of the great convoy would have been serious indeed.

Undahan h imself had pushed forward with all speed with a large body of two the realeds ind forgotten to use measures to secure the bridge of boats across the stream, for had this fallen into the enemys hands the cituation of the spreat convoy would have been serious indeed.

Until two too late, and the approach of the bridge on either site was guided by many christian kines. The pasage of the convoy then site was guided by many christian kines. The pasage of the convoy then the site was guided by many christian kines. The pasage of the convoy then the state that a complished the relief of general Sladerlinia had not come, as it was considered vory mecasary to retain some troops for watch the or menderal had complished the relief of general Sladerlinia had not come, as it was considered vory mecasary to retain some troops for watch the or menderal had fifty tho general Currents troops were defending themselves desperately against immense forces of the enemy.
"What in the world has happened?"was the question the officers immense forces of the enemy happened? "was the question the officers

"What in the world has happened? "was the question the officers
of Evens troops requested of those requested of those of the defending
tropps when they first met/
"On we have been fearfully threashed, r outed to the four winds."
"What caused it?"
"All the camp outsingeral the stores in and the very thing you ould imagine.
all the camp outsingeral the stores in and the very thing you ould imagine.
It is the most disgraceful tilms that is a long to the battle began.
We lost heavily yesterday, it ighthat to pay they say the Sixty Fourth,
the filmty first, the Fourthy pighth, the Ninteenth, and the Sixteenth
divisions, and general Chichans I wintee noth, and the Sixteenth
divisions, and general Chichans I wintee out to any the outy occassion
yes when the christian troped to have happened in this way Consers!

Thad indeed been a wretched we have a force defected throughout the
the war. The affairwas believed to have happened in this way Consers!

Curant thoof year vanture had been atationed in a long intenched
position, so placed and otherweethe city, and to command the river and
the bridge of bacts, which it was all most important to retain open. The
general in command recleved inews that seneral Thmerline was swining a
Big new division of troops in the tirefort in force put the town. In
fortunately they were approached appreaching on the opposite side of the
the city from again the therefore the leave on portion of his force o
to protect the intrenc humants and the bridge, while with the rest he moved
forward to repell the advance of the enemy in the open at a distance on
the east side of the city, as it was very important to retain the
ents side of the city, as it was very important to retain the
etterm, the enemy made a victorus defense here but fell in retreat he
settemm, the enemy made a victorus defense here but fell in retreat in
great numbers, and a croos caral c overed the christian rear. The christian
force on this advance consisted of force on this advance consisted of one million two hundred thousand infantry with one hundred thousand cavarly, and eighty guns. The troop s advanced in a series of long lines, and with a rush, carried the position, defeated the enemy captured many guns, and then other portions of the army pressin. pressing on found themselves in the face of the main tody of the enemy Then for the fir first time it appeared to have occured to the general the that it was impredent to fight so far from the city. He therefore ordered agreerest, and the christian force fell back, closely followed by the microrious enemy. He has lied near the road and tried to

refrive his error, but he was forced to continue the overear, and halted for the afternoon as hort distance from the "Massacre neers of a few days before. Even no repairations appeared to have been ade in case of an community account by the enemy, and when at three that afternoonthey came on in immense force and with wild fury, the christian position was seriously threatened on all sides. For five hours then the troops had held their ground nobly, and prevented the enemy from advancing to storm them directly. A large body however moved round to the christian rear, and entered the town, thus getting between the christian forces and their i intrenchments. The enemy hurled a fearful assault upon them, and unable to withstand the onslaught, the orderwas therefore given to retire, and this had to be carried out in such haste that the whole of the camp equipe equipage consisting of five handred thousand tents, quantities of saddlery for eight divisions of cavarly, miforms "for the whole of general vivians army and u vast amount of valuable property of all sorts besides plenty of munitions, artillery and rifles and pletols, and a wagon trair leaded down with supplies fell into the hands of the glandeli mans glandelinians. All these st oves had been placed in an immense camp on a plain outside the fortifed intrenhants. It was a most disasterous affair, and vantum blared with great fired lighted by the victorious candelinians. Puring the retreat a great number of big guns had been partured, and left in the fields, and at dead of night twenty thousand overturned, and left in the fields, and at dead of night twenty thousand men of the Seventhy Forth Division accommunied by a detatchment of men with rapid five guns, movedeilently forward, and ducteded in righting the guns, and succeeded in bringing them off from the very heart of the on the following merining general Evans whole force moved up and went into position to prevent the enemy from approaching the intrenchments. The enemy commander general Turken and Fred Marry advanced his troops The enough commander general Turfen and Fred Marry advanced his troops to the storming, One christian division remined in reserve. The left wing of Evans line succeeded in repulsing the Chindeliniane coming against it, but before it was reported the enemy had succeeded in capturing two eighteen pounders and one big conternator sit shelled gun.

The assault fell heaviest upon general Turpe and after maintaining his position for several hours, in which he inflicted a loss upon the enemy ten times as big as at Celysburg to the Confederates was compelled to ga give way, because one of his generals retreated without orders—a proceeding of which the latter officer was severely censured by all the christian generals, and by angeline miches in particular, who riding on to view this action of the battle, reached the scene of action when it was in full sway, he had said to him sir comstime you'll do that too much and I.l. request your resignation."

Luck the division under general Mic Cantler that suffered most heavily Eveling that general Curren was hard present he led his own army against fourty four guns which we re playing with great effect. With a roar against fourty four guns which we re playing with great effect. With a roar against fourty four gums which we re playing with great effect. With a roar of cheers this christian troop who numbered fourteen generals, and one hundred and sixty five thousand men, advanced to the suport of Curren. Their wa; led across meadows and farms and as they moved forward a storm of shot shrappell, grape and candeter from all the enemys smaller gums was poured upon them, while from the fourty gums came highexplosives master than any one could court them by the hundred men fell, but there was no wavering on the part of the survivors on at the double they went intill within fifty six yards of the gum; and then burst into a charge at full speed. Certude the little dars dovil that she is, dared to follow the charging column to cheer them on by her presence, yet as a constoned as she was to fire she yet felt generat hewildward at the iron examples were charging column to cheer them on by her presence, yet as a contoued as she was to fire she yet felt somewhat bewildered at the iron storm which swept the chieftan line like a comb does through hair. All around her men were fallen, a shell fragment threw off her cap, and a grape shot smashed her little sword off short in her hand. The landel inian artillery men stood to their guns and fought most fiercely affd sans savagely as the Angelinians rushed upon them. Certude caught up the rifle of a man who fell dead by her side, and bayonotted a gunner, she saw another man at four paces off level a rifle at her, felt a stuming blow, and fell, but was up-in a minute again, having been knowled down by a stone hurded by some landelinian who was cut of annumition and had no bayonet a blow which probably saved her life. Ten of the guns were captured and turned in the fos while along a line of action five miles a terrific hand to had conflict raged. Hajor general Hendorson fell dead, captian general unrer, and Captian general Horner died fighting nobly beside him, and the gallen to general Trycone received three burbulets through his body... From all sides masses of the enemy rushed forward to repell this torrific christian assault of Jaof gwans army, and a Corps of Turmerannian cavarly swept Trycone recieved three bu bullets through his body... From all sines masses of the enemy rushed forward to repell this terrific christian account of Jack Evans army, and a Corps of Turmerannian cavarly swept upon them General lane on in Caimsbury was now incommand, and seeing the troops couldn't go any further as the onemys defense was too desperate gave the word to fall back, and even faster than they had approached, the rurvivors of Evans first division retracted literally cutting their way through the crowds of astonished Clandelinians,, which surrounded them. Gertrude was scarcely conscious of what she was doing, and few could have given a detailed account of the events of that most gallent charge. All the men as they retreated remained well together, old veterans in desperate fight they wredered that only in closed line could they hope to burst through the q equally desperate enemy, etriling, shooting, bayonetting and clubbing manket against number and using pistols and always running, they at last regained the position from which they had is used. Of the fourteen thousand the position from which they had is used. Of the fourteen thousand men, eighthen thousand pilled, and fourteen thousand wounded, and ten thousand captured, a striping testimony to the valuer with which the generals had led the way.... Euch shaughter at this among the general officers is almost without parallel in the records of the cristian army

inder general Vivian, and many lade and her who went fown or went into the fray low down on the liet of lieutomants and captians were all dead the fray low down on the list of lieutements and captimes were all dead and wounded. Every legiment lost its commender. It was not certiful they allted breathless, and daimsted, wounded and bleeding, that Gert addervise discovered that she had been trice slightly wounded for in the the wild excitement of the fight she had been unconscious of any pain whatever, bulst had made a cut in the fleshy part of her right arm, while another had cut a clean gash just acrosss her hip. Michther was in any way ser loss or enough to lay her up, and having bound them up with her bendage of her energency kit, she remained untill she could go to the militury hospital to have the rounds property properly cared for. She found the hospital camp crowded with badly wounded men, and somen and children who in flight had been hit by shot or shell fragments, and Gertrude seeing the pressure upon the surgeous, obtained a couple of supply of better bandages the medicines for wounds, and went to her regiment to have Bright Eyed Mary dress the wounds for her. As she reached the troop Penrod sprang Mary dress the wounds for her. As she reached the thoop Penrod sprang

forward.

"My dear Gertrule, I was just hunting for you. We are going to cross to night. I heard general Evans's troops suffered frightfully. I see you are hit, but Bleesed be to God, only slightly."

"Wery slightly dear boy, nothing worth being frightened about. It has were slightly dear boy, nothing worth being frightened about. It has been an asful b usiness though, the battle is frightful everywhere else a lloi all along general viviand line so they say and the enemy is freesing on and how are you and how is Jack Saunders with his wounded leg and Jam?"

"They're getting along quitecwell Gertrude. "They'll be soon able to associate their duties."

"and Mrs Mason, and her two little kiddies.""
"The Mason and the little girl and boy are all right Certrude, and will be sent to general Vivians headquarters to morrow. All the rest are gone."

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"Gone to the christian rear."

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"Gone pear. Dear. I meorry. Now Penrod you are well acquinted with it come and property binding a up my arm, and you must congratelate congratulate me Penrod dear boy, for by the battle to day I have regained my vay nearer tward general Vivians headquarters."

"Havenh "Penrod exclaimed joyfully. Indeed that is good news. What

pood piece of news."

The ring that something would come amise however because the enemy was storming general Vivians whole line something beyond description now, Perrod augusted that all the refugees in the rear would be safer somewhere else in ease the enemy force the chivistian line to retreat that it was best gfor them to go further, and therefore at her and Perrods orders the whole of the convoy were found gather ed in tents, and orders was issued that in two hours, the women and children would proceed tward general vivians center which was the strongest of all the positions, and under escort of what remained of Certrades regiment, and of five thousand mounted men. It would be a vory long march for the convoy would be encumbered by the long twain of stores and munitions of war too while a large number of wagons were any labels for their transport.

Angeline Riches heard the news early, and understanding how interested her commades were in the matter, she rode round the camp and told them. It alleving them to follow she rode round to lire likeons tent. They had just melved the news and short as the time was pades few preparations to make that they were ready for the starts. A special army taggage wagon, now emp ty was allotted to them, which their betwent riding outside would hold thous with some comfort. these wagons being specially constructed to allow allow the occupants, when there were even ten in them to lie down at full length. It was however plenty of room for the Mother and two little child down as how one also but destrude was to ride with them the could not be contracted to allow the child down as no me also but destrude was to ride with them to be contracted to allow the child down as no me also but destrude was to ride with them to would not be contracted to allow the child down as no me also but destrude was to ride with them.

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"It will be quite a long time before we can get to the christian center" angeline pichee said," hd I hope we can paus through the "storm"saftly. I have it he deeders in the main and a good guide as I know plenty of the country, but! do not seem to be acquainted with the enemy as I wish to be, even though I have gone through a whole lot, buteveou if you laugh at most dangerous territory."

But Mrs Manon I must tell you I even myself feel I m going through a most dangerous territory."

But Mrs Manon was in no laughing mood.

"My deur Sirbocout general"she said "I am not going going to lauth, laugh, I must can at the parting of my best beloed ones in death. But you must understand even when the war began I and my two little ones here have seen a lots of the war and am very well acquainted with the enemy. You know We love you and your troops as if they were all of m, very very much. It would be absurd to say less than that now. No go forth on these terms Miss Angelinia Richee. We now we face great jeril even on this journey. Well yes I will say trapible danger if you only so, but we carno" ell the least in the void, what we shall even encounter five minutes hence, It seems so absurd that we had to be caught in a battle but we are, and in sach a britle, so we won't stop praying daring all the trip, we will be content with what we understand non now, and if there is no change from bad to come from a five minutes hence, It seems so absurd the world, what we shall enough th

as he new the farewell embraces of Gentrade and the two little Mason children.

"Hough the muttered to himself. "Our girl cout girlscout commides and to love their friends. Well'are he looked at the girlscout lenders and thought of the gallates they had shown a found not be supprised if the two girlscout lenders still go through 1", but whether they ll all arive to the center saftly through the storm remains to be seen it would be a bad thing though if the linguage would have a bad fate. I'll see that they 'll have my cavarly for support."

The women and children refugees once cent off from the danger zone, canceral Cingliore-was able to direct his attent; on to the efforts before him-of for good and all of clearing out of Vantara the enemy army composed of the furmerannian divisions, and the zimmerannian troops in all heliuved to be twenty five million men. Against this large force he decided to concentrate his own reliable divisions and these well led were ample for the purpose.

To concentrate his own resulted structures and the stress which was referred from the olty by the stream inclin content atthis section not uping the torm Outside in town any time inclin content atthis section not uping the torm outside in town any time right of the rebul army, while his left occupied the spay since fronting English in the retar of his enemy left was a strong position on a long low hidsense them one of this went left was a strong position on a long low hidsense them one of this went left was a strong position on a long low hidsense them one of this went low outside the strength of the enemy occuping the town. The main body of the army were quirily macred on its left, and crossing four bridges over the stream, angulated the enemys can be right with great impations its results of the stream, angulated the enemys can be right with great inspection. The stream and the structure of the stream of the stream of the stream and the structure of the stream of the stream and the structure of the stream of the stream and the structure of the stream General Evans position was se perated from the city by the stream that ran east and west. The enemy were entirely on the south of this stream their center atothis section occupying the town outside the town by the

Penrod Inughed.

"There is nothing like forethought Tivle and II have an doubt that coawill be able to find them sooner or later if they're really coming. Coming. Do no you wish but we careful and witch out for the energy artillery and cavarly.

coming. Do me you wish but we careful and watch out for the onery artillery and cavarly.

In the meantime the fighting rugod on, with meneral O on Owne division which advanced round the big city, and repulsed heavy assaults of the enemy destroying each assault socessively. Seneral C inglices also ind advanced to captured a long line of positions after mooting stabborn opposition crossed the river, and occupied the outside of the city—the scene of the tree and occupied the outside of the city—the scene of the tree and so stormed and after very heavy fighting carried. Here general We listly was mortally wounded. Sene General Hilstode from hid by this time moved up into position on the tear and so greatly and this enable him to storm the enemy position in the rear and so greatly to assist the advancing army. But the enemy sure gathered in terrible strength the to press forward further seemed impossible, the enemy valled, and hour by hour fought their way forward, and the positions recaptured.

The panic filled troops fled through the fields followed hotly by the again victorious landslinians, such was the viclence of the counter search parson, and these too fled descring the fortified positions assault that a panic also saixed the advancing troops under genera; general parson, and these too fled descring the fortified positions applied at such big loss, and the landslinians poured into those positions. For a few minures a slars conflict reged the christian sadieve coldiers remining being any filled from the tuildings were found crowded i with valuable articles no doubt collected from all parts of the world. Attic remain furniture, clocks and looling glasses all sorts of beautiful procelain Eurgeous draper ies, all sorts of articles studded with jewels, costly valuable articles and looling glasses all sorts of beautiful procelain Eurgeous draper ies, all sorts of articles studded with jewels, costly valuable from the second among the Clandslirians. According to the rules in these matters being cartived by storm, th

All christian officers who could obtain an hours leave who were not in the action of the battle hurried away to see what was to be done next dertrude Angeline, and all her boy and girlscout troop were near the spot when the news came of the disasterous defeat and they were able to st get away and met at the commany street a mile from where the disaster occured with a number of soldiers. "What do you believe about this defeat Miss Aronburg!" a soldier asked of

"I have no idea of how it will result." Gertrude said. "I never saw a clandelinian army fight more determinedly."

"No more have I maid the coldier"It may be that these Glandelinians soldiers were more better trained and disciplined than other armies or it may be something close. We shall have comething worse happen yet."
"Very well-reaid Contrade."I'm ready for it. But what's wrong with general

Hanson. Why don't he como?"

"Hie'stoo far'maid the soldier. "He's still a hundred miles away. He won't arive till three days I'll bet."

In the mantime enward the Clandelinians went securing everything in the way of jewels. Any one who would have penetrated into the headquarters of general V iviane, and the camps there which had been absenced. He would have found all sas wild confusion coldiers were empling chandellers and all sorts of looking glasses dostroying destroying furniture, tumbling the contents of chests and wardrobes and cakets over the floor, eager to find, equally agger to secure what they all found. Bitter were the excluminations of the Clandellers in the contents of and climing in the contents of the Clandellers in the content of the Clandellers in the found and chief the couldn't find wines money and other luxuites but they did find strings of pearls the chearest worth a thousand pounds in english money, one officer secured all he could and hie people the and breast of his coat were stuffed with all he secured, and each mad and a burdle in his handwarcher, when they are shadow of an idea what sort of Clandelinians these are. I never says dandelinians fight so desporately and determinedly. They're bravery is worthy of a better cause.

"It was worth running the peril of engaging Tamerline anyhow s to show him we are not a fraid of him and indictife. But its still raging and ite only a matter of endurance anyhow destruise let's hold our tongues about it. It's no use expecting to win a battle if it can't be done. Just let's go ahead on thus the battle as long as we can and send a message to Hanson telling him to try and get here within twenty four hours if he cannot come by rail lie must find out the truth, and then he lig of the advance hard. May be he's totally ignorant of what's going on here or he'd have not bothered with lanley and come to our aid. Hen we have time we can ask Violet and here sisters about Tamerlines army. They may know something which it can be to our good."

"I believe it could be calculated that a million or more of the enemy is obtaining loot of more or less value which has been abandoned by our refugees from the case of jewelry, valued at one hundred thousand pounds in English money and Jean. I'll bet the value of all the treasures

there was soized by those $v_{\rm andale}$ is estimated at \$100,000,000 of measy at the lowest amount.

The demolition of this portion of the christian line for a time had utter ly demorilized the christian troote, and even as everwhelming numbers massed against them they began to leave their outer positions by hundreds of thousands contesting however however every inch of the way with the same desponition as the enemy had shown Numbers were cut off and slaughtered by the Glandelinian cavarly, and artillery, or by infantry during the retreet retreat but large bodies succeeded in escaping to give the Glandelinians fresh trooble in corn and other fields and in glens. Hour by hour the Glandelinians desponately fought their way from position to position, and from field to field, lesing a hundred thousand men an hour. Every hour the cannon and mortat and centensier gun batteries thundered against all portions of the christian positions still uncaptured, and other the bettetles answered incogenately with a mighty rear, and and whe christian batteries answered inconcently with a might rear, and great first blazed in many quarters, the battle exarted some of the feedute ablaze and the scene of carnage and confusion was awful. It was not until the afternoon by which time it seemed that overything began to settle down order was somewhat rectored, that Certrude Angeline and ValteryStarring and be norde and the bade and the first settle down

and her bands again not.

"Well Gertrude"he end"Do you or have you heard that general Vivians
army in the left wing is broken up. The battle is terrible now, at its
highest fury. Inny now men well drilled, who understand their geographies
well and so forth and who are well acquanited with all sorts of military
affairs have been appointed to Fegiments and Brigades whose commanders
are down dead or wounded mortally, and the refugees are covernations are down dead or wounded mortally, and the refugees are everantious for fant the whole army will be swept away by the enemy and then they left improtected. But I know general Vivian, I asked him in the hospital tentyout Excellency are we going to retreat? and he looked at me as if he thought I had too many whole in my head. He answered "I'll stay in purgatory before I retreat from HEEE. That you should have said is "is "merline going to retreat from HEEE. That you should have said is "is "merline going to retreat from HEEE. That you should have said if I can. I retreat. Hh." I am going to assume command of a new division of troops as ass doon as they come. Govern Fermard Durn and Fred Envaons goes with me as my aids. General Jim Scanlion has been badly hit, and goes home for a time. The greater tart of our recorves will march down to St of troops as ase soon as they come. General Termits from an after missing goes with me as my aids. General jim Scanlion has been badly hit, and goes home for a time. The greater rart of our reserves will march down to St Ethelreda or die. The crawrly forces will be ceptrated into flying squadrons and assault the enemy in many different and unp unexpected points. I'm to go through to Delheidi if I can. We must etop the enemy if reserving to go through to Delheidi if I can. We must etop the enemy if reserving are to go down to Calcutta Strong Junction and assure command of a new body of girl and boyceute. They have formed regi recently from among the braver boys and girls of refugee camps.

Gertrude and her followers at the prospects of again having a new command and Cartrude indulged in a wild dance, expressive of joy. Is, did you hear anything of the ir coming. I'm to the did certrude how about the approach of the Vivian Stris, did you hear anything of the second out but couldn't do much, therefore we have not the least idea whether they're a ming or not. We captured something from a Clandellnian we secured as a prisoner though This red bag is full of it. He was no doubt one of the Vandala."

So saying Gertrude own empties a large handbag upon the top of a stome astonishment as a great stream of braceleth, nock acces and all ther sorts of jewelry faured out of the bag.

"Occidential De you believe they are all real.!"

The general grasped one or two articles from the flashing heap of diamonds, choralds, rubics, old, and porals.

"I should say they are indeed fone of the flashing heap of diamonds, choralds, rubics, old in, and porals."

"I should say they are indeed fone of them are for certain. But have you any idea what these are worth, and to whom they belonged:

"Not the least in the world "Gortrude said" If they are real though I suppose they are worth ones many millions of dollars."
"Gertrude I should indeed say so, "general Etarring said turing over the heap" They must be worth many millions if they are worth anything at all."

Gertrude and Indeliffe glanced at each other in astonishment."
"Feally Cettti General."?
"Feally Certrude."
"Feally Certrude."
"But whom are the Fefusees who can come and claim them?"
"If we can find any to claim them all right.But if not the prize is yours indeed. Fou found them from the enemy."
"Nonsence Walter."Exclaimed Indeliffe and Gerttude together. and then began an amical contest which could not be finally concluded for many a long day.

long day.

But in order to give them to their rightful ownerswhat had we better do with all these things walter. "Gertrude said at last.

"We will get a small chest and put them in Gertrude. "If no one claims them you can give them to violet, and her sisters as a Christmas Prescreent. No jewels would turn their heads. They're too good for that I'm sure. No goodness shown tward them could or would spoil them. "(he was right) "But hew can they recieve them?"

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"But he was right to deneral Jack Evans—he is sending a lot of precious articles captured down under a strong escort—and could request him to let it go to Angelinia Agathia to their father first, and he could give them to him on Christmas. I will direct it to a jewelry center in Angelinia, and will tell them to forward the jewl jewelry to my trusted agent there to whom I will give my directions to sent it to Emperor Vivian who will have them valued."

"But when do we set out to scout and see when they're coming Walter." "

"But when do we set out to scout and see when they're coming Walter."G Certrude asked after they had talked a short time longer about the treasure. "No time seid Walter. We cannot do a thing untill Hanson comes. It's too dangerous and sure when reciering your warning from gladerlinias camp they'll not come nless Hanson comes up."

The next trenty minutes Gertr do and her friends stant in investigating the claim ion, admiring and yet herrifited at the vart extent of the battle and its disanterous connequences, a great portion of the chutchinn army had retreated guite a distance from their former positions, a great partion of the refuseon of St Ethelreda had filed by new, and a good portion of the chirchina positions meanest the city had been elegand amy and ripped into the air by the Clandelinian gone. The entire districts of the country the air by the Clandelinian guno. The entire districts of the country through which general gladerliniae army had fought its way and suffered severe reverse had been cleared by the enemy of the christian soldiers and of hid! former headquart ere only a wall was left standing. Elsewhere the fierce fight, the din of camens and the perpetual rattle or ifles and machine gune atill continued with the same dradful fury and of the retreat there was no order, no regularity, though the attempts to rally them was very strilling.

Late that afternoon while the battle was still the same old cruzy "Storm" Certrade angeline and all her force of scouts including Walter Starring were soon on their horses with a troop of irregular cavarly commanded by Colonel Actior George and joined the flying column which was setting out to see the contract of the contract of courts as one to the enemys lines as toosible to see

was setting out to scout as near to the enemys lines as tossible to see his next movement, for the enemy was reported gathering in still greater as strength, while simultaneously other portions of Tamerlines army which had been so far seperated and which now had joined him for fearing he would be smashed at Bo St Ethelreda these troops were now warming to his be smashed at 80 St Ethelreda those troops were now warming to his resc was was only three thirty in the afternoon, when the column started for when any one ind to do scouting in battleviles the custom was to do it right away so as to watch the movements of the greater part of the enany columns before the hea' of the battle fairly begins to reach its highest fury—and Gertrude and her followers were in the highest spirits at the the they were on their way to see something thrilling for a change, and heping that the cruel and dreadful battle would soon be drawly to a close almost at the cost of no mitter who won for sometimen even during a battle it is possible to have too much of a thrilling advonture, and nover before did ghe ase Claudalliance a florce on a those were went to army that large is possible to have too much of a thrilling dayouture, and nover objected is she see Glandolinians as flored on these were, year an army that large possessed every can to the last with a thousand devils per can she thought would be tame compared to these Glandolinians in their method of fighting. She had requested of one Eimsermannian prisoner the seemed willing to converse with herm and he had said;

would be tame compared to these Glandellafine in their method of lighting. She had requested of one Zimmermannian prisoner who seemed willing to converse with herm and he had eald;

"ullivary training which he have recloved in responsible."

At four in the afternoon a halt was called at the edge of a large wood and after preparing for mostingbuilth an adventure they contined on. They were fortunately not cambered by any baggange and they all tretted swiftly but gaily along, and accomplished about two miles to the rear of the christian lines here they halted to impact a hill they wished to descend. The country through which they passed or and lassed, and they all you do for any enemy to form a terribble ambigode. There was no sign of this battle had for any enemy to form a terribble ambigode. There was no sign of this battle had range and only of the country through which they passed or and alone of the trural districts that the farmers and their animals with all their belongings to the edge of has in the farmer and driven their animals with all their belongings to the edge of has in the farmer and their animals with all their belongings to the edge of has in the farmer and their animals with all their belongings to the edge of has in the farmer and their animals with all their belongings to the edge of has in the farmer and their animals with all their belongings to the edge of has place one of the big described farmhouses which had in the center in front of one of the big described farmhouses which had in the center and agony of suspones the termination of the termible structure.

A large dome shaped roof. The doors were fastened on the include, but one of the mongot in by one of the windows and opened it. There sharely proposed to Getrude thit as it was far from the christian line, and as nothing was in sight and all was so quiet they should use this place as their headquarters for the late afternoon and for the night, and especially in the lofty interior instead of sleepine in the high place as their headqua

arrangements, the little group of officers returned to it. One of the troopers lad already prepared their meal, which consisted of beams and fried frankfurthers, a large bowl of catmeal and some griddle cakes, some tea and coffees was placed by each, and spreading their clacks on the grounf they set to with the app stite of travelers, gupper over a bottle of brandy was produced from one of Walter Starvings holitors, and they prepared for a cheerful evening.

"If m ye y scory sorry poor Jack is not here and Jean too "Gertrude said." It would be jolly to have had them come but he is not able to be on his fest yet, however it is a satisfaction to see that his wound is doing well and that he will be all right in another five or six days."

"Yes "said Walter Starring." At first I was a fruid he would have to leave the set service. But he'll recover all right. We feared his left leg would be shorter than the right but it didn't turn out so and he'll be all right. But he did sure suffer some awful mins."

right. But he did sure suffer some awful pains."

" I don't suppose he will mind remaining. "Bertrude said. "Jean said

"I don't cuplose he will mind remaining." Certrude said. "Jean said that an she thought he would have had enough of boy scouting to last for his life but he doesn't ant to go home. He says he even want's to get satisfaction for hi cwound and get it out of the enough."

"Colonel Conge." The u certrude said precently to the officer in command of the cavarly "Will you tell us your adventures in this war! We know all about each others dayang soings."

"So they sat and continued their conversation untill about seven in the evening or early night when Auther George wont round to see that the sontries were projectly placed and alert. When he returned the door was shut to prevent the oat of the woather from coming in, and the whole party colling them selves in their closks which typt them col, and using their gaddle s for pillows hid up for the night. It was some time before Gertrude slept. Her mind was very notive, and when she at last dozed off she was planning what to do in case the enemy commencer and surprise them. It was not treat the slooping party if in the big farm house wore aroused and leaped to their feet for a moment heay stood healiered, for outside outside was heard on all sides the equatoring of a large body of crarly.

"Surprised "Exclaimed Walter Skarring." The sontires must have been caught napping or wore analoge."

There was a ruch to the door, and the slight that mot their eyes showed them the avenue of the showed them the avenue to the seven whom when we have

Caught napping or were aslamp."

There was a rush to the door, and the sight that mot their eyes showed them the extent of the disaster a whole wall of forest trees were all a flame, and by the glaving light they could see a large body of glande linkan vaca cavarly, had fallen upon the sleeping troopers, while the heavy rifle fire showed that a strong body of infantry were at work on the other side of the farmhouse. Colo colonel attauther author design the heart.

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"Back Enck "whouted Walter Starring. Let us soll our lives here."

They closed and bo hed the door in an instant, and every one in the place there being about one h undred set to work issued in the place there being about one h undred set to work issued in the place barrels and boxes and and furniture against it. No one a said a single strik word while this was going on. Bythe time they had finished the loud up rear without had changed somewhat into a different tone, the firing had ceased, from another sound care the face that those was had been surprised had been forced to retreat and the victorious shouts of the landelinians showed that their victory as complete. Then there came a loud thudering noise at the door, and shouts of "Come out and surender you dirty christs in

noise at the door, and shouts of "Come out and surrender you dirty christs' n Ohristian dogs or we'll come in and quasacre the lot of you."

"The hey only succeded in "Strying these diamed in the form of few minutes willer Exercing said." We have fought our fight children and men and it seems our time has come. Would to God that I had to die alone."

"Loo' general "Certrade said." There is a small door or something there. I noticed it throe hours ago. I believe there I s a staircase leading upward to the floor above, at any rate we may be able to show a good fight there, and have the advantage. We can i'm sare held out long enough, for those who were

have the advantage. We can i'm care hold out long enough, for those who were forced to retreat will surely bring a large force to our help. In no time."
"Raid "Radic'ffo and." We may fight it out to the last on the stairs if no help does come. Run Certrude and see.

Gertrude found as she had suepected, that it was a larger opening and from the doorway a narrow winding stair da staircase led to some room far above, from which the roofed dome room far into the air. The stairs were lighted by three windows on both sides. She was thinking as she ran apstairs of the ideas that had crossed her brain the time she had first observed the door ...

the door...

"It's all right"she said as she came down again. "See Walter"if the men bring up barrels and boxes and furniture we can form a barriac barricade on the stairs, and defend them for any time a knost."

"Excelleny idea"said Malter.... "Get at it men. Hurry. No time to lose they "ill be less than a quarter of an hour forcing in the door . Form the top barricade first, a few feet below the termice...."

Bath may seized a box a barrel, a b urgul or some other heavy artiel article, and hurried up the stairs. They did not have as long a time even as they had expected, for the Glandellnians did not have as long at time even and were therefore in a hurry, mand finding now strong was the door had increased their banging and viole in themmering with the butte of their rifles who while Gertrue had heard one of the officers outside shout;

rifles who while vertrue mad neard one of the diflores outside shout;

"det two heavy cannons and hurry. We will blow that door in."

"Will the door yaild freeme one said.

"If it don't we'll blow up the whole she-bang and them in it."

This got every one inside who heard this feeling quite apprehensive.

Thus the defenders did not have hardly a ten minutes grace, but so many men
acc omplished the formation of the barrians at least had constructed three acc omplished the formation of the barticade at least had constructed three of them. Each was placed a short distance above some opening for light so while they thomselves would be in the heavy gloom, their assailants would be in the light and be exposed to their fire. They left a sufficient space too at the top of eac each barricade for them to scrimple over leaving some spars barrels on the stairs above it therefore to fill up some of the space after forming their position for our midnight meal which we may need "Walter

Gert ude said" and that big water j ug and the wine bottle. Hadeliffe will carry them up as soon as he can get them. Jean anders bring up that

up. The improvement of the passed, but a shraphed through the door but only left a hole through which it passed, but a shraphed shell followed and the explosion crashed the door into a thousand fragments and sent splinters of furniture

"Now every body come along "Cartrade onid." and followed by Walter Starring and the rest,, the girl and boy scouts entered the little decrway and ran up the narrow steps... At the first barriends which was some thrift one ately or so up, the girlscout officers made it a stop, and proceeded to fill up the cassage that had been before left open, while the child scouts continued up the terrors. up the terrace.

"Let us investig to the place Ridcliffe ""those fellows will be come minutes before they will come in yet, and that barricade will believe

puzzle them ... " A great red light was seen outside now probably from the burning fire forest, and two of the girlscouts peered over the parapet which ran round the terrace.

"There are a frightful number of the those Clandelinian soldiers, C ertrude, ten or fifteen thousand of them at least, and they have got at least thirteen big guns, 1'll bet they'll shell the house if they can't capture us by an assault."

"Hurrah Madeliffe"Gertrude said, glancing round herself at the great big domo "This is just what I had hoped and expected."

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She pointed to a flight of narrow steps only some twelve inches or so across, fixed to the left side of the dome which rose some distance almost perpendicularly. By the side of the steps was a low haddrail. They were evide evidently p aced there perminently to smalle laboring men to ascend to the top of the dome to guild to gild the long spike which surmounted by some sort of a cross from its summit or to do any repairs that were needful.

were needful.

"There hadriffe I neticed these sort of stape on some of the dones of domes of our great Catholic Cathedrals. When the worst comes to the worst and we are beaten from these steps or hard pressed, we can climb up that ladde ladder steps, anyhow it's more sort of a ladder thun anything else, and once on the top whether they shell the old building or not we could lawn at the whole army of tham I see they're Omrimas too. How haddlife let's go down to our commades —by that cheering below, the artillery had shattered the door commades.

down to our commands -by the control of the door of the flow of the door of the flow of th brought down a shower of plaster from the wall. They then poured through

ment at finding at their grenades fell too short of their range and only brought down a shower of plaster from the wall. They then poured through the door each longing to be the first to get at the chiefstians and have a good hand to hand fight for they were full of it just now. The light in the interior was but somewhat faint; and it was as gloomy on the stars as an we be the stars and the stars, untill the first of them came into the glare of the outside fire light coming through one of the windows in the wall. Then from the dense gloom shows came the sharp orack of a revolver followed by a severe rifle fire, and every one of those who had came up the steps fell shot through the hand of body.

There was a lat use from the survivors below for the stars to sharp that not more than eight or ten at a time were within sight of the defenders of the harricade. The next of the men hesitated at seeing their had leader fall; but pressed from behind ab and being defiant beyond measure with his rifle at his shoulder in readiness to fire when he saw his foes but the first and his shoulder in readiness to fire when he saw his foes but the first in he had appeared round a corner a ball hit him, and he too fell. Still the press from behind pushed the rest forward, and it was not untill three score had fall en, and the increw stars became immassable from the man y deed bodies, than a high officer of the diandelinians, who came the next on the line succeeding by shouting in he liting the dayance. Then and that the stairs were chocked with the dead. Item much consultation orders were passed down for those crowning the doorway to fall back and the former reported to the main I eader that the star much consultation orders were given for the men to go up, and remain below the very spot at which orders and that the stairs were chocked with the dead. Item much consultation orders were given for the men to go up, and remain below the ver

"You don't give is quarter. That's a distrag. Beat it or 1'11 fire."
An anger consultation then took place it was positively clear to the
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stairs at a time, that there was over a hundred defenders up above, and it

stairs at a time, that there was over a hundred defenders up above, and it seemed equally certain that any number could and would be shot, on reach ing a certain spot by their invitable foes large rewards wind great honor sere promissed by the cie chief leader to those who would be game enough to lead the area ult armed with dangerous hand greendess and not rifles, and at last volum teers were found, and another rush attempted.

If alled as had the first but almost succeded. Each man as he passed the lop loophole or the open window fell and again the dead covered the stairs but some of those behind had hurled their greatdes, and each explication explication there being six of them had glow and wounded twenty persons per verende. Six of the enemy had not fallen at the first some persons and before they were shot. and had got up a few steps further or highter, and before they were shot and badly wounded, they had landed a gremade unong the child scouts

and villed up about of eight of them and wounded thirteen.
Again the assault censed, and for a few minutes only however there was a rause. Clardelinjans tried to get in by the windows next but were a fause. Geneeling and tried to get in by the vindows next out were shot or beyonetted. Six got in but were shain in the hand to hand fight. One grappled with Starring but Starring was as strong as an Ox and he lifted that soldier over his head and threw him out the window. Another reached the i window sill and threw a hand be mbouch, of tear gas variety but he aimed wrong and it went out the window on the other side, and exploding routed the Glandslinians below f on that side by its fumes. The officers reached the 'window sid and three a mand so m buth, o't test games a spided but he almed wrong and it went out the window the but he mane. The off lever to try and fire the he he west but discovered it was a fire proof structure and wouldn't burn. The officers then went in and proposed a plan, which was a fire proof structure and wouldn't burn. The officers then went in and proposed a plan, which was a fire proof structure and wouldn't burn. The officers then went in and proposed a plan, which was a fire proof structure and wouldn't burn. The officers then went in and proposed a plan, which was a fire proof structure and the state of the same trade not it me at all was lost in early in the same trade not it me at all was lost in early in out the ungestion, and they fire a samethed to find state out to the same trade not it me at all was lost in early in out the ungestion, and they fire a samethed to find state out to the contract of the same trade of t of the clandelinians deliberated and even quirreled, the men set to work to try and fire the house; but discovered it was a fire proof structure

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Ser Jean Anders stood sentry at the doors, and Sentrude and Mary examined J cane wound.

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"It's very nerical wound "gaid thry.

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"Why the ball had entered her chest below the coller bone, had it been fired from a lower level it would have boun fatal but the enemy having shed stood so much below it, it had gone out near the heef smething the coller bone on its way, Jake has become whomseious from the shock to the system the fired from the shock to the system the fired to the dome at gace. "General Statring said. "The heart carry Jane bup:

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"No denoral"; will carry her up"Hadeliffs said. "I'm synil its true but it can derry her over we should see a cody as possible and won't clog up so much room on those small steps. Tour're too big and would."

"Who lik thieliffs you are the younger child accut so I will have had her over to you, will put the coil of rope room by sett, and will bring the water and the food. It's so dat, now had they will be to be so we dould have gained the top without this and business of its ins so want many of our commades and she wounded bady. "I'm you go first hadeliffs." I laddiffs who was very powerful, for her years litted Jane on his second on the bear of her hadeliffs." I was very difficult at first but as she got on, the accent women as the sould all the child soute who had not falled mounted had, while you go first hadeliffs." I was very difficult at first but as she got on, the accent women also heavily ladon. John hade's committed by early derived while so the dome in his second with the south the south so of her hade hade and he wounded bady will be controlled and the late hade hade and her wounded the controlled hade and her will be seen the form the south of the late hade hade and her wounded by the south of the her and hade a course who hade not falled mounted had hade of the south the south of the himselves and was soon by the rest. I'm the south of the first hade hade hade hade.

besieged could hive concented themselves but the Ander Sorr of rere coon met the eyes of the Sanrchers. A veil of anger and disappointment then are so an met the dead of the Sanrchers. A veil of anger and disappointment then are so that the for these it would clearly hive been utterly impossible for men forced to climb single file 's will their way against will armed constraint defonders no would simply shoot them down from above as fast as a hood appeared over the shoulders of the dome.. The position therefore wan indeed practically impregnate imbregiable against assetut athough exposed to heavy attillery fire, and to defend the stairs are some that the defenders of the Sanris and terrice had not fact the stairs are viteract for ever twenty four hours, and to inflat heavy it was for the debenders of over twenty four hours, and to inflat heavy less upon the debenders enemy—whereas by climbing in the dome and being there is daylight they been exposed all day to a distant heavy fire. That they probably would have been exposed all day to a distant heavy fire. That they probably would have been attract to a full night was nearly dertain, but olderly the last time the better.

The shamp below convoling themselves heartily with the thought that on the morrow that heavy fire file in the context which had thus far coefficient of the more of all first men of the files flaced a giand of one hindred and fifty men on the torace at the foot of the steps lighted a large fire there in order that they could see anyone attempting to.

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Ever the Jane barbier and while can arm and also having cut off her one of the form and the first was able to inderstand wint had happened Cartivise had cat but inform off her shoulder and arm and also having cut off her one of the would be some and account in ways glader and arm and also having cut off her one of the would be a derived below.

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cat her iniferm off her shoulder and atm and lady having out off he of her one ship cleaves had ecoled it is water and applied it as a burdage on the would be seen as the water last I should have blaned myself for tetinher the rest of you have to come soon to be coming to our halp and I believe the party who were suprised by the enemy or the outside have been applied ted."

"No tone of m could have gone in any case" Malter Blavring said we there would have been no one to have low-red the vore have besides which it is only a sailtr or a fracticed symment who can let himself down a cope some one handred and platy feet.

"Then will indelifie tryit!"

"As one her can be the enemy claim gets quiet. The clave of outside fires will dearly to have he water to be enemy claim gets quiet. The clave of outside fires will dearly to be out and he must be off fire before that her you in much pin Jane with much Gettvide. "I filled here to nuise you in much pin Jane will any conditive lights." I do see how he applied to had a fire the claim of the conditive to be seen to the conditive to be seen any fire and for my any conditive to had a fire the conditive for any conditive to be seen to the conditive to be seen any fire and the claim of the conditive to be seen any fire and the conditive to the conditive to be seen any fire and the conditive to the conditive to the seen any fire and the conditive to the seen any fire and

""ow" indiciffe anid" it is time for me to be off. "It is not so far from the chain in a linea. It is of no use for me to even imagine of going after the chief in caverly for they me be somewhere where they couldn't be found. If I can get a good boate I may make the chain the linea sooner than even hald an boat. The enemy horsen all have had a good veet to day and if I can secure one all right. Centeral France 111 try to find and he will I'm sure dead off at once, and the troops will march well and fan 'to fart to get to the rest of the night, and will be here before morning I hope."

"We must not be too sanguine, indeliffe "It is just joseible dear scout that is all goes well you may return easily enough as you say probably in a very short time but we will impe up our mides to these that time. If you get lete sconer all the better, but I don't expect they will hit us, and after firing a bit the chances my filey will not desire to wante their precious ammed mammation, and will try to share sout.

With a tender farewell of all his commudes luddliffs prepared for his despeate and dangerous expedition one and of the long tops had been factived vound the large must which rose from the long tops had been factived vound the large must which rose from the long tops had been too steep to walk, then he lay down on his front, and mying the roje out gradually turned on his rear and let himself carefully ally down. The lower rart of the desent was almost perpendicular, and indeliffs goon stood safily on the terrees. It wants he had expected confidently that it vould be quite deserted on this side. Then he let go of the vope, and water Starving who was watching it, saw that the strain was off it, pulled it up a foot to be even and then unfastened the knot indeliff to prefer the troop of a slight a noise being heard on the pother side of the great dome tip the way almost regardently then in the large the all try all down.

a note being heard on the other side of the great dome that he was almost everenceful, then he light the role to the pracest, lowered it carefully down and then when it was all out, or beginning the every the pracest and side down the open the height from the edge of the dome to the ground wan one hundred

the rope. The height from the edge of the dome to the ground was one hardred foot but the desdent descent run a more nothing for Indellife as he was accume accustomed to all this.

He crouched herfeetly quiet for a minute or two after touching the ground with his feet, but outside overything was still. Through the open drone cares wrother work of a window he could hear voices inclde the farm house and had no doubt that the leaders of the genemy's force were there. From the larapet in the afternoon he had gained an accurate idea of the position of the chiefting any and tward thic he at once made his way lie senoved his boots and went lightly untill he approached the enemy's blooms. Then he went on more cautiously the ground was covered with seeing flyer of a though the night was dark as pitch ait was easy is some of the camp fires to be seen him had one not been after the prome of the camp feature except hear a fire he could not have been asen. There was no difficulty when he meared the dist in the large the howest a sthe sound of their paring the ground, earling, and the occurring about neigh of two quartering was clearly in earlie, and the occurring about neigh of two quartering was clearly in earlie, and the occurring about neigh of two quartering was clearly in earlie.

Their posttion ones clear, ladeliffs moved round them. He had noticed that four orf hower belonging to some officers were situated some easy easy distance away keyond the governing of the mone and these therefore could be more early removed, and rould mover be fact and sounds. They had too the advantage of being placed close to the road accomplist tward the christian lines. Hadeliffs whe now, time in locating the hower he was gearching for but then he discovered them he cheeved they were all saidled and tridled. Fefore proceeding to grapp them he investigated anddled and Evidled. Before proceeding to gramp them he investigated the ground around, to be nurse none of the enemy would be aroused. He found the may to the road which was but twenty feet distant, and discovered that none of the horse grand a verse as keep by the horses, a little further if were a vegiment of sleeping Glandelinian troopers. Indelfie new cast of the heal top as by which the of the horses were picketed, and then leading them by the latter moved quirtly tward the road. To get upon this however there has a ditch first to be haseed, and in crossing it one of the his horses trumbled the coxclaimed one of the Glardelinian mentinels who had stoped inchig his beat at the sound; he period into the gloom. What who good there his commanded will be period into the gloom.

A number of cleeping men leaped to their feet and van in the direction whence came the noise which had around them and the neutry believing the houser had drawn their ricket me reger. By this time hadeliffe van in the eaded and giving a lab with his heels to the horse he was on, and eam hitting the other with the latter which he held in his hand dashed off into a gallop. A short buyet from another centry, and a number of the

off into a gallop. A short burst from another centry, and a number of the troopers giving to their feet and dering their arms var up to find out what was the the matter.

"Bone third has etclen our generals horse Exclaimed he of the gurda. The troopers did not desire to open five in the gloom which would be of rold made not prombling that the gurda in charge of the boates horse rold made on anothe for it in the movining they bent of to alsept again. Indeliffe discovering he was not source pulled up in half a mile and gave the four shift or thouse by the child neoutaine independent this would be heard by Certrido mitting close at the op of the dome and the would learn that so far he had exceeded. Then he set the otherwise again has a had gallop and vode stoadily down the road, the thing he needed to f do was to avoid being occur by an energy right cauntly patrols. Every quirter of an house or each changed from house of each one time giving them a congravative rest by turns occase icas the he allowed them to go also by for a bit to get their wind, and then again vode on at a gallop. It was about

alove thirty then he clarted on his vide. In another quarter of an hour he was at the most where the first message of the battle had recently le vas at the spot where the fir't messacre of the battle had recently occured and of the fierce fight for the mafty of the refess. After that for fear of masting with enemies here he went more slowly but it was well right trard 'valve when with his two exhausted horses he rode into the civilitian lines rearest B Ethelveda, where his appearance created quite an excitegent hadelife's story was briefly told to Hed perkins one of of the well-Known christian officers, and friend of the Vivinn Girl Princence, and the two horses which were both splendid animals, were brought for the fed and rubbed do n, while ladeliffs accompanied by the general of the covarrly regiments went off at once to general Jack Ennes. General Evans listened to hadeliffes above in silence.

This must have been a part of the enemy who assaulted our rear without success this la's afternoon'his said. Som'bomething must be done at once. There shall be no dolay whatever, my lad, a force shall be ready to start right area at la are prepared. I now, you will want to go with them. I advise yo to go has to goneral Perkens tent to get yourself equipped with the proper weapons by the time you are ready the troops will be in readinese get none midnight heal if you desire. "

Indelife left general Evans but delighted at the readinese and prom t prompthess of the fine guardian soldier of the Vivian Girls, while

prompthece of the fine gurdian soldier of the Vivian Cirls, while

Indelife left general Ewans but delighted at the readiness and promit prompthese of the fine guardian soldier of the Vivian Girls, while Evans called his militury secretary, and at once arranged for the disjatch of a large body of troops.

"There must be no delay wind even The general in chief said." If possible and it is possible these geometries must be accounted at daylight to mercow morning, some if possible they will see the rope the burst child scout han escaped by but they will not dream of an attach so early and may be caught napping. I Even if they are a left if if seed enough troops to vanquish them anyhowshesides it's all important to rescue those child socute, Gettwise Pourd and the soldiers and all who are besteged when they will have been making a target all night especially as one of the first sout officers is bidly rounded again, ah that little His unlamity Jane a ways call her and will be he full blaze of the first Fortuntely for the beigged the nouse is first sound and von't burn. See that a wagen and an ambalance accompany the column. Sond a Corpe of Abjective the stage of the beigged the nouse is first sond a corpe of Abject in this caurally in elitions field gaps, ten rapid fire gams, and thirly thousand infantry in light marching when it wasour and nouse fast horner be jot beginer to at once take the infantry as far as they can get to the scene without noise, and then let them on a forced much the wanthout of the way. The cavarly and gams can go an at once, let them such about half way, then amsadded and vect. If they arise in the horse seen can do it. And remember as they're Charles of before day in fillan horse ear and o it. And remember as they're Charles, and we half have been slain Jane in wounded, and other things have lappened in his with a tone of great bittoness in his voice.

happened" and he said this with a tone of great bitterness in his voice, "Nemember do not give the Bieny no quarter. Do not tape prisoners. No m

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Is mained of the remaining at once offered and credits. The file was had a content of the remaining over the officers shoulder.

"I have some brandywho in my flack the said and started up the steps. In a few minutes he descended agains and offere have bound her injured out to be relieved by the said of the said of the said of the content have bound her injured out to be relieved by the said but they connect leave herelieved as the bord out of the wilds of the said before the law had before the law had laws the said of the said o

"As soon as the clandelinians discovered we reallly were up here, they say a bir woods a lose by on fire to light up the scene plenty, and then the orened a heavy rifle fire upon us, from distances and from the heavest trans, but fortunately they were obliged to so as far off to get a fair

"her which Comps shall we send." "Berelich Corps shall we soud."

Ismediately after hogles were blowing, and by twelve oclocymid
night thirty three thousand. Cal verinian Infantry were crowded into
a long vagon train, and the curarly and gues were drawn up in void inces.
The men all of them were very much one and hut became of being are sed
from a well needed gleep, and blood the enemy for it, and though what they'd
do to the Chandelinians for it. Radeliffs chose his place in the ambulance
vagon, as although greatly refreshed he had plenty of iding for a time
and in the ambulance he could lie down and get through the journeybuilthout

wagon, as although greatly refreshed he had plenty of viding for a time and in the ambulance he could lie down and get through the journeywithout fatigue. Genoral Evans himself rode up ju just as they were sharting, and shock hands with Nudcliffe and expreshed his warm hope that he would find his friends and commades as as at the end of the journey, and then the curvily started. Indeliffe has always asserted that never in his life did he ever make such a short journey as that. Though he was worn out by the excitement and fatigue of the proceeding thirty hours, and despite the heat of the night he fell agleep in the ambulance before he had gone a mile, and did not amise with if the angeon shook him by the shoulders.

"We are as far as we can be sure of, about half a mile from the firm house war mentioned. I would not arose you when we halted bey because you needed the eleep had. We have been halting for over half an hour here and the cavarly has just now come up. It is about an hour before daylight. The lander of this corps wants you to act as guide, as you know the way."

"All right I sure will." said indeliffs leaping out Just it this that I have been asjuep for our hours been adjust now come and act as guide, as you know the way."

"All right I sure will." said indeliffs leaping out Just it to thick that I have been asjuep for our hours was head, and it was determined that as the country here was heavily vocaded boyoff the farm but parfectly open on that side, the cavarly and artillery should wremain where they were, that the infantry should make a "detour" and assault the foe at daylight from the other side, and them as the enemy fell back, the artillery and cavarly should deal with them. Not a moment was lost. The Infantry who were sitting down after their long tramp got cheerily on to the ive feet again for they should deal with them. Not a moment was lost. The Infantry who were sitting down after their long tramp got cheerily on to the vice again for they new they a click. A light from momentment the fixe sentines. The chillenge was answe red by a rifle shot, and as the rebels syrang to their feet a heavy fire was powed in upon them. The enemy remisted desperately, but their losses became so heavy that soon all was wild confusion among them. They had been taken completely by surprise and entirely language and the direction of their enemy the glandelin language a last wild fire in the direction of the advancing foe, began to flee in manic.

round re more safelly removed, and would morover be fact and sound. They had too the advantage of being placed close to the road accompable trand the christian lines. Natcliffe was soon, then in locating the housen be was searching for but when he discovered them he observed they were all saddled, and tridded. Before procording to gramp them he investigated the pround around, to be sure none of the enemy would be aroused. No found the way to the road which was but twenty feet distant, and discovered that some of the horne gand a were as loop by the horses, a little further if were a regiment of slooping Glandolinian troopers. Natcliffe now cast off the heal trop of by which two of the horner were picketed, and then loading them by the halters moved quietly tward the road. To see when this horses the need rop on by which two of the hower were picketed, and then leading them by the halters moved quietly tward the road. To get upon this however there were a ditch first to be passed, and in crossing it one of the however hower tumbled.

"What is that!"ec exclaimed one of the Clardellnian sentimels who had stopped incing his teat at the sound! He peered into the gloom. "Halt who goes there have commanded. "Hallo"he continued "Two of the horses have get loose."

A number of a beging men leaged to their feet and ran in the direction whonce came the noise which had aroused them and the centry believing the honcer had drawn their ricket pa regs. By this time haddliffe was in the saddle and giving a jab with his heels to the horse he was on, and sum hitting the other with the hells to the horse he was on, and sum hitting the other with the halter which he held in his hand dashed off into a gallop. A short burst from another centry, and a number of the

off into a gallop. A short burst from another centry, and a number of the troopers aprining to their feet and ceizing their arms van up to find out that vas the the matter.

"Some thief has atolen our generals horce "Exclaimed me of the gards. The troopers did not desire to open five in the gloom which would be of roamil and so grouphing that the curds in charge of the bottes hences rould have to anoth for it in the morning they went off to sleep again. Indediffe discovering he was so persued pulled up in half a mile and gave the loud shrill cry known by the child scouts his independent his would be heard by Coutride clitting close at the form the tone and she would learn that so far he had succeeded. Then he set the c however off again in a hand gallop and vode steadily down the road one thing he needed to f do was to avoid being soon by any energy right cavarly patrols. Every quarter of an hour or so he clanged from home to choose that giving them a commandire rest by turns Occaerionally he allowed them to go alsely for a bit to get their wind, and then again rode on at a gallop. It was about

Their efficers thind trops and, is cally then, and is the smalls smallness of the dynace hard of the forci force in a filing them became whithle and believing that was all of them, the Glands in the which their old subit of description became to reform into line and continue affects five. But at this moment the small line of attack suddenly came into eight, and lot at this moment the main live of attack suddenly came into eight, and lot go a general five of macketry and at the same time the christian game landed with garpe and capitier, payed a storm fibre into their voar, and with a cheer the winkle Abyasinkilian cavarily burst into their midst. Thenceforth there was no longer any idea of desperate fighting it was simply a rout and a desperate persuit. The enemy orn apps at once fell into the lands of the christian infantry, and were quickly turned upon the masses of Glandelinian refugees or fagilies who moved down by the fire of these game also, and cut up by the cavarily the charged hither and thither among them, who while volleys of rifles swept through them, threw wasy their arms and fled wildly. Some one or threw their arms up to survender and were shot or cut down. Over six thousand of them were left dead on the farm and not had not the horses of the christian cavarily been toop or a start do continue continue the persuit, a far greater number would ox a inted to continue continue the persuit, a far greater number would have fallen.

Padeliffs had no part in their fighting, a commany three hundred and eixty strong, with an off icer had been told off to assault and carry the farm house and out by ildings ander his judance. Disregarding all else, the party with leveled beyone's had bund through the through of the enemy and made straight for the doors of the farmhouse and barns. Many of the enemys froop had ran into these by aldings and for ten minutes or so there was a figure fight in the great hall of the farm by use, and within the out buildings, then when the last fee had fallon, indeliffe led the way to the share up which many of the enemy had fled.

"Quick"he shorted "Follow them close up."

Some of the enomywore but a few steps ahead, and Raddliffe quickly for loved by his map burst on the formed at their very heels. It was sure wall that he didne for the gard upon the twynce seeing that all was lost below were preparing to all their lives dearly, and to give forth a long desperate resistance at the top of the states, Raddliffe and his men however unshed so closely upon the heels of their orn commades from below that they were taken completely by surprise. However they never the leng fought desperately causing a great lose among the soldiers who analised them but all this opposite opposite of soldiers who analised them but all this opposite opposite of soldiers. Who or three of the Claudellians officers calling their men to follow them made a rush at the christian soldiers, and Taddliffe suddenly form them made a rush at the christian soldiers, and Taddliffe suddenly form them made a rush at the christian soldiers, and inflicted a severe wound on his head, but Raddliffe Raddliffes gard, and inflicted a severe wound on his head, but Raddliffe langed forward and van him through the body just as the bayonst of one of the coldiers pierced him in the addes. For twenty minutes or so the fight was a desperate as a fight could be, but every moment added to the aventing force, and with a cheer the coldiers rushed at them with the bayonet. In twenty five minutes all was over. Many of the glandellinians leaded over the paraget and were dushed to pieces cheding to die that way than by the bayonet bile on the termice no single as \$609666666 gland elimin at the end of that was remained alive. Some of the enemywere but a few steps ahead, and Rudeliffe quickly

When all was over Rideliffe cave a loud shout, which was answered

"Are you all right G ertrude. In "You Think God, and His Blessed Mother; but Jane is deliving. Send some witer up at once."
Indeliffe was to nevous in consequence by the severe cat he had necleve d in the head, to attempt to climb the ladder, but the officer in 190 mand of the company at once offered and from home one was filled.

If the water left in their water cantiens and from them one war filled and alwes over the officers shoulder.

"I have some brandymo in my flack the said and started up the steps. In a few minutes he descended again.

"The little girl is wildly delivious the said. "They have bound have injured arm to be reids within again but they connot lower her. How is she of down. I'm

"There is plenty of cood vope and sacking down be low indediffer all after a momenta thought." I believe they had be for many him a his acking so that she cannot move her arms the a copy round her and lower heredown close by the side of the sapes, Serty de or a soldier coming down down also he side of the sapes, Serty de or a soldier coming down down also he side of the sapes, Serty de or a soldier coming down down also he side of the sapes, Serty de or a soldier coming down down also he side of the sapes, Serty de or a soldier coming down down also he side with her so as to seek to her and trynguillize here." close by the side of the stops, Sertunde on a soldier coming down down aide by gide with him so as to speak to her and tranguilled her."
A soldierals sent down for the articles required, and with them the officer accompanied by a sergeant to assist him in lower into the wounded child from above again mounted, in a few minutes Nucliffes plan was curred out and line was lowered saftly to the tenace. Then Walter Starring carried but helper adone he was soon laid on a bad of marks in the great hall ander the case of the a more on, with cold water baddress around how had...
Then Indeal fits had time to as Germude how the nest of the night indeals and the case of the second second how the nest of the night indeals and the case of the second how the nest of the night is a second to be asset.

pland tell me had, by what great rinucle you not med to an egroom. Two willest tell me had, by what great rinucle you not med to an egroom. Two days from a protection of the work work with the time of the nurse a graphic description of how it was accomplished, and then nominate relationship only ted what had happened to them on the dome during the

"As soon as the glandelinians discovered we seallly were up have, they get a big woods a lose by on the to light up the scene plenty and then the opened a heavy with size upon us, from distinces and from the heavet these, but fortunately they were obliged to see any off open a fair

view of is that the smooth bore would hardly carry offic up and even had we been hit. I question if the balls would have penetrated though they might have given a slarp sting. Half an hour later the artillery five bean and they opened with thirty carron.

We agreed that Penrod and I should by turns agree to lie so as to command the stairs, while some of the girlscouts remained with hare on the other side of the dome. The enemy divided their gams and put them on each side also lying down we presented fortwarfely the numblest possible mark for them but all night indeed it was very hothly the single one of their shotnever went over the dome. The spike was hit one hundred and twen ty times and lower down and good many holes were form in the dome, but the shots that hit n carest us all glanced and flaw over. They must have fired about four hundred and fifty chots at maltogether, and not the beginning of day they stopped altorether——for brenkfast I suppose I balleve and did not have time to begin ugain when your assault came upon thom. I hoped also they were varning short of amountion. Once when the fiving was hottest, believing I suppose to carch is nasping, an attempt was made to climb the ladder, but Penrod who was on watch jut a bilet through the first fellows head, and by the rell and blasphemics that followed I supposed that in his fall he swept all the others off the steeps or ladder. The heat produced by that terrible five the enemy made followed Is spected that in his fall he swept all the others off the steps or ladder. The heat produced by that terrible fire the enemy made to reveal us in the glare was fearful, and we all suffered a rood ideal from thire; for not one of a rad much water left in or other, and we wanted that to point own danes are at left in or other, and to soph his bandages with... Poor Jane rot so delivious above two thirt; this morning that we had trouble in holding her down, and in her mavings sho is agined she was vouting the devils out of hell. The last drop of water

morning that we had touble in holding her down, and in her wavings she i sgined she was routing the devils out of hell. The last drop of water was finished in the night and we should save have had a most terrible day of it if you had notherived. I saw Glandelinians approaching with many long ladders which was eyident they were noing to try and scale the build building and the dome and greated is and only lot we have what the surgoon save about poor lane. The locators report was now co mooling, the wound was a very severe one, the collar bone had been simshed to fragments but the high state of fever increased by the terrific heat was even a more scribe matter than the wound, and that if she lived it would be a profound miracle."

"In met carry out some means to do the proper things hadeliffe, I and Angeline piches must go on soon with wielet and her sisters and Starving to continue our investigations of the abbienan horror, and then to have charge of m risw regiment. Hame of course will have to be brought but to the course it in the will have to be invalided hong until she is well enough to return to the command and two can travel with her moth of and when you are your need not wear your discusse any more while with her mill you come back, then get must be robe as a boy again. I shall sent all our wounded girlsc outs and bone home too by the first oppositely who were murdering the refigeer will be a very long time in recovering afficiently enough to be able to serve in the mility again. Outwarded in the parties of the wounded gring outs and bone home too by the first oppositely who were murdering the refigeer will be a very long time as it's getting mighty hot for us, and the battle are getting more termible. The army under general vivian shall have mothe of b loody fighting for months to come and maybe longer must he passes and the senemy entering the refigeer will be a long time as it's getting mighty hot for us, and the battle as a getting more termible. The army under general vivian shall have mothes of bloo

the animals had been so much exhausted by their tremendous much and by their exertions in such fierce fighting round the farmhouse that it was thought better to give them rest. Jane continued delirous delirious but she was more quiet now a s her strength diminished. Fortunately the ambulance was more quiet now a s her strength diminished Fortunately the ambulance was well supplied, and cooling drinks were given to her and all was done that attended in a success. There were thousands of the initian of the fath wounded in addition to those of the boy and spilecoute, and of lane and of all the mer who had fought or desperately around the farm many were dead also. By ly thand evening then the sound of deadly conflict in the distance had died down the column started in motion.

"If fourtish four miles to the Varian Crosswads were done in a very short time, and here fadeliffe and Centrude parted from poor lares who had to so on to the Bose capital came with the next the

Jane who had to go on so the base capital camp with the rest of the formation between the property of the formation and great the same of the formation of the formation and great the same of the formation of cavarily were all in writing at the cross-code, where it we arrounced the cross-had gain pleased and drove cross-deliving arms on the formation and country the same of the cross-had gain pleased and drove cross-deliving arms out of shape

the every had again pierced and drove everally ivinas army out of shape and position but that for some reason on other the fighing had sorted or beer storing at the commat half piet four that afternor.

Asky himsel fitted how he had saved from his own in a friends.

For more than ten days he himself had been a laying between life and death than the fever had left him, and the most of that I into of his illness product by the woon dhad arised. It was on had been for dath a presion whether he had after oth left willy a wall from his exhibition dean indication, and a rord constitution of his deliver and meaning had won the victory at host and civil or did not deliver and meaning had won the victory at host and civil or did not be had been wounded he

Ind recovered a fficiently to be rule feet billed to limp. 71

Jean had toleg rapped to Princess V hold and had obtained have with her moded boy recor companion, and had married forward to return to general Twing a common with time the hernelf had be also producted of fever from her orr wounds and the exertions she had adorgone, but the was now well and strong again, and happ in Jack convilescence.... The journey and been ency and pleasant. When reaching the flood they went by the aft which now found and by the line they finally reached the army of management between Jack and a afficiently recovered to walk with his at Libno fictures Jack had refficiently recovered 40 walk with his arm in Jense. The use of his left arm for a time seemed goes, and for a time it was a quest ion whether he could ever recover it, but he did at lancons army the two famous whild scoute had the delight of meeting the Vivian Cirl Princesnes, their two Amris and a could had arived there when it was heard that leasens army was at Lebanon at this time there had been be regagement either at Lebanon or Siethalreda. The next four days were happy ones indeed, and then there was parting from Virlet and ler sisters for the two shild scouts started enrout waved general vivians in disquise as regamiffing as the Clandelinians never bothered those sort of children. This shall enabled them to reach general vivians army ever before the battle began but they had remained in sociation for a time in general the Bishalls christ in a zery which slowed how in the "SCOM" for the Bicknells christian army which alone had not been in the "STOHA" for the first few days. Jack however had found a surrise for him. He had found first few days. Jack however had found a surrise for him. He had found that he was no larger a "comm on officer and he had found when he had arived in concern! Vivians army that he had found his name included in the high van bestowed upon all Colonel Caprians of his verticent for distinguished rervice. Jean couldn't recieve any tigher commission as she had been chosen some time before as "Masort" by the Vivian Givis, and despite how that word sounds in our country, in Abbiennia especially almog child scouts there's no commission higher. She had been immediately appointed to that van kan a reward for all ler our distinguished services.

The details of this day of the britle need not be given in many words but it is erough to predict that during the leight of the contest which had been fiscused this day than any other. The height of probably which had been fiscused this day than any other. The enemy had broken up the christian line seriously, valled up one of its wings, and senetrated the latter than the proof of the contest had to mass all he without the total passible traces that the new thirty mystoriously all array on

After that which was then four thirty mysteriously all array on the part of the bittle ceased, and no further one laughts came from the enemy after that, wing the right despite his wound, general Vivian satup in bed, and had all its generals gathered around him and held a council on how to persue the battle for a final issue, on the following day. Finally seneral Vivian said;

"This is what you had better do general Circigore. Miss our whole army and move it at once in a grand general tremendous assualt upon the whole of the enemys lines at once, close in on St Ethelreda and smash all before you. We must win. I won't move from this s termitory, and will continue this battle if it takes a whole pear. We MUST WIM."

"On I pleasecase general Vivian in a harry sir. I have some very startling never for him. It's important."

It was morning. The sendry chanced at him and permitted him to go in. He was whered before the general. Contrude was sitting by the bedsite of herv grandfather.

"Thin' is it free/ed the general rising half way out of bed.
"General Cingigors send se to tell you sir he cannot make the ack this morning.

"Can't rake the attack?" Casped Centrale. "Day is the enemy gathering

"To it's not the' Miss Aronburg, of you general but there's no enemy to attach. Tamerline left us all behind during the night. He slipped ava; like a fox."

Ordered Vivian looked searchingly at the man to make suce whether he in his right mind: - eaid that's impossible."
"To are "he final! - eaid that's impossible."

"Est after almost buying my army worsted steadily for three days and driving soft of position "amerline's army couldn't have van away live, that, a hit and run battle. what in the world have you been drinking

"The man turned to Gertr de.
"Miss Gertr, dema said" If joi don't believe it you may go scouting
to the highest hill and see for now-elf. There's no enemy in eight.
Si Ethelreda and Vantum is abandoned and the enemy last lots of camp
equat equipage behind and plen's of campus. I tall to it's no dream on
my part and I have not martupen the anything intoxicating. Thy all
the scherals are flabbergasted and are in exciting conversation about it. I a is all very strange."

Gertrude was milent for a lime. Then she said; "Where is several Circinote. "?

"he's gone to see if he can discover the enemy anywhere to as to persue. It's true Hiss problems, Cross my heart and hope to dis. There's no enemy

"'Im going and see "said Gertride." To a come along."

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See more to folde followed by the soldier and ordered her hayse and sont a counter to summon a cavarily second to company how. See invited Anvellee picton, and all her girlscout and begroot officers to come withher."

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As now in 11 win in residing ind not ever militing for a morning on 1 either, the whole party not out at a limit willor. The node guite a distance even pant the even now at 11 moving miling of St Ethicad all a shout from house if an intraver before they reached any rise of ground a afficiently bigh one up for the purpose of obtaining a fairly good view of the a errounding country. The day again as set1 reserved by amoly, in the far distance and swilight in a said of proper daylight but she had in the for distance and fivilight in stead of proper daylight but she had hopes of being able to see far in spite of it. It was gifte a loss distance to the top of the rise is it was gifte high, but as soon as they reached it they worsesuprused a septimed to see in the distance a large pirty of general officers on another rise of ground and observed by their

miforms to be abbisantians.
Ther couldn't hindly see unthing also however. As far as view would they couldn't hindly see unthing also however. As far as view would allow all was clear bountry, not any south of a moving army was in sight that some distance there was a long line of wreeperson but no houses were around, some abandoned currents, and their cassions and a scene of odebris stretched a long way. Sent the man flobbergasted, she could see with her own eyes that the moldiers news was a true fact.

"How come it to be sent a midder news wis a true fire."
"How come it to be sent a midder of the midders. "Those sontine is
citive must have been cocketed or alloge on dirth to allow the enamy to
dip away so easily. This is the worst ever, the most must him from the
context is general. Benligh to do no hid or two loost whiped, and
yet his thappen. It is no if a boy would fight as, throw me down on my
face and the run way before I could regain my fet. I'll have all those
sontil sen tries give in account of themselves. This will have to be
settled. Senoully in my many outsited by general Tamer line."
This teneral Phellinh is as foxy as the large "said and line
Riches. "But those sentine is ought to have been more witch fall. I'll beThe aland linians played a trick or something on them was had high vary

the lands limins played a trick or something on them. We last night very dark?

dar Kin who but it was very smoky like an awful for and a wind was blowing from the sust."

"That was not have been the fault of the samentinels then said Perrud. It was not smoky to say anything. Put that the half also like as the ship and no mistake at said like gone or it of our of right of allow we may that the first part of right of allow we may bring the may ere up to the Vivian dirle by signal of telegraph and tell them what happered and have them advise s."

They may live you to take to the camp and reached there considerably late in the moring, norming Jeneral Vivian was notified by Argeline lakee that the eveny half given him the alip and was even to and persuit. The eval Vivian was farious over that, and claimed that it was like a person striking him in the back and then was ing ava.

siriking him in the back and then run ing ara.

All the generals were existencing ever the never, run, had gone out needing to occupe for themselver, and to gir if the most we sail the receive the harmals of Marker. Servide to make mutern most for some runsh or other couldn't get any comminations ever with general line one with, and therefore could not posify them. However learning the distance gets all kensons any var, a switt swift moranger was sent there with the men age Lough it would be even they before no would get there, and therefore persits really man out of the agention. The even, had given the christian away the most player slip even known on recoid.

PIMEANL: greatest among taxtles in Calverinia before the Big 3 31.1 knowl harror tere the two fattles of St Ethelreds and Lebanon, hat the latter one was a flarce as all of St Ethelreda and in one day. For the lated only one day. This ton was or is in this story los beated on the same river, and re cane of his existance of its jet lies liability to the approach of the dangerous Glandelinian armies as it was in the heart of the flercost of the war Zone, fully we hundred and fifty small tattles having boar recoded within its to ditory since the war began. Greaters of these was that which is now on record. Mansons army had followed whenter of these was that which is now on record. Marsons army has followed after the retreating armir which had been worsted in the battles of the just intil general landays army advancing to try and join with Tamerlins three itself in his may before the up wo choof the one withe city itself wants in all, may careless, busy its people attending to all sorts of business plausite with their ordin any vin ac all inclinations led them, and not a single person dreaming of the horrors that had already been raging at St Ethelreda and which also was coming in other for them as no reports of the marries advance bed care to them they was no haddless of coming cartil the enouge advance had come to them they were as heddless of coming peril excitement dath and peril as the inhibitants of St Ethelieda had been .

The night before the approach of 'e the enemy was found out the people went as if nothing was occuring to their beds, rich and pror, sick and well alime... Bid any of them dream of a battle going to come to them as it did at B! Ethelredu ! hyte it us so, and mayby not not oven though the poets tell is;

"coming even is cast their shadows before."

Full whether they were forwarned by dreams or not doubtless not a soul of the reactiful city was preferred for the 'erwible and exciting event so near at hand, no more iso that those had been at St Ethelreda, "I when at thirteen winds place five colock in that dread morning of one of the days when Et Ethelreda had its second days duration grotably on the 5th of October the felt their be's slightly lifted beneath them continually as if a concession was bumping them up and down, and the noise of a frightful can orade and exploding an alls some distance away terrible sounds besides this thich they couldn't aderstand, heard the clash of high ox losives, and can everything in their rooms tossed andly about by the vibrations, while through their mindows came the roar as if yo as a if of some awful battle for away without. It was a matter, not of miniutes minutes but of hours yet on all that location in oth other towns so concession life it has ever been felt, so such sudden terror analysis of such terrible excitement and paris occassioned as those fearful hours of the day.

This was occassioned by a sideen sudden and most imexpected "storming" arough apon a certain part of eneral general Eunsons line near the left. The enemy covered it when the dreadful care orade that thembled the city. The Glandelinians carried the positions, were regulated at one point tat Leain and again they comed to the assault with over helming fucy and the work of the demon of rain and buttle was done. Our is inn officers of other divisions were account from sloop to find their own troops and whole lines flong from their positions, and retreating in great distorder, man, of their regiments ted and to fragments, man, captured by the advancing enemy or sinned in agonizing suffering ander the surth debris harled upon them by high explosive or uptions. A whole big division of troops had

Near a orly denoli ned in that half an nours time.
That half nours time of the reign of the raging fattle hours harror had turned one of the most agains, let probably careless portion of the christ iam line into a wreck and nemalis on which no words can fitly describe.
The coldier not caucit in the dr endfulturmoil stambled and ran inwild paric across the fields, to get ala, from those heaving cruptions, regardless of malforns orvasajons of everything but the mid instic instinct of safty , and a shed headlong thard the year, to hear the bother portions of the line and , eilded to the energy of the pervible Chandelinian forces, and had in sections toon torn and rent into fragments. Hew tircors assailed the fugitives as freeh Skindelinians burst among them dealing right and left with the rays et. Other sections of the christian line however of this ring still seld while the mad terror raged all around the themselet the neaviest of the assault case upon this portion. It was more forcible than the other assault hich caused the scene of description it addred innersely to the loss of life and dread of the officers, and every mea sign done to reinforce the line still holding of the cavarly was sent to try and stem the rout before disaster became ir emratle. The spectacle of the entire retreating columns thus roused suddenly for as lumber by a fierce sudden surprise case ault and next flying from their samps in atter panic in their night clothes were not all annunitated by the victorious enemy is one trut cannot scarcely be richard in words and can be given in any approach to exact realization

inly in more narratives of the officers the eitheased the northest of such a "Clande linian atorm" and experienced the sersation to thich it cauted. The The riffic Grandella ian attenuals proved but the regions and discontinue leads described from the least of the tatalogine set of field fugitives has note and there group putches of pine trees in all discosions around them runs into flance from flached caused by shruphell explosions and before treville war up for sum time a doner or more conflagrations among the forests were visible

in all sections of the woods and in plant places great ralls of trees troke traith sudden startlingness startling a xideness into flame which

et of hundreds of feet into the air.

While the misses of christian troops were stained t, the awful suddeness of the disaster, and while some of the officers for a moment or so stood rooted to the ground or mandered helplessly about in dismiy, there vere anny alert and self pessessed among them who aroused themselves immediately from their dismay and put their energies to meeful ness, one Some of theme having the presence presenceness of mind ordered up their muchine ; in tatteries to cover the retreat of the defeated ing, nor led reinforcements in heavy numbers to the rescuent canchile the noise of configion brought the higher generals out in hot maste to the scene, and they ordered imense bodies of troops forward, and from the location of Lebanon Center came at double quick himsonia joinstonias force of soldiers the Birth Corps ander the officient command of general Hanson Turner of many a battle fame. These coinforcements were at on c put into position before the retreating troop, they were radialed gradually by their communities at this sight of help and the energy then met with more dogged resistance than had been expected, but still tried to pressed on and the fury of the battle became immensurable.

O remail Turmer recognized at the start the great nex necessity of teeping this glandelinian rave of insume makes tack as much as possible ntill more help could arive a pectall, in such an exigency as that which he notice more many count arrive to pecually, in such an exagency as onto them he had to face. At a time all this point, the study into one must call in ted actions and no one must east min a Bingle word of that was gaing in. This is a normal format and single word of that was gaing in. This is a normal format and those forms bird into the tattle with lively energy. The effort to fight the enemys dougled advance has now the flist and greatest duty to be performed but from the start as one enemys artilles, covered the "STOM" it fr proved to be a dangerous and very difficult mark, the set a hopeless time. With fields Shandelinian column making for and ut once in animuense line, general Turners army rould have been insideques to once in an income through a partial transfer of circumstance as he age to the che onen year and in the test of circumstance as he age set terribly ever helmed. As it can be and his officers found thems lives set it as by an all high of heavy field become and by constant use the machine plans here is hot the, had to be given a rest, which was so the advantage of the enemy who however had falten

in the most dreadful teeming numbers.
The violence of the account and aleacen ed and broken up the main christian left, and so far ana, 'as the other sections of the min christian army that outside of the troops nurled in there has scarcely any more troops to be had, so that even the divisions of the last cases sent forward to repell the enemy proved next to useless. Heinforcements might be drawn from the center, but the centre of the christian army was six miles or more away, and even if any troops were drawn from there this gready body of the army might prove useless in the stringent exigeny exigency.... The only hope that remained to general Turmer and the others was to endeavor to chec the progress of the advancing a landelinians, by the use of a strong batt ery of neavy centimeter gime, and to withdraw a my the briden portions of the christian army in the line of the progress of the enemy advance as they were a minderance of the defensive lines. This was put in practice without the alightest loss of time, and soon the thunder of man, of shede game began, followed by many terrific explosions among the enemys our mains surjes, many blusts being heard every for reconds even at general mansons headquarters each explasion signifying to him independent by one till the one tiling an amis, and also signifying that none tellimen, of Handelinians age blon to atoms by each explosion.

to others seem the gaps sont in sheir lines one glandelinians advanced, and shough the brave entission generals worked, and their troups fought with a despendion and one long, of the most service type it seemed as if all them shelf efforts were to to stanout avail, the 5 terrible plancelinians pushing on as steadily as if a colon, of roull i secre rad sought to stay their progrecs.

It was with grief and at norvoy that the numbers of benevals generals haned of this steady agree of the army of tuin-liney were seeminly seemingly the grand by one again, the state of the catale alsaster, indeed estained by pare ive in one face of one call and dofen . Lat source one a line is lace, an if stained by Leop Mar and not yet are used to a relligation of the norman of the discussionals and not yet and any time carrys made sain a few months of supplies, provisions and madicals, instantial the viscorious enemy in passession of all this and a vast camp one shortess of assumption made isself apparent from the exist, and actiller; fire and opened upon the christian left from three sides and everybody seemed whill a storm of shot and it shousell, stape and him chapterives .. 2.2.2.2.222222

The proper annous serion could have acopped the asymmes of the los tan even more difficult to obtain, and the left wing was nearly cut off from the main conjution army. Those who postedeed supplies of amountaion alvanced it as fast as possible, but in the face of g ave parti. Thus an Abbiemnian Officer sent fourteen ragons logged with monitions, and the drivers were obliged to pass through a zone of fire, wand a number of wagons were blown up before the train reached its destination .. The conflagrations started by the buttles sudden fury, the swaying and tottering trees burned through, the frequent small explosions, the dreadful noise of hundreds of cannons, the incessent roarin, cruc/s of riles such followed by terrific yells of the victorious enemy rendered the fields and lanes very uneafs for accuting confisting officers, the city of Lebanon itself may under fire, and the insabit ones fled in almost a panic. The ferryboats were crowded with those who wished to leave the city, and a constant stream of the homeless homeless carrying such articles as they had renoued from their homes was continued all day long any they fled in the direction of the north to get away from

A strange feature of the battle was a rush to the forward positions by the S ixteenth Corps sho wis hed to try and stop the advance of the enemy awin ging round in this direction. The enemys advancing columns was yet distant from this location, which seemed destined to be assaulted. The assault came with dreadful violence, and all that morning till ten long lines of christian coops stood before the enemy in fierce desperate resistance, On their side generals Montgomery Watsonia and Sancons were wounded, but the christian troops held on, braving in their desire to unt maintain the position. the fiercest of the enemys assault, and tearing shole lines of assailants to pieces with their withering rifle and cannon fire. Their effort was vain, the Olandelinkans turned their right, and drove it to the rear in il wild confusion . As for some of the fleeing people of the city, some of them in their panic and confusion in stead of Heeing northward wildly fled man the very danger zone they wighed to avoid, but their confusion somehow or other for a time stopped all ogress of the enemy in that direction and it became even necessary for the christian cava 1, to drive them out of the territory before the enemy would fail upon and massacre them...and thus with incident manifold, went on that fatal Fifth of Uctober, the first deams of that dread battle of Lebanon.

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> Utficial record of the violent Glandelinian Uns la ught.

It is very important, here to give the official record of the shocks of the violent Glandellu ian one laught, as given by some of the officers who all nessed it, and sho send timely end iald in the end. Seneral Deorge Gross mid in his at itings to general lanson vivian.

"The Clandelinian assault came from north to south, and the only descript ion I am able to give of is terrible effects that it seemed life a storm wave highing a kind corns enors city. I was in bed, but roused from sleep by the first terrible crash of firing. I thought at first that some explosions by accident must have occured dinin the carletian lines, and , began to count the seconds, but as the noise increased I ray idly dressed, went out mounted my horse and rode off to see what was wrong. The shock of the attack came at five twelve oclock in the morning The first o portion of it seemed at first the most severe and it carried all before it. From that time on it

decreased gradually because of fresh resistance it ast but did not stop. The on onslaught continued for two hours beingslighter in degrees at that time than in any part of the passed hours, but the battle raged then with an indescriable fury and general Tormer seemed to be nolding his own but with great will iculty. There were two slight concussions from somewhere afterwards much I did not may much attention to. At 8.14 I recorded a shock of an assa alt upon liontgomerys rout iront, which continued for quite long a apace of time, and another one two minutes later somewhere else. The battle then was extending and it was evident Manley was determined to every our big army abide .1 saw many fires, but nothing atong just then seemed to happen in bebanon though the people were abantoning the dity inpario."

General Bifemathus recorded what he observed 2.2.

"The principal part of the terrific Glandelinian one haght came in two waves. Use as led by general mimmania Shoemania, and the other, was led b, general Jesipine Jensin and be the abits in juknoll.... I saw those the limits column to a fragments by gurners first fire, the first sactes of vibrations from the cannonating of both sides continuing without interruption, and the din was in a grander north concleving to that of a great Volcanic e plusion plus on continuously. I suspected or balieved the vibrasions sould aliate dim also gradually laving the class the christian left 1.5 as routed, but artiliery the occured this remewed vigor at some other coction. Then the hoirs extended to the oast, and the atmosphere was full of tennous motes and the second of the control of the second the second shows the second of the second it is a few integration intensity as to less trescrible procured sollar, and from the observation point to sum to the field displacements of the observation of the contest in left into procured a view of the form Type condition. ahnowed tenn and took of the the his atoms absorbe of the abundantintin announced come from the direction of the nontheast to nonthwest. Congrat Jesteine will the first to drive his line through that of oursely that respect the records of the three heaviest blows comes entirely. But they but neveral other fator of in common. Or of them in that while them is men breather on, then man covered by an artiflance five that made the challetter continue the metenable, the continue the retreat more than the associate, and of the the displacements of the cite in left wins were very large, the enemys educate be incomes contained finish Conned out with a form, and I could one that the mit at it morned in on the dlandelinians were a affecting the thing from the fire of carron and

mallator clong commons defense defen sine lines.
If the reader desires to discover the lot of desires done by the fierce offendelining a montag gas wit, the fact at and out that the enemy followed as alone upon the metresting columns of the left ring that the fraction of the ranges were in many cases obliterated during the battle by so much amove of the wild fining, and of conflagrations set by the battle. To many regiments of troops fell a pret previo the dwarding enomy or an the dreadful Clandatinian artitlery fire that the not al work of the chalatian officers to restore and in the the short and their mid mid difficult, and the down niture of the diagram in some cases impossible to discover. With fact min on that led to considerable and despite and delar when the question of how the christian left wing not no enally sumprised by the enemy, miny of the officiale having alon confined that write to attempting to stem the disnater and yet claiming examp tion from liability as to what the hat'le mit result in the case the enemy pushed on through very obstacle. Had not this been, there was sure believe believ the enemy could have been benied

buck sponner than it was done. Among the chief victimes of the buttle diseases was general Wooden's Fifteenth Coups standing ground at Struct we Juncture.

His right grand divisios was left still intact but the other sec tions was reduced an a man would be reduced to a afeleton with his flash a one and his appressible exposed to the searching air wie center secoiled before the chemys advance and artillery fire in frightful disarray, general Peter St John was morally mortally wounded, his assistants generals San Pedro and Michael Good Child were seriously wounded, and his lieutement general fell dead from his horse s hot through the heart while trying to rally the made stricken troops. General Woodons division therefore was reduced to miserable wheel the communication and the hard made in the Clandelinian agency to his time to ruin, General Post Johns division in handsome is found Court and initially remarkable for the believing it many a battle cleo suffered a worder from the shock of the income come it, its left being badly shattered and injury done to the center while its leader was wounded......

One observer who were a fortegner stated that the ensure like of against seemed to have advinced in a very tregular counselled the ensure room on in a struighter course its hoins helief and driven off in later bours would have been out as ly impossible. He related to general Ben tionen in "The enemy advanced in a long line but twisted up someways live a sarpent in advancing the line never straight, and the chutstian lines had fallen to the rear dearths the confusion in a more straight line which fire out big cais in the enemis columns for every voltay, depend Centers divisions hardly feld the columns for every vollar. Consend Cinform divisions hard to fill the the centual to the own super it, while the other blooms the chulethan lines were all shattered. The enemy harling bloom is a gainst Canters position met obscens registance, line after line of assailants were moved down they whilet to room his left wing, and not flunged themselves and galled by an infinding fire that swept all before it. Consent aldron Costellia pushed the "Material With all awailinble troops, but he fall at the head on his troops and his line of battle was shattered, and by sight or lock, in the morning facing and one in life fire falled to advance any furths and was a lated. This exhabile cash be to rest the chapter to half the enough two on. At this place the alandalinian land here whe literable. conven of bricaden had been awapt out of existence in an hours time, swenty concerned worself flad. Fourteen wounded and the main Clandelinian troop atomise Centers without a lauder, and lost fourty standard colors and six reproduce not been an arranged and arranged to the control of the but record to ed the build to, abond for the enough one taband of identifier.

Shrtking the wint of the ghoteling laft wing southwest from Vandamis To benome F arms which was as serious intensed that it would have to be normseed not the Ferry, the right of the last wine, the first thin channed was the extremation of the source of of the advised no Thindelining though, Conerol Bronein Diortes divining for her tonce west to though of the "storm" and is left mens of wormed wounded and his dies while renoral hand Henrymona division on the left of it, though humled from the contition in a disordante retreat and Cononil tied are on the other enthic, also law in attempt to and car heavilly attempt were right in undurated and were able to retreat post to mill out hadne cought in the anome handcane though of and illery fire.

Purition on ceneral Commonian division was reduced to fragments and part of tin last Cound wing was coptomed and annihilated General Catas Price den alon soff and actions to from this creat wars battle shake up, he was wounded, and his artifiers was applicad. The same was with Jenseal Andrews Corps, his line was roll ed up, and his his field piaces rendered,, on lars. It cost much time and decadral efforts to sent reinforcements to this endangered print and restore the shottened lines, The most of the shotetian line that colleged before the enemys at that time irrestible advance were the ones mostly cought off grand and impropared, the divisions hit later and given time to be proported encaping the disaster in full and though also forced to retreat giving the enemy for more finteer resistance then ever expected. Of the Former divisions general Valencia Johnstons was shattered to a complete demolition, a four divisions Brigade which were reduced to fragments before the enemys fire and advance. The Jose of life was appalling. In facts air, as the reports of damage and defeat wrought by this tremendors Clandelinian answers to the tremendors Clandelinian answers watching the convection grew among coronals the were watching the agenc close to where I adoud that one of the cuffeet places during the enemy "storm" to throw in troops to try and hurl it off you on Lebanor Hill, and Tabor Hills of which teeming lives of come on could saily and mapidly be massed. As a rafter of fact this however was not aftempted though I didn't see why for I believed the enemy could have been out to pieces at this spot. The long of life during this fray was caused in almost every case by the tourible curtain of artillary fire from the enemis adventing batteries. The minro wash complete windleation of the atrongent claim and a for his troops and it to made doubt the treating from the fact that this was the first occuration or which the effect of a vicient diundedinium confounts of my proportions and the control of division of two proportions and the confount in division of two proportions and black Of Ganters Winth Coops and Sixty rib Pricade rder comend Dandro Francis had been hard the historia regarded with reinforcements its damage hising done wholly bother victors of the somalt Tie line never below remined intest hand. "theld its position. Other sections of the christian line under Canter were at a fifthe off effected as to dail' einforcements more or less extensive were the Fourth Cours under ceneval James Flooding, General

It Bords Earson, the Fourtarch Cond. ander Earson I havid Jones, and the moth Const under general Earson Post. All of these fromly held their positions apported by a facilities and illowy fire that under an advance of the enemy general must close came afterly impossibly without weithing the faction.

A recally feature of the effect of a bittle access of General Enimenths within First going also of General was also reported in the case of General Enimenths likely First going also of General was also for the first and left wings of the corps enveloped their gengilants and so damped their line of advance that the corps enveloped their gengilants and so damped their fact of advance that the first country faction was the Millowest them of the Caustin I lines" indicate an impossible position. We arise september have been under of the amprising accessful confidence of the survising

triefie Wilson, menetal Coorne Oll, the Eighteenth Corns under General W. Borin Manson, the Fourier's Corps under meneral David Jones, and the

a commendate the continue of the powerful artificial and set of the desired of the artificial testion to the first of the first of the artificial testion to the first of the first of the artificial testion that the reliability and enthusiasm of their scene is and resistant all communities are the min reasons given, besides also the strong positions they maintained. Their artillery five out the enemy to pieces while the infanty; presented a solid impenetrable front while the regult, that the Chindelinian army was shuttered to lices and mable to always a the large was on the many other military basis for the latter theory or not it seems a acceptable enough in view of the description given to make those commanders themselves of the manner of tick their me is a divisions recieved the one hought and withstood the aledge hamman blors. All things considered coneral Canters division has afforded the christian arm, the most convincing evidentee of its ness and anothe Ennesn Virian to exact the aumy of the foe onlinely during the later must of the hat le.Phone on I Cambers Bland was most marreloss."

From Teneral Phyolbin Fiftmen'h Corps came neva of the total destruction fremeral Fell eve large division which shood lies thought of on a porblen of the Lebinon Childredge Childrene big country | layerround . The whole line of the le here were electioned beyond reformation, the center was driven in and noticed up, and the death of ton of the left was complete From the force of explication the heavy year cover by this line of bettle were the discrete from their foredetions to the the positions come of them

the means for torn, being abified or throm before many and as though they were made of configuration in the smaller aviable y much he capid five and median i on, and cataling come of this division of broom engaged "like at disage or being captured except in hi care of the In paring Gamman Design before on the left of the Galldre on the physicand having before only a displacement. 2...2

It is connection in the dant of extro on anothing character could be not acted. Among the christian before in order corecal behand stanford all of which were captured or overtherm and directed ment his brian Commencer of elid junt. This had been which to be the air by infer given for it they ill divide left, and the had her model the again, he had atom will of the playmound and be seed the left the count of mental in the direction will be the model the again to had atom will wind by the not direct after the playmound of brief of the tree mond be ond, from the lift wind by the few of directions of the cream. The aim what it ing we that then recovered it proved to be without any lifter of someth. This content is the few of the cream that he direction of many briefles and extend to be a confort in the incline battle the destruction of many briefles and extend being almost total the ghe that in fine intimes from dwith the sempeth identify of registing the should be in the few of the best left of between and in the which is the second of the termified Chandelinian towards to the opining of the bit le of bebone and in the which it is all, exceeding the few of the termified lines content to the content of the death were more dead directly to indirectly were some with a city to indirectly were some of the relations concerned against general Conformer and on onger force of three things concerned against general Conformer and and onger force of the death in the concentrated against general Conformer and on the comment of the conformation of the comment of the content of the conte

The enemy came with a slight "strong flowers of the value of the nufficient to cause a temporary aliem. Then half in bour later came another and most sevens one strong enough to roll out of positions justion of the line but it was repulsed with dreadful lone. On the christian site convers neueral.

We free and Consisting vision were wounded.

The terrors of battle disasters sometimes are only now entary. One fierce The terrors of rattle dispetent sometimes are only now entary, one fields directerous one laught and are ally all in over. The dreadfinal frag then had han pushed on, and the two foss so into need with after leving shaken. the territory for agay longues with a dreadful cammonade harely does a glandelinian onstaught leave benind to such a scene of decoraciton and to go on conjecting its territtle dova action as an in one care of a the almost done lettle inf vi wing of the confection away ander general immon Vivian. All seemed to Lea that such a in cathavil of tain of table as the har has tarely seen. The Whole Githdelinian column stretching for nany mil s f ollowed closs upon one neels of one recoiling christian left wing and van led manded onrough the imenue Ghildrens Playeround, while for . The the hortor diricken people tho material the neems from a distance stood aginet in error, while the christian officers seemed as nelpless to contact this Chanadinhan away under Jestoin Jessin and Calaminha Blosman in he they would have been to exop the vavages of an earthquike itself.

The main christian batteries were too is: off to be brought into position in time to do any bood at this oper, sweeping glandelinian Uns laught of the most terrible charge or and the batteries not there to Brop 1s. The minutation of the ponerals was quantifering the and one of mem wode his horse as if he as carry to get to poneral tanson, it has near an indicator to some the second of the refuses from , the city Athered on none high ground and looked on at the esecuting tattle in thank dismay and itsiful misery, wondering any the strong characters the from viola of their generals condinit do commending to stop the progress of this devouting Satanic army. They were forced to have hopedenally and helpf easily upon the describition of hang rections of a vast christian line and it was no marval if many of one people grey francic and lost their venson as the signe. In a dozen a munica places one glancelinians broke

vention at the hights. It a dosen a made of places the quantization of extension all observes.

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per tod of sternious whose and fight his the enemy has nother day . It ever ne he it for a time e.g. original no left to the of dambers line was almost overlaph ed, and also beneful finelby them of 1810n, and the one-by it how a time period to be need to be need

La ing the progress of the enemys givance blackness, the Handelinian talle front continues of these as to medianics Rivilion Junction near there general falcon had shown a new and strong partie line, and where seneral Fred A errys Four Corps were preparing for action. Ambalances Angone and a thombiles were can acrying was any bounded soldiers reached to a me battlefield men ford case to govern! Fred the my that it was impossible impossible to stand fround here and that the position would have be vacated in more as the retreating columbs coming up subsently would only throw them there hopeless confision. Every means was at once present into service, the them thro hopeless confusion lively again has at once present into service, the danceries were removed as replain a promotheleshill, and the hostrel regiment for one continuous and the remother and the remother

storm one one me conter and left with the purpose to make himlers and business off his own right wing, so that baneon could mass a permits

storm now more increased than \$\frac{1}{2}\$ initioned, general lamson made plans to storm now one of all own thin \$\frac{1}{2}\$ as solves off also was thin \$\frac{1}{2}\$ as solves off also was thin \$\frac{1}{2}\$ as solves of fails own thin \$\frac{1}{2}\$ as solves of fails own things as a large fail to the sor of destruction and solves are possible to the sor of destruction and solves of the laft and all the solves in the sor of destruction and solves of the laft and all the solves in the solves of the

of the onomposition with a left being stopped. The cavarly managed to restuce order after the nouse site to among the retreating left wing turn till to stop stop the advance of the Chandellinian was very unwalling. Stendil, the surely despite the areadful five poured down upon them the clandellinian clinked the shop and Standfords and Hopfings divisions could be a some of the first of the fir the position. To it the Committee of larger in fir which were secrewing distant ind retreated before the bottle reged have, but the advancing part of the larger in the advancing part of the section reached this portion of the christian

line and the committee this section reached this portion of the christian but at ill rem inea close enough in their assire to mutch the progress of the evid battle.

Pair Fort majorly this porting of the christian line escaped only with a little damme, its line of battle remining intact, and stopping the presents of the enemy long their post. Form of the first line of millions was earliered by the Clandelining, by the arm were required by important charge, in the district of the kill extending worthwest ward from several knapping Kearney and Menicomens Tooligans divisions as to the day of the first of the wave of assult the Clandelining advanced forward as if they were been an practice assult the Clandelining advanced in a ferming that the charge in the control of the first of the several control of the co Get waturg but a thousand times greater and more furious. This section of were country but a thousand times greater and more furface. This section of the hill was held by general Inten of artere's abone incilians, windless, and muchins, annelly inseed of Tripoconline. Once the country would give a footheld here there would seven a footheld here there will seven a foother than the chief in the willing up the chief in line here in a design many, bloods by innumerable flashes, the Chandling and were week that it is a footheld to be considered. were ewept away like chafe before the wittering fire. Whole Teriments were at a way by hindreds, the general loading the onalarist was shot dead from his hore, and appailed by the frightful slawpiter, while they couldn't not within rifle rance of the defenders, error the Climach Hides fall back in ratherat in dreadful confision. General Clemment which a rally those ranks arisely on columns but was laid low by shell. General Andrew Dononi took his place, grasped the Clandelinian Mational colors, wayed the flag into the faces of the christian defenders, and fell dead shot through the heart. The I cas of brigadier commanders was awful, the glandelinian wave of attack in this quarter, was mingled, shot to places, and though it bravely and despreadely tried to rally and so on with the assault, they only again fell in scores of lines and they all the distinct limits are in the first the distinction was colorist and it. First limits we maintender the distinction of the colorism which are in the the colorism and they are the distinctions are interpreted by the distinction of the colorism and them. away their arms to escape that wiful christian five.

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With advanced operate which may be regarded as an ensual incident to be be a form in this quarter which may be regarded as an ensual incident. It was stated too that at one portion of general quatterior line of defence to where for a time the battle was bottent, the amount into for machine give was sadly short, the only swillable religiously the form may contride to be belonging to dead soldiers who did not need them and which for matter fitted the cartridge winner. At a critical moment these too gave out being swhusted, and still the enemy had come on. The soldiers were not yet conquered. Some of them can to wagons which were full of munitions, and calling for assistance began to roll out barrels of T.N.T and Gun powder Barrel after barrel appeared untill fully five hundred of them our powder.carrelatter barrel appeared within lowly live howeve in a long line. Then time were in a long line. Then time a inserted into the burnles barrels fixed lit and rolled tward the edge of the ridge and pushed over. The postscript of this queer story is that every barrel expleded among the enemy tearing he lid have aver we in the creems lines. The story is we in read line indeed for had the fuse a been made too short the bar els would have blown up within the embatt had the derivation along the energy the children by the concussion of so much heave artillery fire, and shall explesions, bearing up before the onsharkt, swept by flames starting among these on the hill, the artillers supply cut off by the enemy getting around them what could be done to stay the fierce march of the enemy which were

them what could be done to star the filtree march of the enemy water were sweeping irrest bly over the hilltop.Proper artillery was not to be had what was to take its place. Nothing remained but to meet beyonet against beyonet or to use rapid fire and machine runs or do something to stop the march of the enemy. They had long range comes dynamics bombs garcoffom explosives and other blasting materials, and in the frightful exigency explosives and other blasting materials, and in the frightful extremoy therewas nothing class to be used. Only for a brief interval did then u generals a well to the remark feeling of helplesaness. Then they aroused themselves to the desperate demind of the accession and present of ode, all in the power with the aid of God in the effort to arrest the stuborn advance of such a degree and irrest ble force of Clandelinians under the two irrest ble lenders jeeipine jensin, and Columnia Showmaniand others. The big runs were rapidly formed into a sort of semi circle by the orders of feheral lake Mircus, will all the infantry troops put themselbes themselves in the face of the advancing and elinian soldlers, determined to do their urmost, to sty stay them the in their course, our of from the support of their well needed unchine and rapid rapid fire gyns which might have been effective if brough into play at the beginning of the desperate, at the course, our many accessing the server of the course out of the desperate. long van ge g uns and bayonets, and to roll pon the enemy dynamite carteidees contridges and gum powder mines and they set bravely to wor to do what they contringes and num powder mines and they set provely to wor to do what they could with these. On every side the roar of many terrific explosions o could be heard mingled with the contin uous crash of rifles, and the crash of the enemys own exploding shells viborated the air. Many of the city's refugees who were more bolder had come close to the rear of the christian lines just to see the battle and therefore when the enemys shall fire grow too hot the people were forced to la leave the locality Frequently a terrific earnpilt ing pis were forced to la leave the locality, requently a termine carefulting crush, a fearful emuption of smoke dust and earth and stones rave warning to the overboid refugees that destruction was going on in the forefront of the christian lines and that to come to close in such localities was unsafe, all through that ear ly morning this desperate fight went on bopelessing the receively During all this time a termifid termine come of battle could be heard in different sections of other wines of general Hanons arms. The be heard in different sections of other wings of general Ensaons army, who Battle ground florechy by complete new, and twice it happened that when the the Clandelinian charter thanged Slandelinian troops not destroyed by the christian fire were blown to alone by the shell explosions, and the same occured on the bill but the enem only closed the gaps and continued on, and the disheartened christian officers saw their troops gradually driven from their positions step by step but they continued the firshing with little regard for indicin own saftw and with imflinching desperation. 2.2.2.222

The very machine gins themselves from the very start had proved useless a from shortese of amount ton and were either abandoned on moved to but line districts of the hill in the vein hope that mantions might write arive in time to parmit a final stand senior the "Bhirtwind march of the

The managering of a mountain and were either abundaned or moved to but bying districts of the hill in the even hope that munitions might aribe arive in time to permit a final stand acainst the "White wind "march of the dar c devil Clandelinian soldina. The cloud of descript areas gloomier still as the report spread that even for the infinity and the long mane cannons the supply of munitions was giving out...

"No more ammunition. No more ammunition. "Foreamed one of the officers, as he rode up to one of the ci chief renerals tears standing in his eyes.

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So indeed at that despripting the battle stood helpleng with their adviring Clandelinian army, the stume so christian officers, and even the stuffled non yombatants watching the battle stood helpleng with their conditions in a standard of the commands who nover for a moment give and liked in deaphir fright and horror upon the si swiftly advancing Clandelinian sold ers.

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istance and the medical on a slope a lingle hove the clan, which the The deliving border were a grand included 1 as leaps and bords but without alling, they rent systemitically to work, and opened a cross fire of the standard intradity and when they had no sape their fire a memory on so force on intensity and when they had no stop their firs a moment or so to the factor may come to cool, only a few regiments nemained of what and be on the factor and the horning near of some challengths, the bounding near of some common to thich the tensified non-somble and listened all that dressful counting, the increasant crash of lift one are not only only and large of the increasant crash of

car falt that the christian left wing, tooming in the year with feltives man falt that the christian left wing, teaming in the car with futtives from the batile chreatened city of Lebanon and willluminated by except by a disasterous three of fire from having trees, was sufer. Every christian triade did their both, and though the chomy still advanced along the content of the but freely. From Colden Glon north, the Clindellinians penetrated the open agace but in one section. That was at Sertunde Sprekles Farm, and there is long wave of kindellinians were pounts account the fields and unding up the rise before the christian artillar men could reach the apot. Yet the placed their prime into position, at first the opened fire him on been united so accessful from the trained view paint of the numbers, but never and the trained when the section of the christian artillar warm the chandellinians down invision.

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His two re was one of the slow divisions of the army. General Hans Jose and his divisions almost shared a similar fats in facing the terrific advance of general Hansons center. Only the left of his line of battle still stood its ground, the rest couldn't and had to resoil, among the divisions of the foe cut to piec as were those under general Justice, and many otherworkers, though they ministed the fiverest resistance. Here the death list appeared to have been slightly smaller hands a maker of badly wounded was not

appeared to have been alightly amaller hit the number of budly wounded was no less than five million. General Agnew was rounded, and his brigade antivoly miped out, more than half the number of his officers being captured. General State Stan emans army, and the Corres arder Bulb Ato felt the full force of the chatetian assault and was badly shattered in stood its ground however. Only two bindred thousand lives were lost as a result of this assault but eight million Glandelinians suffered injuries more or less sortous. The Calabalinian left of the center under general Memorial was seriously be Calabalinian left of the center under general Memorial was seriously handicaped handicapped by the chairfier one in this for the child allowed the Canadelinian from the demolished much of the Clandelinian front, general Agner Johns that for any actions by the force of the assault and Minth Gorns was divided into two sections by the force of the assault and cut up be y badly, so the vere the divisions under Todney, and the Fourth Winth Corps was divided into two sections by the fonce of the assentiand out up by bodly, and the very the divisions under Lodge, and the Fourth gover under lineary. A number of artillary were explained, can the Fourth college in an inner studying to of positions were prictically minipred and the bulk of the clands linear troops even escaped the main from of the engagement. The Glandslinian positions which extended from whice along the December Creek, every and without injury, having applied the engagement. The Glandslinian positions which extended from whice along the linear of the recent lasts or a buttle line displaced and no injury done in other places, they have a seen to the line displaced and no injury done in other places, they have been position which streamed so fourfully with wife and common fire that the charge positions after extended clong a position of the fact and Santa Burbara hillroad account in the fact of the fact and some fact displacement, but reneval Stocktons which positions of Social law north of this displacement, but reneval Stocktons with displacement and some fact was also been some soin of a twilf mention explosion the Abbleviana and Santa Europa and the fact was aix miles away. General Brayless division only a also affected about one interest the injury of the army being demolished though none of them were vised out, and they were able to beld their cround.

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a sition in Athalocality with a loss of neverty five Abounded liversion at a placion of a new colton shell from 1th companion caused a River Inn House to alide down the continuous till five miles from the scene seventy people being howled in the mains but minusualsy escaping with their lives though some of them were hadly injured. Consent Engages Christian Finth corps in charains against a facult Porta's front was practically wiped out by the Chardelinian artillary fire and one general was killed, and scores injured. Consent Perfect division suffered considerable from the christian assault, from shattered brigades,, of its left fallen out of shape, and broken lines,, the greatest division for the colleage of the right. Consent lines, the greatest description being the colleage of the right. General Brino Nemos chandeliniars in pentition by we fortunate in eaching the blow it being reported that the associated description of Omnutants called the figurest description chandles of the state of the state

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CHAPTER FOUR. THE EXCITEMENT THAT WHILDET AND HER SISTERS BEEN AND OV EHEARD IN THE CLANDELINIAN GRIEFALS HEADQUARTERS, AND KLEEWIEFS.

Puring the terrific actions at Lebanon violet, and her sisters had been in control Manleys lines in such complete disguises that this time no one could recognize them to save their lives will they were infanleys headquarters disguised as girlacouts, they heard the bell on the side of a telephone box begin to ring most nosily as if somebody on the other side was in a nurry or excited one of the dishdelinian lenerale who had not yet sent it troops formed to an assault upon the christian illuss was stand ing beside his home forming his own plans, yielet first answered the phone and then made it evidently clear to the general whose mane was Clancy that he had an urgent call on the phone.

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It was general andrew stonemar calling.
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"Must shall wo do?" Children's Playeround and send some one to sarouse Manlay. He seed to do something the old solor re'll by thushed jo within an inch of our lives he protected the control of something cold or no cold." "I didn't get this maid charactery in much solliged. I'm coming over." He reached the outside just in time to see General jumpa ple ermerge from the eide of a borne do norse which stopped before the door. The general a peared to be plainly disconcerted about something, He was a much older man than Cancy had experted to meet, and he seemed vell tward the age of sixty once he was decared in the writering far year, well defined no learn and the pronounced embonion ont. He had lighting fars year, well defined no less and heavy thready but unusually long mustache. It was a type general Clancy he live in an of the hour "Gen eral Clancy! He man of the hour and the was a most of the work of the stop of the control of the control

terrible christian dog of an army. Please let me see the map and the Geography."

Turnapple wired his forehead with a towel by mistake."

That's, that's a sudden dangerous decision "General vnac C lancy "he said trying to smile.

"My decisions are always suiden. I have thought over it.
Turn apple laid one finger over the adge of the deel." "Of Course I now
nothing of your affairs or circumstances general" he said with a tone of
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this impulsive wat, that means that I must step ut out you are running your this impulsive wat, that means that I mean step, ut out. You are running your army into a "bornets nest" but I won't do so to m, division. This bettle is not a small not an easy affair, as you are probably aware from the way those christian dogs are crashing through everything in their way, but general hanley was satisfied with your management. I have tept our losses down to their lowest limits."

"I have not expressed any rash intentions yet." said general Clancy. "Please

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In the my dear sir"Protested general Turn apple unining his finger"If that is your op inion of my warring it is an unjustifable one. There is nothing in my di duties here that I shouldn't have for the interest of my cause. I am not a mere colonel not a plain major general and I have never claimed to devote all my time an and interest to a single concerned point of a battle. I have interests more what is going on at our center and left than what is going on along our right. I believe You will find that I have not neglected my obligations to general Manley, as for the situation along our right the going on along our right the practitation of general Manley, as for the situation along our right who may not be made in the situation along our right the fammering our center to Pieces causes it east for me what we won man and try to devote my time to avert the disaster if posnible, so far as I can slare it from my duty on my left. The two armies are not actually in conflict, general Clancy. Quite the contrary, it's a hells tug of war it is necessary that we pull together, especially ow weing to the results that is threatening from the effects of general Hansonscolan of movement against us. An it is good hus inces too. What helps one in this awful situat ion helps another."

"Quite so equite so said Clancy, "I don't despute that we have a right of engage want on our own chosen ground. But how about the battle on our right. "

"Quite so equite so said Clancy, which shows quite a disaster starting and start a sad reversegeneral Clancy, which shows quite a disaster starting are not large enough for content on the should another force of men come to the help of that christlan dogs."

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"The more bad, and serious than you immrine sing our right?"

torn to pieces, a score of our generals are down, what little line of troope little line of troupe that are still making a showing against the advancing tide of purple doesn't do us any goods."

"That sounds plausible seal of clancy; and then he shot his bolt. "Many don't general Manley get out of bed then and forget his darn could and fight liancon as be used to?" he saled.

Turnapple rose up tre molling with anger that was only half feighed.

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"I suppose you do not refuse to produce them?"he daminded. Turns plus produced a vey from his waist pocket with fingers that could hard by that it. he was so nervious about the way the butter was turning out... lis insurted after three failures a barthemy) for every failure, snapped ack the lock as in a manner as if it was responsible, and threw the top up with a rewounding hang, revealing a pile of geographies on top of one another, as if they had just been under an examination.

"Go through them by all means of you be live you can find a means to tstop the "Unristian Lion" he cried, and he filmg the ey on the des ... "This is the key to the office"he said. Th"The other des contains some private "The map generalt"

"The region is bounded on the west by the Vantum River. It is a straight military concension of roll many of the country around Lebanon."

"The region is bounded on the west by the Vantum River. It is a straight military concension of roll many file. If you want a map you'll have to manufacture one or go to Manley. General Manley has them."

"There must be a wap "Maid Clancy quictly.

"It isn't drayn to scale. I'm not going to give you an unscaled map when your are so mighty fooligh as to run your army into a trap, and then to jump on me because the map! I'l produce goursed you to do the blunder. You'll find a rough plan of the hattlefield among thome papers. But you're a gosh darn insense fool to dare think of undertaking the movement you wish to plan" the moved tward the door in id his hand on the handle, cleaned his threat, and glanced baget easy that my divisions will be compelled to fall to the reason a disgredorly defeat at any moment. If you wish to renew the

"I have only to may that my divisions will be composited to fall to the rear on a disorderly defeat at any moment. If you wish to renew the contest on the old scale I shall expect adequate notice."

Clancy glanced up from one of the Geographice.
"You lay regard the battle an eleminating in a victory for our side by this evening then he handword. "If you wish to renew it then I shall lot you know when I have completed the plan."

This time Turnapples anger was more aroused.
"You cannot expect no victory with your idea, not even now or a week from now, are a whole yearlies shouted. "Do you believe that I'm a man who would acce of anoth less shouted." "Do you believe that I'm a man who would acce of anoth less though any long american of elements are young to. Thy a broad I've throm, away many hundreds of thousands of lives trying conjectivity to develop this rotten proposition of smashing senoral Hambons of twins, and now what's happening now, because "Crazy land to see my divisions divisions and the Battle was the man of the contest of the c generals, whom the Very MOFER IF ABOVE CAMOUT LYEN WIREFT Es, you can't gethyour troops up in time to met them flery dovin, you know nothing of the the christian generals and their plans, you'll be routed from your position at their very first meshing onclought, and have to retreat like a flock of

the the christian generals and their planes you'll be routed from your position at their very flist meshing one laught, and have to retreat like a flock of rabbite to say your wish to retreat like a flock of rabbite to say your day be analyzed plan to your own ruination that's your wish to carry out your day be anahoov led plan to your own ruination that's your own business. But if my division of troops suffers desactor because of your own business. But if my division of troops suffers desactor because of your bludger it! sue you for resignation in the landelinian courts.

The opened the dopor but general Clancy called to him.

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Turnapple turned and glanced at him two rationly, he regretted in some measure the outburst of temper which had made him act foolish but he could see general Clancy was going into a disactorous blunder.

"Don't forgor your clears waid general Clancy opining the drawer and bringing out the box.

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"Through the window he saw an officer comi come riding up to him. There came later the confused sound of many volues in consultation. But laters had been abouted of many volues in consultation. But clancy turned his intention to his feward cognably.

General Clancy had discovered from the many reports., coming,... in. that handys losses so far along the left wing in dead and worked wounded had been abouted eight million, and still the counter attack of the christians was raging against it wildly, and the losses of he landelinian right which had swept away a portion of the christian left actack of the christian set made and yet not accurate, and as the battle was on had assumed such an immers proportions general Clancy could not find no fault or doubt in the statement. He under stood now the drawful ruy of the battle, He went rapidly over his Geography and yet our subsection of the plane of the plane through and general Clancy begen to the state was inc

long battle II's lines there at an y rate the fury of the christian assault was minitestia; general clancy closed the decaping. He would remain at this spot for a time on the defensive, but he felt that general a Turn prie was shitled to more troops than he would be contending with against the christian line. The Christian generals were playing too deep agame of war to trouble about what the diandslinian generals may be doing to try and outdo them his had suspected more strongly than any one else after a brief interview with general Hendro largar the demini, that general hanson had gone in person to the battles center to probe into matters, and with consympted in bed with a cold because he said the doctor said he mush t get up the Glandslinian army was in a fine mess. General Turn apple himself resolved to go to the general heading the Position at the Ste large stream and con sult with general heading the Position at the Ste large stream and con sult with general headen a Browseau who hade had advised a stand better than a continual offensive. He therefore mounted his horse andduparted... than a continual offensive. He therefore mounted his horse anddoparted ...

"Mover that!"
"Everybody's retreating, every brigade that's been standing ground at St Boniface Crossroads. The Christian dogs are presuling on nothing can stop them and general Christic johns is wounded. Only the line of men standing ground along the Ste Miris ctream stay but the assault upon them is treemendous and will soon dislodes them. Our general are very appry at Manley for mally condiling his coil d and to mg nothing for the army... They say they could have torn up the whole christian army if it was not for theblunderous as all upon the christian left now it is it is too late maybe. We are going

lose."

Bte Marie yet -- "Answered general Clancy - "Can't you get it into your head that I'm in charge here in Etalloya place."

"An yes general clancy. But you see Hanson wivian he better general. To Glandellnian army head licked him yet."

General clancy in a truy gramped him by the arm and led him tward the door... About the office were gathered a little group of general officers with sullen apprehensive faces, angrilly discussing the altustion, Aligh explosive shell cracked near by and show the house as if there had been a momentary earthur/6/... earthquake /....

"Call them in hore." Said with a volley of interjections. He began half a

doson grant was not with a volley of interjections, he obean half a doson explanations and finally gave up in desprise, though they came up to general Clange day it or general Brownerus orders, as the line cannot stand ground at Bt Bonifaces Cronaroado he explained. "You see we understand on the situation is dreadful, but general Brownerus is the right sort of commander and see the situation, he reinforcements are coming up for us, while they and see the situation, so reinforcements are coming up for us, while they are for the snew, These are nearly all the Brigades and they're shattered by the christian dose fire. That is why it's hard for the generals, they don't want their commands and hitted."

I then the man force I shall form the plans untill lanley is well Toll them it's Manley fault not minel didn't start the "Btorm"Upon the Ohristian left."

This was mot with come incredulity. "Anyway say their positions are good and strong untill I send a strong force to support them." ann ounced general Clancy and wondering whether he dared

The battle is lost. We can't rally this immense confused throng. Jeaipine is wounded, ?"

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"What are you too retreating for?"
"What are you too retreating for?"
"What to that you say? demanded gameral Bhoeminnia feri ferociously. "Who's re treating. Who's retreating. Such a retreating to the retreati

good order. "The other retreating troops were passing on, and the oncoming purple wave was very close and yelling as if they were flonds themselves."
"Come back to your senses general Shoemannia. "said Clancy. "We can nally them, and we can't let them run off that waywithout giving us notice. Let's

"Come back to your senses general Shoemannia."said Clancy. "We can milly them, and we can't let them run off that way without giving us notice.Let's hurry before the Christians come at us too."
"Had chance to mally them." "Said general Shoemannia. trying to twist away. Will you leave go of me general?"
"Mo"shouted clancy. We muse must tally them or you'll lose your good reputation as an excelleny soldier."
The last of the retreating troops were coming up now, they were as roped out off from the main string. Shoemannia flung his hat to the ground angily.
"Mo suppose you tell me what the trooble is "said Clancy."
"Mat't gint you got to stop me. "Demanded Shoemannia. "Say if it wasn't you I wouldn't answer for what I wouldn't have done to you for stop hing me at such a critical time. Now we will have to withdraw the whole line through this dreadful towitory untill we get to a new position. We are lost."
"Mat's happened gought!"
"Mat's happened gought!"
"Mat's happened gought!"
"Mat's happened gought!"
"I ald not do no such a thing. I gave all the support necessary."
"Then how in the world did this all happen!"
"Ct Crazy hancon vivian pumped me into being out generaled, and then drove at me with his other two wings how could I see that when no spies found any thing out."
"Saince and the support we will be support necessary."
"Saince of the was crazy he couldn't do this. I thought you was going

"Hanson . Eh? If he was crazy he couldn't do this. I thought you was going "Hanson .Effif he was crazy he couldn't do this. I thought you was going to fire morts at him, and he comes out and fires me and Jesipine against the enemy, and general Hansons troops throws us off the field with terrible loss, and we are losing all the ground we had gained this morning. That's a grand way to be standing by your word of support in our assault general Clancy."

"Main by sent you against Hansons left.Not I.#"

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"Main by sent you and others against Hansons left. and I guest guess he put on a front against our army and concentrated fresh troops to this support of his left before we were ar aware of what he was doing. This situation does mean a lot to me general. Tell me what caused you to go ahead on such a crazy dash across that swept shell swept field. I thought you was goner."

"Because I wanted to rally the fools under Jesipine answered Shoemannia.
"Because I can't stand to see the army turn out to face defent in every battle
we get into with Hanson. I'm tired of it general Clancy. That's why I guess"
he said raising his head and looking at _lancy plaintively" guess my
feelings got the better of me."
Clancy thumped him on the shoulder all right general he said But you can help me bring these troops
tward the rear in better order and stand ground for the afternoon if possible
and just as soon as things get straightened out we shall be able to withdraw
the whole army from hare in setty even if we convert he bettele "

the whole army from here in safty even if we cannot win the battle."

General Shoemannia lowed at him as if it was all a dream. General Lanoy he said, when he could steady his voice. If guess we have all been cutwitted. But when general Morrie told me that Jesiphine was wounded and his troops retreating, I naturally concluded that my line would soon give way too and dispatched general Conniey to try and repair it. I didn't

way too and dispatched general Conniey to try and repair it. I didn't sound vessonable to me either that you even meant to stay against the enemy though I uie did believe you when you told me you would early this morning. I couldn't see how the troops could stand groundat St Bonf Bonface's Groencads.Bu t I'll stay in y my own position till the last general clancy and I'll do all I can to help plean up this awful mees and put things on a botter situation if possible. I guese every one's among us general clancy wounded, from Morris, to Browseau and Loblance, down to Jean Handon."

"Jean Handon'Demand ed Clancy." should say that he was careful."

"General Clancy don't be offended if I give you my opinion, and its the experience based on all my life of experience—a longer time of experience experience then your's by a good sound way. This is some battle going on one of the fiercest I've ever been engaged in general. There's very few generals curviving in this army now when any of our generals get's into the hottest of the fight he naturally dies or is wounded. I was wounded many times in this var myself." in this var myself."

"You hain tained your position so long because you secured a good one

"I did general, But that waen't concidence, that was choice. That position is too strong for the counter assaulting christians to storm against. But I fear they'll soon infilade them with artillery and then I'll have to

But I fear they'll soon inflade them with avtiliery and them.

Withdraw them.

"Never mind general Shoemannia. You and I will vally the troops and clean

up on the enemy."

When a mind general Shoemannia "Give fellows like the continue of the line of the continue of the lines profer and income the continue of the worst and he for an example more troops artillery and you'll see

lits the worst and his portions of the christian armies we want to get We

can't in the battle now but we can retain the struggle all day more

and cave the main army from a disasture

whill shake on that he half. The accept the post, hold it and you

won't allow your troops to recoil from their position?"

"Mavar so long as we're on the job together." Inswered Shoemannia." but

"Never so long as we're on the job together." Answered Bhoemann is. "but "But here comes the Nationals dangerously close. We'll have to ride het for it, or they 11 catch us."

Within the next few minutes, after a good portion of general "? manh-In-The-Heads army had been rulied, general Clancy had indeed got hold of the lines of the the "Battle" business he had spent many hours before with general Connel in his orn headquarters the day before the battle came on, and now he was out in the very zone of battle itself and watched every every motion of the defensive lines, and of the terrificchristian attacks. It was evident that general Lenci Fichnell on the christian eide now in command of the christian left wing had been absolutely bleeding the Clandellham column; and had hurled great "storms" against the Ulandellham positions along the Ste Marie Stream, but just then it seemed impossible to detect any facts about the dangers that general Mansons army might scorer or later mistake general Manleys army for an enum empty eggenell.

"What do you make of this general Shoraminis" in asked when he had summarized the situation. "According o what I traced on this map I made my self, eighty five per cent of the army tist moved against the left Wing of Hansons came from general Manleys test troops. That leaves only fifteen

Hansons came from general Manleys test troops. That leaves only fifteen percent to hold the position at St Boniface's Cronsroads Now do ou suppose general is. Blance with his four assistant military Cricials of great by and his staff didn't send more than that against hancom left."

"I guess that good cection of the army sent against the Christian left was ours and we didn't find that out till now. "armered Shoeminnia." gome one was oute and we didn't find that out till now. 'answered Shoemannia. "Some one blundered. I was against "Storming that section of the christian army altogethed altogether. I did the same blunder at Osmendeneen because or the orders of some fool and the same result occured. I feared if Fancons left was pressed out of its position he'd throw his right and center upon us, and with the rest of the army swing a fierce account upon our right, and it has exactly happened."""

"And the Troops standing ground at The Sto Marie liver has been holding dreadfully long against hamy charges irrespective for the amount of troops sent to their aid, and they're fast dwindling away. Way at this rate we have

sent to their aid, and they're hast dwindling away. Why at the take we have been practically rurring the battle for imagens Fenfitt, nowever that len't the main point at present we have jet the figures showing how many troops was sent against the Christian Joff, and how lew are remaining to contend with the Christian dogs and they don't correspond with the ammount that went through earlier in the battle..... Where is that missing division that was supposed to aid the assult!!!!!

"In the paper mille I cuploses." a said Cheenanna sort of sarcastically. "If we gan right is represented by the corresponding to the said t

probably can hit upon some idea to frustrate general Hanson."

Encemanta verificated.

This is nearly an hour since general Morris was wounded. He" He answered.

The been holding the left wing against the christian right along the
Ste Marie, Browseceau also is wounded but not seriously. Hevertheless they'rve
got something, up their sleeve which sconer or later might help us out of
this tight fix... general clancy. I wouldn'd burry untilli they st get ready. Le
blance, understands he can't renew any assault without pansons storm being

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The are in peril. That dog of a within is trying to smach Tamerline at E"heldre
Etheldreada and if he does our own hash will be cooked if we don't whip
the hasen and get away! I send a courier up to Lebyangs and tell him to com

Things had indeed (you are in need) been going rather better now than

atill retreating in a panic ..

The hristian counter charges, the dreadful curtain of artillery fire, that threatened or see mingly threatened to make an end of the world before

that threatened or see mingly threatened to make an end of the world before the time in front of his eyes, the fearful conflagrations, the dreadful losses and the mighty explosions that occured among the munitions, and the sad dwindlin dwindling away of the Glandellnian right before the counter Murricane of general Bickhell were the principal items in an annual loss of nearly thirty a million one hundred and sixty thousand men of the left wing along in that one dreadful morning, and through some fools blunder. There were also the dreadful awa lanche assaults of the Abbieannian and the dreaded irrestible and incinicible Abyssin | deian Winfie cavarly. General Dupond had hurled against the Glandellnian center four immense columns of the fierce Domiobiane, which had carried one portion of the positions and tore away the Glandellnian division from the rear nearest 8t Bonifc Fonface's Crossreads and was hunling forward life a flood from a bursted than upon the Glandellnian positions at the Bte Marke. There was some blunder too between some other officers about some of the Ninth corps which seemed to have been ordered forward to the support and to be withdraym before they even got started apparently on account of the uncertainity whether they could withstand general Hanson pleases phristian Abyssinvilians or not.

As for other sections of the dreadful battle the movements of general Dolittles Fourth Corps was also a blunder, and the artillery and cavarly which should have supported the ascault with a strong force of infantry, was frustrated by the christian general Michael Burley who and his staff seemed to have their ingers everywhere for the actions, and the greatest peril Manleys army was really facing was at the St No Boniface Greenwads. This

The trated by the christian general Michael invitey who and his staff seemed to have their ingere everywhere for the actions, and the greatest peril Manleys army was really facing was at the St No Boniface Crosmonds. This was as bad a situation as a gigantic leak in the hold of a wooden ship in stormy heaving see, and in itself evidence of either foolishness or gross blunder on the part of the one who had delivered the assault against general Kansons left without first seeing to it that the enemy general could not throw against the Claudelinian army His right andcenter. Eo far as general C. ancy could judgelif he could) the christian forces a raying against the Claudelinian masses was bleeding the christian forces a raying against the Glandelinian masses was bleeding the christian forces a raying against the White the assault was so vigorious and strong that he doubted if the Ste Marie positions could be main tained very long, as Shoemannia had said, General Mannon was just "Sitting tight" and waiting it over.

General Cland, as he siveyed the scene estimated that, with the ammount of troops concentrated against the christian assault, and the strength of of the Clandelinian line, and he was confident from his view of the limits, that if he massed troces on time he could show hanson that he we his "equal". This meant that he would have to concentrate fourty million men, against the whole storming christian line.

But Shoemann is and other officers said it was actually impossible to hand be the affair in this manner and to concentrate such a ernu ernormous number of men in a short time against the christians. Examining the Geography farther, he believed he Could sent another division of troops down Stoney River. This plan seemed to Calmannia Boomarria clear diseaser if it was attempted, for he hand not the number of men proper to accomplish each of the was attempted, for he hand not the wind the strength shade of the christian army tag profoundly diseas diseasticified with this showing of the cristian army could Increased concentration of troops, and with the renewal of the asmault he believed he might just manage to carry through the resistance untill the might when he could them move the army away out of dangers. But he would have be use every desperance e tout, let see the aute of the concentration of the second o

"You wanted to see me, and I was coming to see you myself anyway. "he announced."

Leblance early this arring into the fray, that never passed through the enemy, nor came tack the lands to the fray, that never passed through the enemy, and the enemy, and the lands to the fray, that never passed through the enemy, and the lands to the fray, that never passed through the enemy, and the lands to the fray.

There all beliance leared back but appeared troubled though he tried hard to emile.

"It left them over there at the Christian lines general 1 clancy."he
said yetelat, the moon under things."

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"It gets to work the said pretty good into position near here. The said in a clancy of the moon of the moon of the moon of the position near here. The said pretty good into position near here. The said in a clancy could not determine whether the mans manner was sither occurred about the stutton. He plance lifted up his hat and twirled it on his knee, smilling our young fellow, you american the newword. Two don't would not be gone of that general lies on the said of the came back. Bo you fooledly want to sent the rest of my division to their deaths, you plon upon general lausons for with the statution as it is new said the new to footen want to sent the rest of my division to their deaths, you want in the obligation of the lends of the latty for object the lends of the latty for the said of the lends of the latty for the said of the lends of the lends of the latty for object to the lends of the latty for object to the lends of the latty for object to the lends of the latty for object the lends of the latty for object to the lends of the latty for object the latty for object to be the blood lest battle or the war."

It is a so that to be the blood lest battle or the war. I hanson to their ends and chancy, he saw and wherefood that he hance was sure of the case of the latty force of four million on the rest hand and wherefood that he hance was sure of the case of the case of the rest hand game of the latty force of four million on the rest had game of the latty for the sactive. No do by it is force of four million on the rest had game of the latty for the sactive was sure of the deaths, and the rest had game of the latty for the rest of hel

Sanaral Leblance threw back his head and laughed heartily, at what he believed was the su stupidity of general Chincy.

"You sure don't understand much of this battle business"he chackled.

"You better answer my question general Le plance he suggested.

"Weill sir"said Leblance. "you thing you can crush general lineon, You will soon find out for proff proof that we are losing lineon is recieving reinforcements, and we are not I am not go ng to send the rest of my division to face destruction. I decide to remain on the defense."

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"Yeary good" and claim, "Good Morning."

"See here young American fellowing to mean to tell me you don't want me to remain merely on the defensive where you going to get another division of troops to fill the gap my disaster will cause. How are you going to hold your own position if the "storm "gets here when I take my division and lead them to destruction. Way han. Are you possessed."

"I don't mow "answered general Clancy "But I il find out."

General Le planes appeared nonphisesd.

"You don't want me surely to drive my troops to dire destruction; "He domin dd. "No one can counter charge those christian dogs non now. May I got my batteries of artillery ready to repell the advance of the enemy."

"Bee here. I got to have reagon, "Cried tellance. "General Manley ought to be here oncommand. He sure wouldn't do that."

"You seem to want to stand before the enemy mighty bad" said Clancy quietly. "Burely lianson is not as dangsrous at that well Leblance if you feel it that way. I don't want to do anything rash But you're running a creater risk remaining on the defensive, But you'll have to vacious reinforcements for you will not be able to Stand ground. Hence gave in and Leblance was assigned over the planes, Indices of about my day in the Command of the command of the part of the said and the two parts of a good position has a sellent and the company of the second of the ground that here was a fire growth of swamp stretches there which command that here was a fire growth of swamp stretches there which command that here was a fire growth of swamp stretches there which come a fire from a truth of the parts of the said who has a fire growth of swamps stretches there which come a fire growth of swamps stretches there which come and the two parts of the battle. Betuing the offered no objection, and the two par

sat down...
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the disaster that is threaten. The enem is enemy is cutting us up all over the dreaster that is threaten. The enem is enemy is cutting us up allower the whole hattle field including general heaves divisions and the belances has postion also enemed in the control of the very town of belance has started right in there in eight and sound of the very town of belance has started right in there in eight and sound of the very town of belance has started right in there is eight und sound of the very town of belance has started right in the very town of belance has started right in the town of belance has been allowed to execute the started before land to the expected to stand before land of the control flame says not that a blunder somewhere has been adequate to do to the control of the did sound in the wasted to find out if you were brave sorrough to move forward your own trops and try to cut your way through the rear of general hansons right

and he wanted to find out if you were brave shough to move forward your own troops and try to cut your way through the rear of general Hansons right wing...

"How are the Christian troops doing.?"

"They are in poscession of the positions at the Ste Marie, and, the troops of our side have given way at all points there, and are on a very disorderly retreat."

"Lat else how's Leblance Setting along."

"It also about his dime of land there is the St Bonines Grossroads and if an assault comes upon him from two cides he's lose lost."

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terraces, and through an seperated army of little pines a great force of mon lyscallet uniforms was winning their way, ale ordered Cancye division forward with the ordere ordered.

"Stop whose christian dogs at all hazards. Seneral Punns butteryhwill support you. The battle must be won, to general Clancy orde up the reds. road, then only a sort of forest tack way, and expeed up the reds. road, then only a sort of forest in Saw the Chacy division come up and form inmediately in position behind the traces and behind every protection on the grounds and open fire. Jut Just then general Tomas Federal rode up lie were something as if it was a gray but faded but butlers uniform.

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"Wiss Excellency general Tomas to the grounds and stood before his superior, He was a tail and very strong old man with a a before his superior, He was a tail and very strong old man with a a so now and not wringled, such a frame as that must have been the product of years of systematib sericize in the open air. General Tomas Federal wore a gray swallow tail uniform coat of the style of the rorties, light yellow trousers strapped under his well poiened butchers and a spreading colling thousand such as such as bad not been seen sings the worlds groation, and mayn maybe never will be it sight be called "thought and a spreading colling the case such as bad not been seen sings the worlds groation, and mayn maybe never will be it sight be called "thought and inform as he suited the cause, and the most natural thing, it will do min for a uniform as he suited the cause, and the most natural thing, it will do min for a uniform as he suited the cause, the product of the strong and the shoulds, and the shoul

scouts, her golden hair was sort of bobbed in disguise.

This is our superior general Clancy in Manleys plan place. "General Tomas Federal said.

She opened her lip but did not speak, Perhaps the emotion that blazed in her eyes made utterance momentarily impossible. Clancy saw that they were of the Abbieann ian color blue which sometimes made him believe she was not truly a glandelinian. She carried a little riding whip in her hand, and with it tapped her riding bot notly.

morning to the said, and then she thought to herself "Bo it is not see the said, and then she thought to herself "Bo it is not enough forbyou, you boobmeaded Forlegares, and an american american, that you must wice edly tale sides of the glandelinian cause and serve them as a general is it the few dollars more the service will bring him for to general in this army, or is it you love such a cause. You are a traitor to God and your own Country. Then she said aloud:

"So you blinder do you general after all "To herself again. It is on abcount of me that you are a liming." It if you one misself again. It is on that you are failing." It if you one misself again. It is on the failing is the federal into that position!——

"It till girlscout you are unjust to jest at the situation! It was not of design that I put general federal into that position!——"

"I do not want to hear any excuses. "he said. "You are an american you have come into these countries over here to eat up our land, for your fool services, and pretend to be a general and yet let those Yonder Pointing to the advancing on risiting on our solitude" he in truth meant much and eave own on army and leave ours to your solitude he in truth meant much leave our own army and leave ours to your solitude he in truth meant much leave our own on army and leave ours to your solitude he in truth meant much leave our own on the surpose protested Clancy, bewildered, turning tward the general."

"The girlscout is right sir "Thundered the old general. "It was an evil day that Man Ley got a bad cold and you had to supercede him You have runed our army through your ignorance shave the goodness to end the discussion."

discussion: "At pleast you will permit me to try and retify the error?" as so Clancy trying to control his rising anger.

Clancy trying to control his rising anger the girlacout. "Let him go ahead and get the biggest defa defeat of his life and he il never he in command again; at least he he bought no rights to be the main commander."

say to you had better be said to the general Clancy. But what I was going to explanation and the both of you he late is it is not to offer explanation and reparation with my troops for causing the unintentional disaster and

lic turned upon his heel and started for his horse, but returned to
the general;
commind. If you responsible if you don't hold that position do to your
commind. It support you but no retreating at all or I'll shoot you down
if you allow the feet to run fou are responsible.

Then he got upon his horse he passed Violet he saw that she cu clutched
at her houses whise hit fingers white to the wrist her wrath, which he
understood not the real truth was uncontrollable, she glanced or tooked
at him as if he were advil The look on the generals hace was milder almost
regretful as if he were conscious of an offense against superior authority.
He moved a pace or two forward and seemed about to say a vond, but
Clancy rode down the road to order his troops forward. As he rode on he
saw the old general standing still by his horse, staring at him as if
he had seen a ghost.

"Time sending troops to the front as soon as possible for heavens say."
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rith sending troofs to the front as soon as possible for heavens ende be patignt said General Clancy. We shall win, at least enough to save the army indeed if there ever was such a battle which called for systybody on the Clandel Irian side to try and crush the counter christian SIOMM it was now in the battle of Lebaron the bloodiest battle in this part of Calverina — the frondful gly, mauling clashing wrestling decisive battle of the near Abbieann Country and territory. Indeed even now as far as the battle raged the percentage of the well trained vul volunters of the lattle raged the percentage of the well trained vul volunters of the Candellinian army dead and wounded alone, was as heavy as the percentage of the losses in the dreadful struggle at Cedernine and Evangelline together. This was not the first occasion that general Clancy had been fighting against christian avnies in battle, but it was the first time he had ever had to clash with General Hanson the Papoleon of abbieannia. It was up to Clancy to break up the christian assault against the center and the left, and in this scheme there was no shining light. He failed in the cally morning, because of some onestlander in the assault upon the shrighting left, and in this scheme there was no shining light. He failed in the cally morning, deneral Clancy put his own divisions forward near Ste Marie loft, and in the advance of the christians there. He also send for general Frank Daniels divisions and Leo mules army to come up and join in the advance. His integrations and leo mules army to come up and join in the advance. His line less than ten miles was stretched across a triangle formed by the vantura River and the Ste Marie life flane were protected with the water, and swahple and by forests, but his back was the to fight in case he would have to retreat. But liancy did not comtel comtemplate any retreat. He was there to fight. He did not even entrench. There was no time Ceneral Andrew Hatchild his engines said it as was poor ground to fight on. But Clancy Thank's produce and compile had been all day while the Glandelinian gray had been all day while the Glandelinian gray had been almost invisible facing the Gristians were the Glandelinian of Rangaboo state, from Zimmerunnia, from Mornonin, and also from Michigation and Hobbords. The tattle was now a raging normage man to him, setting and Hobbords. The tattle was now a raging normage man to him, setting and Hobbords. The tattle was now a raging normage man to him, setting and Hobbords. The contents and harms of Gdernies, but a content of the action, studying how to turn the tide on plain badly exposed ground. No village walls as at St Etheldreda as rallying points. There were no patches of wide clearing, of plowed ground, of second growth of small virgin forest, evampe and ravines, and stump lotte, no defenses as at Etheldred, in that free for all and he lide a studyle.

Limiter they would call it in French there the vertaining of advancing two principals except in vague theory when all their parade ground instruction was shot to plees, and the only I haison at helanon as of getting ahead or of holding ground desperately without getting trapped, and of extending the lials on of the christians was the team play of "foots ball gallenty when they saw there was a position that must be captured the Mattonals continued to drive for it in shock troop fashion along a line of attack framy miles as fierce as the world war itself in one epots, when Clancy found a good point of advantage strong for holding he and his generals encouraged the troops so boldly that they held it. The christian troops for ced themselves forward in waves and were torn to pleece and nent realing fluxes that put fresh heart into the quilling, and decision in place of doubt, the figures of born leadership among the Clandelinian scheme and fresh defense. Fet a veaving in and cut the furless Abbiennians cuntirued on driving the Villed manning the Clandelinian back tward the Ste Rarles on in place of countries that put fresh heart into the quality and d

christian line. General Arther Terres Len exhaps of the selve in despetate but una acceptul efforts. Creen Clide Land division we crieved and Clide was worsded. The control of the man division we crieved and clide was worsded. The control of the man of the control of the cont

him. His prize indeed seemed within his grasp. Just continuing on going the way he told them, just one p more push, and his troops indeed would have their remark nadially be wavered in his enddles his was no black off his horse there was to sight of a wound antill they clanced at his foot, and found his book the left of the way he was to sight of a wound antill they clanced at his foot, and found his book the left of the way he was to say a sight of a sight of the way he was the same and a sight of the way he was the way he was the way he was a sight of the way he was a sight of the way he was the way he way he was the way he way h

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These isolated in the light in the replicate A bullet had cut an artery in the leg. Ir his preceduation he had not realized his wound, and had he done so a towniquit in time would have saved his lid life, He was out of the hattle other time and the clandelinians breaking before fine the cities of the logs of stayed the eaglerness of his cland he had been more lift in the real factor of his logs of stayed the eaglerness of his cland he had been more lift continued on. Nat if it had been general cland he had been more lift continued on that if it had been general cland he had been more lift continued on that if it had been feel and we now he left in their half a days the enemy from all the green's land on one had left in their half a days line enough to he had see hat e lad the general survived would the christians have gained the Ste Marie and held it. Such was the big question of thody lebanon. If ever green's land of the destination had not been a line right cort, it was now or Mr american was an earlied in miner to be come dimenter clany. He sot all his available battories to firing in a terrific uproar once more he rushed three hundred and thirty guest to be the come dimenter clany. He sot all his available battories to firing the cost of the lill nest near Ste lark to four clams before the lift in the head of income to be bould the Abyleannian and the argo linian troops moving forward the christian twoops pressed on with involved the legions of held couldn't receptive, the coal however for which so famous a christian general must the christian twoops pressed on with involved line of the couldn't treather, the positions there could not hold all the Gaded and still the assault was heldered and thing the search was lessed with incrincreased victory and therefore the christian twoops pressed on with involved line to said the province of columns were torn mingled and bleading, but on they pressed a whole search of the land of the sturness of the land of

everywhere as if the end of the world and come and the whole population and been annihilated without being consumed by fire. They plunged onward the christian fire catting up their rear many dropping, more Pressing up from behind seneral behance was wounded and was carried aways tried to wally and stand their ground despite the fall of their leader but there was not enough of them to army against the advancing Christiantroope, and though ties, preferred to die as soldiers than yelld and be caught in the slaughter ground of St Bonifaces Crossroads they couldn't withstand the account of the second of St Bonifaces Grossroads they couldn't withstand the account which by sheer force of numbers present them on the retreat whether they wished to so or not. They were not retreating because they were frightened or decired to The pressure was impossible to rest resist.

Core of Fornard Dums sen of the Fourte with Core not into position before twelve thirty approached. Up to now the glandelln line, had lost many more in isomers and dend and wounded if thin in any which battle before, on this terrible October the Fifth. In dead and wounded alone both sides that during that one morning as to now lost more than 20,000,000 alongly iteralling it up to 40,000,000 alongly made in the property of the swampy grounds, their plight to be not dust, and in the heatened wet of the swampy grounds, their plight to be called by the Gristian authorities Butther Clancy, as well as leckless dare devil by the enemy Lebanon had been by far the bloodiest action of the whole wer. The hospital corps on both udges, and there were many the furst has a loss of life, and numbers of wounded could be lost in a single, six days fight, and this had occured in a quarter of a day or that the military experts that the beaten Clandelinan army would still be fighting of double the loss.

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of double the loss.

It was the first examples of the lengths of which the course of each general would go against each other. The thousands and thousands of litter bearers were as helplose to cope with the em emers emergency as the local hospitals in a great city of a mill ion inhabitants which had been raced by an earthquade. And general Clancy gave the order to the coming reinfor coments and to the generals of his own main divisions to move

testate were ac helplose to cope with the ome onere emergency as the local bospitals in a stem tity of a mill ion inside unit with address and by an earthquise. And general Chancy gave the order to the coming rand reinfor comments and to the generals of his own mill divisions to move for yard to vegover all the lost of the comment of the stem of the st

wounded. Before the chiletta line at this rector could recover itself and tall to constitute the forward another strong division and pushed the artillery forward the carelatians have ground anew. Just at the moment his artitlery forward, the christians gave ground lines, but at the moment a hish explosive wholl from foreign the linest rendered general History made in the foreign the first the second him History drew in a deep chestful of air lines was another explosion for him History drew in a deep chestful of air lines was borne to the rear also dargerously wounded. General Tomac redered a lee was wounded. Out of a long roll of cloud Jancy eaw a way of christian troops rushing forward. His artillery met it with a withering fire and tore the wave to places. and he sent a division to the counter assault out Seneral Chark's left adunder the sent a division to wintores it and stop the assault the chieflan trouge continued to won! farward, a fearful apectacle. The line of gany was pressed to the rear but glancy drew of his own brigades, and rolled back the agraul once more. Just then at his very side general Connel fell counsed.

C. landy turned to one of the meanest soldiers.

"live in some brandy, his ordered.

The soldier came forward to obey and was shot dead. Another came to do it, and fell. Three more, and they also fell.

Clarcy managed to drag the wounded man out of the danger zone, though touchet took away his hat and another clipped his sword scabbard belt

in two.

"Met him to the vear "Gaid Clancy to a number of men.
All an forward to be the first to carry the wounded general, and
all fell at once.

Clancy Clance sullenly being forced for the cause of the army to
edge sat of the zone of this withering fire. He was almost coved, hey
the victorie of the christian troops but the fighting apprit was not out
of him. Welther olde, whether the danded him and are bad, and the christians
are good, are not cowards, and they fought as if they were only out on a host.
Net general Clancy did four the strange unifour force and power thay
that was behind invincible Hanson vivian and his army and which manifested
that who behind invincible Hanson vivian and his army and which manifested the med two through the strength of his ladge harmerying one laughts. But being an American also deneral Clancy was invincible. He had the same power behind him That's the venon the battle was no severe.

A number of officers about a core of them came widing up to Glancy apprehensive over the rituation.

"The onem y-- five minutes to relly your men in the St Boniface Territory and in the St Boniface Territory and in the St Boniface Territory and in 111 hold every one representate who retreats without my orders for the terest." he are cured.

wishest he an owned.

Whether they indeed tood the meaning of the words or not, they realized the algorificance of the resture. Amorican fights in American value to beat an American amon would have to go a long way he did not have kinnley to fight this time. Owneral Plack Flores Pobes and others of the officers had in the meaning and to ctop the retreat of the troops, and as Clarcy had planty of from troops he bent them forward. An how after at high matches now, the Clancy had planty of from troops he bent them forward. An how after at high matches no more than the civistians could. The battle vaged of, with redoubled fury now, but at "standatill." A tie. Without fear of diadel in decay was examining the position at the larte with his field a fattle with his classes like valied long enough to see that movement the "fleros" christians would make next before re-counting on the next plan.

He is derotood the situation. But no did lanson, It was the plan of each to outwit the other. Amory was thoughful on the ride along his fresh avaiting division of twody at thoughful on the ride along his fresh avaiting division of twody his realized that it was the only weepected withme of the action that for a time smalled him to maintain his pastion. That had been a mamorid uty, at any cost he most preserve the Christians, and he could put up a fight that could render the seven an American imporers.

nowhere in the end.

"lieave only days" general Clancy it appears an if you've sure got the army into a fight now end general Lafty as general Clancy in viding up met him.

"I sure see I have and indeed a proper as a second Clancy in viding up met him.

"I sure see I have and indeed a proper stiff one said Clancy. "I have has ed through situations. First I cavited the position at Bosnys but didn't succeed in certaing very for there."

"I could have told you that if you have warned me of your intention" and general Lafty representable. General Current of the christians has the whip hand there, He destroyed a portion of he position at he est general Pleve against you too you've you the army into a bloody but the more bloody him, even Clandalinia wanted.

"Then I thought I'd to shead and the long general lianes harding masses of two pa against the positions large than I ever saw men before years to battle."

"And you got into a terrifle fight though Fortion.

going to battle.."

"And you got into a terrific fight there. Don't say the enony struck you, general Clancy By "cpture that's bid."

"The Crimilan dogs did, and I struck them a good doul hardow. In fact general Lafty I've recovered my presisting at Fie Mirle; hurled the enonys left wing out of the region again, and advenced my army a good deal which, and have ceneral barrons well a new army a man at a perfect abandatil."

"Lattic led lighty almost falling outoffile horse. "Do you mean to tell me, spirit Cancy, roundred up to general landon and have whipped him so far and again drove his left wing out of position and recovered your positions at the Bis hirle, and the St Poul face Cross-cade: "I had to about the else of it seneral. Why this astonishment! Don't the arm y geem strong enough?"

the arm y even errors enough? "
"burd, a land of the state of the stat

his army who could stand up to him, and wince then we body hardly has dayed. I have yo we stabilling jo most solid general Charg.

Bo events invested it was only fifteen minutes after forthe story of the wealth of Chargy movements to filter through, and now general Chargy and the standing of Chargy in movements to filter through, and now general Chargy set that followed him, when he went along from command to contailed begood wided them followed him, when he went along from command to contailed begood wided them followed him, when he went along from command to contailed the solution and upper to him to contend with though maid clancy to Lafty.

"When do you suppose he to going to move against me against me against me against me against me against me with all his force soon. After all he to a real dangerous adversary long the?"

Lafty toured his head. "Youndon't got onto the ways of these christ im generals stripe continued, "I sy the wise enough to fool a devil." Carera Hanson feels that you've tryou are a challenge to him as military bons, and he'll stop at nothing to get you out of the Lebanon Territory."

"Well "answered Chancy cheerfully, "We will meet that trouble when it comes. Mennwille don't spare the divisions in breaking up the christian lines and cending them over the positions. I've get to get through a record blow, and I'm going to credit all the fighting that goes on the rost of the day and let Hanson do any action he dayes about it."

a real one this time viding trard him and with him was a Glandolinian general who he aurmised at once must be general been Melton Biolomell. That a girlscout would accommany them. The generals stopped and Olany had a glimps of the girlscout served sorium or scornful lace directed twand him him as a despendent of the day and lating the army when he generals stopped and Olany had a glimps of the girlscout would accommany them. The generals stopped and Olany that its globel which sat jauntity on his head, he was handsonely uniformed and had he were a strim brown mus mo it was had j yet an aspect of power.
"I'm general Bic nell"said he. "That means something to you general

was had j yet an aspect of power.

"I'm general Bic'nell"said he. "That monne something to you general

Clancy."

"You'll hear more of me. You have won so far against our enemies. Do
you think you can come it over long against that dangerous general.

Hanson v Ivlan. If you can knock about general kinesons army like that
all day long you'll be a wonder."

"Rever is general Leblances torn up division no w"?"

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"Rever is general Leblances torn up division no w"?"

"His was where I located him. Why in Hean Heaven did he refused to go
anywhere elsecwhen I warned him. He was on the east side of the stream
called the Riveris Flanche."

"His left wing was between there and the little riverlet that flows
into it. He was being a cut up where general Turner has been defending
defending his line o battle, and Le plunce was deploying his troops
by the Pobry Concern. "Baid glancy.

"He is not now nor any other troops "said gicknell.. "Some one blundered.

The River planche cannot be maintained much longer what you call the
little riverlet is the upper part of the river planches. Loblance has his
position there to aid general Morris who was being cut up by the
christian armise though the 're divisions fought fiercely hand in hand. It
is not my way of halding explanations general, but when in hand. It
worth ""
"I'll do so and its worth nothing. "Cenoral Clancy answered. "What is

worth 111 do so and its worth nothing. "General Clancy answered. "What is

worth: "Ill do so and its worth nothing. "General Clancy answered. "What is your propisition."

"Oan you see," the enemys center!" try it this afternoon when the "elever mind the enemys center!" try it this afternoon when the rest of m troops are on the field. I my have to assault lansons loft again to necure my center. you haven't come have to do come him about that the come have you come for. Please tell me. Time is precious."

Ceneral picthell answored;
"I've come here to tell you that you'll be a big fool young man anderstand. Manleys word goes in this part of the country, and he doesn't believe you can fight hanson vivian to a finish. If you fail now you'll be be reduced in your commission."

"I be leve's and clancy with emphasia "that so far as fighting general is concerned I have done pretty well arredy..."
"You'r proposal pleases. This ain't the United States, but you right the enemy has a merican does and if you can grab the position on general Hansons center right under his nose you'll be a genus. You put general Tome Federal on suppre command there or else you'll he's warmded.

put general Tomae Federal on aumpre command there of the solution of the four of the command of

the whole army belove the charlet "If I can I'll run general Mancone army out of the country" is roared. "I'll hurl him out before the days over cut of the country the roared." I'll hurl him out before the days over maybe said Clancy.

"Maybe."
Y "Yes."

"Meanwhile ceneral I believe you are causing my men too long a waiting, let's hurry to the fray as in such a time there's no use in prolonging this conversation unless you want to cause a dangerous delay."

"You're vight, I li be off right now."

And he saluted and wode off.

"The tautle, a more severe" Said Charcy of Inself with some alarm as he again took in the observation.

The battle indeed was still more severe than he comprehended, and he sampected that general limnson was already striving for the mostery, when clare; conversed two is the mitter rith general force.

"If we can car get a cross massive force into position f before the character of the conversed to the converse of the c

he manes too strong he said, "We can come the britle on till night and then withdraw, Brit of course we can't get the enemy out of those woods with long range a willley and use high ". novi ac faxe

Laf. And that won't be within those babberies arive from the right said

Laff. A.

"For I'm going to put through the defenses every division of troops
I can master a for the grand attack con"contided continued Chancy. "We will feep lines on that on the defensive. And we'll wind up the day with a schelar tial victory to our credit if possible. If not we must draw the army our of the danger zone during the night."

"Can we retain the Sto Marie position"mused Laft;

"I guenn we can do so. Pri I believe it's all up to us to try it. We have the four Aces on Hanson there became its our strongest position, and them in christian left is superated from that location. General Hanson cer'! stop me from massing try is there, and he dare int west on his center took much to well fonce that wing."

Lafty approved the scheme with yavnings to Clancy about going slow,

Lafty approved the scheme with rawnings to Clancy about going alow.
They went to an observation point and ratched everything along the battle front. The region of fliver Planche van are avaming with thristian twose Trott the region of miver funche var are avarating with christian traces moving forward again to stoom, and for as the eye could reach, and everything elewhere was bursts and for of smoke. The eight of such a furious buttle aised Clan cyts spirits. There must and ought to be immense bodies of isopa placed there to oppose them the way the christia gwere meeting such dogged veristance, desperate in the extreme.

"The Glandelinian position there is being held all wight"he maid. "But a christian force is coming down stream above the position position. General

s childrian force is coming diven stream above the psition position. General Cranier says there a terrific orsial that the St Poniface Region and the chylstians are charging on as if mid."

They rede as near to the spot as eastly allowed. Hear St" o Bon iface Crearoughs the line of battle was maintaining its veristance successfully, and allalong the positions near the Rivor Elanche, and at Ste Marie the right grand division of the Pallonals "year refiring under a heavy five. Pat routh of there was a solid will of purple coated troops moving alonly forward in a long allent wave. The starting of this movement sected a spicious. Our in midfield, resisting the christian twops along the Ste Christian Goad alleng and illery men wave trying to Stou Stous force of troops havie the Chandelinian avillery men were trying to stop a force of troops which had wedged itself against the Clardelinian front Somewhere along that Clandeliniar front was a reakened line from too heavy loss in nen the dieledging of which by the christians would put the whole mass in the matter of a most disordered retreat, but for the Glandelirian generals it was impossible to locate it. The Glandelirian resisting line was solid It was impossible to licence it. The Glande Minian resisting line was solid for one olds to side of the Ste Marie however and the christians attacking there couldn't arrelie victin to headred yards, so fierce was the rifle and carten fire. Above the requiring christian artillery fire powing a costain of exploding shells was bringing down more artillery men of the Clande Brians than over expected, and if any portion of the Glandelinian divisions here gave way, the artillery would then be overwhelmed by the christian assultants and all would be swept to be ediate death or face could use General Clance deathed to reall the between

chyletian assailants and all would be sweet to include weath of accordance decided to recall the battory.

They came relactivity for the Chindelli ian artillery men are fearfless of any darger from the christians. It was clear horever that it would be absorbed by recently to start the christians on a retreat by the main barravies, and to one a "barrage."

the tracks, and to spen a "marvage."
"I green that's the trick. "said Lafty. "We have good gramers of that battery and Paptisto Johns have to an expert shell gramer leader." "You that would stop the christian d dogs mighty sudden"said one of "You that would stop the christian d dogs mighty sudden said one of the other generals." Might, adden maybe I believe several Change is in body first to arrengthen your line of battle over yorder, or else should be depictive many for attended there, nor line will be as a function in a tumber bounded the babet feing over the rapids into the same. Then tind discases a ould not be stopped."

"Now long will it taket may do teneral Change.

"Pepends on the circ of the difficult planes for good resistance. I'm tid in this newtice air, I've seen the first battle in this way but never now the chiral bang against a set of the vice doing you. To the angle

nevan raw the christians asseal it as so they've doing new. Tathat portion of our bartle line will never very long stand up before such an a track "Sereval part Claredars division it that position as soon as prosible."

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and pointed trard the partie field.

"Your Excellency"s, id general Page no, somewhat sawagely "Oct up all the reinforcements for can or if you do not you are doing the most faulish filling that you ever done in your life. List and to reason. The christians are throwing all precautions to the winds. Our thin center near Lebanon is giving west.

"Do you mean am I to withdraw some of the troops from my right and--send them there, --no end Clancy. "I cannot do it. The enemys left wing
will swing around and overlapp me."
"That's off the show general. You couldn't withdraw any troops from
"That's off the show general. You couldn't withdraw any troops from
our right if you that to lansons a wfully dangerous after the way you've
troughed his christian army. It is this, You are planning to tale the Ste Marie Christian for entrotten army. Is in this year of panning to at e the ste are Christian for it from the enemy are you not? That's more dangerous pure and simple with out the center holding its ground. Do you suppose you can advance up here and through their territory and put across a tricklike that, while they're beating our center to pieces?"

"I'll hold you there Emery" Answered general Clancy. "I'll send weinf orcements to the center right away. There is the three divisions that general Francis Leblance has in reserve. It hasn't gone through the battle yet?"

Prancis Leblarce has in reserve. It hasn't gone through the buttle yet?"

"It's in action nonwhere else I as a spose when it needed at the center" aid Emery. "Hone of us are responsible for Leblance's way of pulling this "Hells tug of war" The trouble is general Clancy if you believe you can force your American Ideas to pull us through in this crisis you had better hurry up, for few of us understand conditions at all larson is no fighter. He's a desir over and all of us better step from under before it is too late."

"I understand a desiration requirement of the late."

"I understand a christian rogue when I see him whether he is an

Angelinian general or a Foriegner. "Enid Clancy lottly.
"Now come general Clancy "oald Emery protestingly. "It's natural that ha and all of us should feel nove, when you and I see that our plans and ideas on twork, when a christian officer is able to out general us. You thought at first that you could run the business of battle better than that Carictian "appleon could even after the American pattern. Foll if you finally can't you'll be making a hach out of it. There have been misunderwandelings about the sit ation but general igeneral Cal Carlen Stainer doesn't see-"
"The hell I don't"Yelled the latter"The Christians will soon carry all

Two are playing a game with all cards on the table on our side, and the christians having the better hand continued general Page. "Hanson will soon be making a a clean sweep and" analysmating the whole Glandelinian he fore them.

The words were too m ch for Clancy.
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He charted. Hurry Lose or time."
Don't Page lacked his horse after a calute and whirled past him merry rage menes has horse after a cature and white harry to obey the command nearly upseting him from his own horse in the harry to obey the command while the other officer followed. Even the two had disappeared the cold fit came upon general Clancy. He too was getting a reputation as a fighting equal to lanson and for some reason or other this was not the last thing equal to manson and not now tenton of other that was not the mass of the head he desired. It was not only in a all but it might rows fatal if ever general fancon ever assaulted at once with his full force. Fith such a coulpyled way as he had and no reinforcements coming up, and with general Tamevline

cut off and engaged with Handows brother at St Ethaldreda he could count in the protection or help of no oblev away as nore wors in in sight.

Pany of his generals, including Lafty, clow wire, for seeing, who had warned him from the first to be cautious, shook their heads when they heard of the way the battle was now threatening to turn out. Handow was sure now to soon give forth his final blow. General Clancy moved former more and more through and try and stop the assault near the center when general Leblance his head covered with a bandage appeared before him on horse acc om panied by four of his staff whom C language recognized as the best of

merans.
"Toll Leblance"? Demanded Clarc:.
"I came to complain that I have no support."
"I came to complain that I have no support."
"I'll send you all the 'no peryou want. Could be only a round." the Chategu Farms Leblance, and you'll be able to stop your enemies" Enid Chancy . "You understand, the situation is critical everywhere."
"Ain't there any missivings as to the situation "Demanded the general

" "uculently,

Whighe there is but you nive car cut through the enemy around Or Chateria

farm."

"You believe so. "Demanded Lablanco almost insolently. "All vight I'll try the game. You seem he win forcements and I'll try an othing go through helt if possible. For Me I'll go ahead and smuch through." "So that will be your came Leblance. How about antillory.?"
"I've batteries except all right but they've short of amerition. If
they give out the position cannot be held. That was your words which you
wrote down hold at all hazards but our we do it. Vell I'll wetain the

wrote down hold at all hazards but can we do it. Well I'll wetain the position if so you don'te, and I'll can through the enemy if possible, femeral, but if I cannot I can. And these generals may they go wherever I go. They don't mind no beating from the enemy. Maybe you'll change you mind about it and bring fouth jour fall force."
"I'll send hazon to the devil." shouted Clangy.
"Maybe you wish to send him there sho "said Leblance, "Now can you she a christian dog. He'd send you there. But I'll help you crush him."
He clapped on his hat, and as if they had reheared the scene the four generals followed beblanche in sol sume and triumphant parade down the youd, and out of sight. This was first blood with a vengence. Leblanches nostifun mest hold, it was a grave wederally. It meant disarder it is road, and out of sight. This was like oldow with a vengence. Les inches position must hold, it was a grave recercity, it meant disaster it is gave, and disaster just when victory seemed in the balance. It was essent in it to reinforce him heavily, kanson was bleeding the Chandelinian army white it every way. Never before was there each a battle. Filled with anger and recentment, node up by one of the high wides of ground. The new divisions were moving forward one by one and the same melenchely programmession of large bodies of armed irrage are voute to the battle lines was descending from the Ste Marie Hills along the stream to swell the army already so hard pressed.

Cla ney's nerves were raw and quivering as he reached the end of a strip of land where a river let pours into the main river. Some military strip or land there a river let pours into the main river. Some military whistle blew and he turned tward the direction of St Boniface Grossreads and stopped, we watching a big mob of men on a retirement. How far could be could on all his generals. It Allong as they don't be shot perhaps, and a serry only would hold them for him in spite of hearson, his second crush crushing blow against damson and raised him in oneir cotination and therefore he could cours on the devotion of them all The embattled troops our fighting desperately hard near Sie little the nearest scene and religions. An energy were streng them in the hard but little the A scrong body of languable infantry pouring lown from the foothills uped as fast as nonreinforcements were strent generally the collected by the line A scrong body of lamphose in factory pouring down from the foothills sped as fast as each could go on the double nine through a glor above St toliface Greenrade thore a stretch of foresthese country allened one St toliface Greenrade thore a stretch of foresthese country allened one opposite some sort of an abandously extended. It was between this section and the Gildrens Playground that a strong force of troops had been concentrated holding the by little degrees. Beyond that was another section of the strong line of battle, which held at bay the against from going through the Childrens Playground and diverting them past a abandoned Orphan Asilum that while strong position whose of fle and convone fire caught them marcileanly an two sides and held them far bound the range of the bigger conrons.

If my fortion of this battle line was severed or gapped, the pressure of the greatest area all in bat the would be then too strong for the dofordive line, and instead of merely purpling through the Gildrens Playground, they not do not in all this matrogreat force upon St Boniface Greetrade, and have a retrievally of the resulting disable would end all of Clancy's looper and the depended upon Stomments and Loblance to hold that portion of the battle line foreston. He was clad Labrance to hold that portion of the battle line foreston the word all of Clancy's looper and the depended upon Stomments and Labrance to hold that portion of the battle line foreston the range of the positions as if they were all backers. General Clancy searched among one of his inactive officers for a ging of general Hobort Bonder, but filled to fill him leadended a multi hill closest to the rounting and the debrie were strent together halled there from bouses by dominion shell fire. There he saw general

harded there from houses by domilioling shell fire. There he saw general Raptisto with his arm in a cling. The sensual was anagged in entrest conversation with greated Pedro with thout changing his his his he advanced thand them for theiry presence here was a shoc. He was still inwardly quivering yet trying to appear meanneamed when the two percieved him.
Padro turned thand him with a worried look on his face, His face was blackened by porder smoke. He spo e to general Bartists outs Kly and then they said to Clane"-

"We not four house more before night. If we can't hold till then all is lost. Manaon is concentrating for the main attack.?".

Around the buttlefield because of so much terrific cannon fire the surface of the earth was rare, y rarely quite still quivers and slight tremove, unusally imperceptible to many people for away and discern into only in the delicately adjusted sie scientic instruments, were of a very frequent occurance, but they were not strong enough at any great distance to be evident to the senses of the people. Sweare nearest the battle about fifty miles off especially when the cannons were all in general action the concussions were of a mature to mintain the inhabitants of many towns and cities in a state of nervious uncertainty as to the security of their lives and homes, fearing they were either more Explosion disasters as at Abbieann or real natural Earth Convulsions. The concussions of battles on record are very numerous, and these are Lingely those which have pecured during tremendously bloody buttles though being far from

fally recorded. One of the first of these mention alight core union of the earth during the Polight Delight's Inchien and Evance linia Canda battles and on the occasion of the Mic-Whitcher Carnonade, which covered a list of between six thousand and seven thousand trumors. Another consume the clight Occasions on convulsion, when the Glande linian divisions under generals Horah, Duthin, and Abhiran ware annuli lated in one of the charges and a again another suggested an explanation of the concessions felt of the Gedernine horm, Evangeline St Claire, Delhoidi and also St Ethe Iradrea.

So far however the Lebanon disaster, considered by general Hanson v ivian as not only a battle, but one of the first severest and remarkable on record included the destruction partial of uis left wing, and the terrible record breaking contest to restore it with reinforcements. According also to war correspondents, and newspaper men the noise of the battle was loader that the noi noises to valence counties outsition on record, and the violence of the shellfire tore up a district of seventeen learnes, and caused the greatest noise heard except that of the Vivian Wickey horror, and Mic Whither, and the violence of the Glandelinian right ving, led by Shoemarnia Josipine Jensin, rumapple, Leblanche, Lafty and others caused a with drawel of nearly the whole of Hansons left wing, twice that morning, the formation of the whole christian line being altered by the destructive ascault, and forced Hinson to use drastic measures to recover the formation of his whole army and eave his left wing, and thereby bring on the first block diest battle of the whole war.

The south of behanon, at the date of this catastrophe contained the aplendid valley of Vantum Rum, dotted with foreats, and flows flowishing tooms including Sodom, Comornin, Zour, and S Zabolim, though not the horrible cities of old, only having the same names, the non combatant men of which had just previous to the disaster, joined forces to help the christians against general Clancy who had superceded Manley. The battle was as fired as if a dread subtervanean force had assilted their country and spreading dreadful desolution in the flourishing valley in which their tooms t stood. Naver before in an battle did the enemy nor the christian army

Suffer such a great loss in generals not counting privates.

The battle began very early before Surise, and may give the reader reason to understand full y, that the assault upon numerous left the second time tere open a yawing gap in the centre of the line into which Shoemannius whole battle line with frightful cells poured and were harled upon the right and left rear but even at such a time failed to dislodge or not tree that great but even at such a time failed to dislodge on the fight and were met by ough a ferriffe min of first from shells, and from the fiftes of the defensive lines, that if the sities of sade and Comourah had been destroyed right there it wouldn't have seemed so how ble. The defenders overthere Stoemannias left grand division, drove them across the Children's immense Playground with great loss, and the windle battle field went up as if the smoke of a huge conflagration.

The THE UNUSUAL FECO FD.

THER is much of the description of the caractrophe as might be expected from war correspondents and nows paper men in both armies who we re unfamiliar with such dreadful scenes and were apt to leave out more than should have been, and did not tell it all not half of it. Yet the account clearly indicated the nature of the frightful battle. In the case in justion when Jesiphines army was held forth upon the christian line and almost won its point just at the moment he was wounded shows the fury of a Glandelinian charge when well started. General Abraham Lot' on the christian side expulsed him with great loss including the espisode of annihilating a portion of his gread army and turning Jesiphies whole division into a rout as recently noticed by Clancy, for this disaster too occurred in a larger scale than he had forseen. If general Jesiphies army had halted to hally during the thrilling scene, it might have been overtaken by a carastrophy from which Clancy could never had embble to help it recover from in this case his efforts of rallying, and of harling reinforcements was a timely interpret in

intervention.

The gathering knowledge of this battle disaster has not only confined to the account of rempaper more and war correspondents. For Emeson and even Ennley and Clarcy preserved a record of the battle, and the writing of Abblearmian and clandelinian historians was also made in which one of them told that the battle resing long Lebhances lines caused the greatest loss of life, and that a portion of the stream formed a sort of pool of great extent because of a portion of it being damed up by an explosion. In the eyes of the people throughout Calvernia and those unfimiliar with the occurances of such exceedingly violent battles it is natural that such an event should be regarded as a blunder of either Clandy or Eunson himself, for noither government at that time desired or expected a battle of such extreme bloody fury, but let the readers indered that it was the result of Shoemania plan being that as the name of his fooligh effort at Osmondonson, when he attempted to carry in vain the Ava Waria Weights, and therefore was the results of his own blunder, and no one also was to blums.

Of general Handons confer that of general Meldonia B icknells was the best of the disivious and the most supported by artillery. The center was also strong in reserves of the time of the great disaster along the left wing, there is reason to believe that all of his division, with meneral Woods Mith Corps, with artillery, and cavarly, was sent forth to support

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the chartened left. Thus the Glandelinian anwise surdenly annuated in their headleng onnesh were at first driven from all the ground they had wen at such a heavy sacrifice by an impetuous wave of christian through counter charging under a terrific curtain of artillary five, and then Jesipines army etill pushing forward as impetuously met its disaster, with the loss of its londer, to fall into confusion and be almost routed, before Clarcy did no desporately rally it.

whon after the frightil battle the refuses and non-combatants of the miracil ous appred city of Lebanon came towaze upin its effects they found the aspect of the country wherein the battle was foughts strangely altered as if a terrific hurricane or formade had presed through. At the beginning of the frightful battle general giddine army had an vanished beforthe christian fire, and as the battle had progressed a vast sheet of smove hiding the whole scene at times, yet through the cover of this the enemy had pushed on, but beyond the Ste larie the assaultbhad been stopped, and not only never had been able to progress further, but the east wing of the storming line had been compelled to retire tward St. Boniface's Crossroads, and researal Fed Davie's division had ceased to exist. So thic trust te mode of buttle at times, added by fires that we could see here and there only small patches of the attracting lines.

It was indeed singular that in Calverinia near the scene of the Abbieann flood and explosion disaster wouldrage such a mighty catastrophe. This battle was said to have raged over awast tract of country, and general Michael Greece was in command of the christian left of the conter, Seneral Minor was in command of the centre, and general Thrace was in charge of the right and also of those concentrated along the Vantura Stream. At the time of the gigantic forging should of the christian wave of assault, a small grove seperated the main Glandelinian army. from a well needed supporting battery of artillery. The shock attack broke through this opening also and poured in fury o upon the surprised and terriffed Glande lin lane such a horror and slaughter being produced ame among the Glande lin lane that all the Glandelin lane of celling general Greece were captured or annihilated with the exception of general Hanson Michaels Brigade which escaped through a lane. During all this desperate conflict there came an explosion that convulsed the ground like an earthquake, and caused such confusion as to enable the Angelinians to pour on unchecked, and in one hours time captured all the landelinians under general Turben and another section at the same time engulfed the army under general Atlistis, which gave may in frightful manic and disorder their general being wounded unto douth. General Phrygian was wounded in trying to really his men. Then the fierce christian troops had pressed on and the whole division of general Attica was surrounded and fought to the last man. At the same time along the christian right, an explosion of munition stores occured which bursted a leves and resulted in a flood that drowned a whole regiment of soldiers caught in the torrent. The christian as mult here overwhelmed the whole of general Deucalion Kings, army and the Minth D ivision of general Pyrrha's, a number of the mon escaping through a glen only to be forced to surrender afterwards. Here indeed was a violent one lawint which in a series of "STOHIS" extended throughout the whole country east of Lebanon, the principal injury being to general Peloponnesus division, and the Glandelinian brigades under generals Bura Bruin, and Helice Juan were found to have disappeared. General fielice's Brigade was engulded in the christian surge and destroyed, as every one fought to the last ... In the battles probably record of onslaughts there was none more destructive than that which wrecled

onsanghts there was none most contractive that that which we determine the whole clandelinian left wing under general anticoh. This wing of the Glandelinian army and which ran ed as one of the greatest fighting armies of the age was especially subjected to onslaughts terrible to behold.

The first on slaught on record was of no success and the christians recoiled. The assaults however came on severe and frequent in that locality.

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One of there among its caused so much damage to the front line of the defence that general Calign's sen t four of his staff to observe the state of the army. While the dauge was being related and reinforcements brought op another frightf all assault followed. To act as a preventive of any more disasters following, general habenins placed a long teoming line of artiller gathling cum in a position as to cross fire the assailants, but his effort to stay the "Storm" proved vain, for the next one laught overthrew, the center of the Glandelinian army, and caused the capture of all the artillery, The most severe of these earlier one laughts was the fourth. At the time of its occurance the resition had been strengthened, general Trigian had brought up more troops, and was concentrating to support general Parthians. Great destruction to many brigades and terrible loss of life succeeded, the line was shattered but fortunately held, and the two generals were neverely wounded, even at the time the christians were harled back with their lines margled and the dirg... The greatest of the one laughts that white this portion of the Clandelinian army and the most destructive to human life of any on record for that frightful morning, was that of general general Buster Prowns fierce onslaught upon the left grand division of the onomys loft. Two divisions of this wing was entirely destroyed and the loss of life ernormous it being estimated at 1,250,000 soldiers of the enemy alone. Resistance was as tenacious as the fury of hell and all its legions and on the last named occassion the presence of a desperate dogged langaboo army added to the loss, and the losses of generals greatly swelled the sum of the dead. The assault drove all before it for a while untill general Clancy stopped it by one of his divisions sent there on the proper time. In naming other desperate assaults upon the left wing of the foe we must the partly restored c Glandelinian army was again assaulted and severely shalon five hindred thousand on both sides dying in that terrific strife. This also was repulsed but half an hour again came another assault, which was only a petty one, followed by a frightful one attended by a terrible loss of life and victorious, rolling up the clandelinian army for three miles, and forcing it in the shelter of new positions where the men resisted as fiercely as cornered demons.

All those dreadful disasters of the battle together with others due to explosions and conflagrations proved fatal to many a Glandelinian commander many of whom were wounded and whose divisions and brigades because of this passed under the hands of other officers who in their own run also fell , general Percainia and Sac Saracar in also being seriously wounded, and ceneral Persainia's division was so seriously were ed that it never

revived, or negovered. ling other desolating consequences of the bartle might be ramed as may el well be laggined then we consider the number of givere ones that have secure out med during that one fatal morning. One onely who of general Hansons army (limest liviled that of the others in the decline ion of lemin life, the loss being estimated at 1,180,000. One onslaught which was heled , art inst Le , lanche was credited with I,100,000 victims of bat'le. CO ing Coming to a florce one on the laft rear Ste Marte, we could find gireral Lendonia's onelaught con causing , loss of \$0,00 30,000,000 in dead and wounded for the who e whole morning. General Sicily Jens divisions stood its ground against the christians at P Childrens Playerounds hat ite death roll was estimated at 193,000. These were indeed empirious sucrificate to stard before the christian onel, ath s, and once when the Claudelinians counter charged the christian cannon firs also sheared 190,000 soldiers, and in a second more but more quations charge claiming \$5,000

THE GIVATEST HOLION OF THE PATTLE. THE SIEAT APPLEADITAN ADVANGE

Humanous finilling but offen. Is also focal experiences and examples of the designative effects of the bardle at we various sections near Lebaron could be put on Record. Of these we shall confine ourselves to a few m.s.al striking examples of the decim citive action of the bir conflict. In the record of great stall pits of the buffle one of the most famous who that flat over helmed the Clardellmian left wing and put that immense division of those this wish, and dire distincts. Clarge faculture American was alone saved the whole Clardellmian asmy from ruffering a rout as that of Papoleous at Waterloos.
It may be well first to recall the details of this dire event to the

monor les of the orony readons.

Clarcy had seen so fan bow, the barnle mas incorpenhig. He mas the to hold the positions at St For thee and St. Tarte, and clong other " portions of his extreme right, and over the center, and though the hat le was now raging with redoubled vicience, there was to sign of you in aching calamity on the left left. The positions were thronged with sater crowds of coldiers avaiting their town to red it is the content and the

e with the star fled by a mer cound far and found flet one left. I now that direction came fourtal stands that divised the thander pellipsed of the battle closer by and his ellipsed the millions of the combaints. These dreadful founders relied in an unusual and altitudes to dead to it from the relied to the combaints of the one will be an in the contract of the combaints relied to the combaint of the contract o children over analyzed film for the file file of the file of the file of the children over the file of the roles, the file of the file of the roles, the file of the f the lines awayed to and fro. Screams of no now arose from the wounded as the life burst among them Backwers and id the ponderous divisions, the thry brigades, the musice columns, and trying to raily them officers of all constantons fell dead on wounded by scores. Soon, all these divisions of the energy left, the invense divisions, all regiments and beloades, the contenders and the assailants together were mixed in on almost undistinguishable mess of he wible combatants with bayone against hayonet, fiving face to face with pistole, stabbing midly with darmers and narmods and with every conclevable weapon wever used ir a conflict...

I' fared no good everywhere. They The Terrible"crhstian wave" over throw the larger number of the Clardelin in columns. Tiese who held a position at a Stone output held to the last and repulsed the assallants with dreadful loss. The firecast firing formed each volumes of smoke that if filled the atmosphere and produced a domes gloom. The air during the retreat was full of doloful sounds, the grouns of agony from the wounded and dying, the demon yells of defined from the Claudelinians are flough they defied their absultants, sometime of despuir from hourified anylvens who were forced to flee before the Christian addiety in fright for juric, wills of humanishing from the suddenly becaused, dismall the land of domestics the content of the suddenly becaused, dismall the land of domestics the suddenly becaused, dismall the land of domestics the suddenly becaused. howling of dogs though where they came from was a mystery, and 'emified ories of other minula fleeing from the roads ferrified by the sound of sich wild battle so suden in their own terrifory. In thirty five minutes some of the battle for was thirmed and disclosed the scene of desolution which that terrific charge had wrought.

The vair though reveral was not universal. A considerable number of Glandelinian divisions strong or were s'il' standing their ground most degreedly and cloudy severally sha on were not dislidged from their Positions and stood their ground like the source s at Vatorious against the French.

Most of the wing of troops horever was routed. The great disaster filled the servivors with the impulse of flight, and nothing their officers and to did could doubt one for thom the more fortunate of them can in the direction of the forests and succeeded in being callied and holding their ground more desperaisly, but a great wave of the fugitives rushed across the fields trand Children's Playgrand and tward St Boniface Crossroads throwing the soldiers here also into confusion Here Lowever

They were met by a rew and unix jected peril.

Concert liandon Vivian had out transpal Vivian is Campo formard with a great division of traps to dislight the Clandelivians from this position and this force of christians care "rolling in" as if it was an immense wave, carried before it regiments, bricades and platerns of other energy two ps " mainly scrove to stand ground and dashing them in dire confusion apon the main defensive line. Over whelmed by this hape wave, and impulled by a mone errors terming wall of he onets great numbers of Glandelinians at Childrens Playround were also forced to servent, but were flamped and called by a termific fire and many fell dead on wounded. A vast live of alandelinians made a descenate stand to the north of St. Anns and the freeze at St Pontage Green cats arrived the check of this wild

cheshing ablack.

This "is "men mave" of child iar through supported by a dominating arbitrary fire, chose cracked carefulfied the coldiers care, had sined from the rain #870HH c weeping by and giving only a tail lacking. But also if man wil for a moment. A great column of Abbleau lars anseen came upon the St Torlince Commonds position by the very, and the wast position itself with the whole of his defensive lines, of men and arilleny were nesculted fiercely on two mides, and the most desparate structle of this portion of the bards seemed to rage at its height. The defense or man portion of the collection of the defined to tage at the neight. The defined was as bestitibly despends and infarrely attable and flores that the assillant assillants though equally to terperate and abbit was map then, and almost wouted themselves. But so this assillate evental others of mode that violance a second and the mode by the line round as if it was really the informal regions. The word left ming of the Clardelinian force here discrepand in talk as low by a second region of dead and dring the chingle the in that an one could be found, and more action on gal was formed that the limes thank that to be made to close it.

Else chombers during the battle a non-closer into fierce play!

for the five educted by the buffle had formed a mighty conflor wifer and the conflagration word by a winders wind soon taged between and will in the buffle lines estember wind to contactible causing fundice explainment of the buffle captains.

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The total number of deed and nounded because of this terrible builtle to definited at mixty million soldiers of whom about fourly million is on the enemy adde, and the remainder on that of the chiple lane. Tany died afterwards of injuries of moveds, and illness brought on by princions and exposure. The last hardred wounded soldiers on the chipletin site and

and exposure. The limited wounded not lives on the christian side in a bunded in the rides of the marked lamby racks contial demolished by explosion, eight hardhad or another, and neveral the said of those in a tempiral camp by shell fine.

A library the christian wave triversed the whole glandelinian left and certer, the shock and pressure of the attack was felt more severely along some portion of the cremes battle like more than in others. All of the min front section of the Clandelinian left ming mostly of unrisas and glamarmannians was entirely eventhrown and rolled up, and of about several battle camp to cover the retreat and withdrew that line to the second like of defenses were desiminated.

the second line of defenses were desciminated. the glandedinian divisions that viristoed in the differentially were threatened by destruction from artillony five and had to give may.

**Coneral Carbinia's eighteen divisions, almost all of the Eighteenth Corps, general insis army Fourth Corps, and several other Corps divisions of Mangaboos and Zimmernannians, general article research pivisions were rither disloged from their positions or reduced to more regiments.

Ceneral Ranson king and his staff were not at the hattle front at the Ceneral Earson Ring and his staff were not at the battle front it the time of this cross diseaser, but were in the command of the reserves. The general horever was no alarmed by the samific fary of the battle, that they advanced their mearures to save the left wing from being four up and advanced their reserves to save the left wing from being four up and a control of the staff officers were with him at the line. Fevertheless the removal hastened greath armise of troops to the anda meared battle front to see what could be done at restoring order, alling the dirigiousal commanders to rallly their troops, and sanding amountions to those giving out...2.2.2.2222

These renerals even in the hottest of the fray and their staff exented themselves to the atmost, all officins describe themselves to the nally in of various commands and to try to concentrate even enough types to met and that the overshelling overshelming dvance of the christian armies.

Among the sufferers of this great battle disaster many generals of quality and once opulant officers whose divisions have been not and in a few hours firhiting to absolute neutrants.

The divisions under general Spoolen which "fortunately numbered in

The divisions couldn't remain long however to meet any are on their froitions, couldn't remain long however to meet any are one but and clampy had to withdraw them to either positions. One of the meaning of the general was to past upull the smaller at artillary available, that could be obtained from the batteries not in se, and agent aposition advertor christian forces with a other of maps and consister. So termit had been the disaster that it was several hours before any of the many generals could ammon counce to useful had been the disaster that it is a several hours before any of the many tensor as consistent of the first lall of the battle. But by degrees and that the consistent of the first lall of the battle. But by degrees and while recleving reinforcements their confidence returned, for a line the up-oar of taitle had "rep replaced into response?" and they set to won about the fas of referrition of their divisions with so much energy that by the time the buttle map being tratted renewed most of the disordered

that by the time the next is the oblighted that the work of the Clandullian left ring mus restored."

The most distinguishing pecularities of this countrie christian and leight of such force were the dislandament of the energy left stor, while a second time coveral Marsons left was also being dislandament still more distantiviously, and the most extent of the country. over which such a dreadful hattle mided. The whole of lances main center over which such a direction hartis named. The whole of lances and center were violently sha on by the assault of the christian center, and the left of this wing was rolled up, huge meson of the troups recolling from their positions. This position of the battle was terrific and the firing case. to reverse and stead; of toth oand one and other fitearns that they ware the object immense volumes of smoke that any one seeing this attained to and have one taken if the agreat fire full of the abroad manager plantes . of flane were also said to have been observed hat if there were and such they were probably from explosit a of shells. Inc position of the doubt ; side covered by this battle was estimated to be four times greater turn the whole extent of the bartlefields of Calandra and Evangeline St Calle bar cogether into one. The shock of the assaults of both sides were felt by such other not only on the left and right but also in the center and were equallyhas violent. At a portion of the battle line hear Children's Plangeound a catastrophe occured much rem resembling that went on at Sie larde . A Great gap was form in the Glandelinian army by the sevene chinistin antillery firs, the chinistian accultance rished through, and an entire living of one or deal thought con its all chrough, and an entire lividity of one and dust incommunities in all the interficers and chief governal near extrapolation the sea and from and caught between to five moderate projections into a charactal cap.

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all along the chole line has the area of nemero horser has compared thely limited along the Clastelinian center.

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The of the Clinds linian forces as cloublem on a hill near Ste Mirie, The of his stings the in forces as elements or a may near one have thinked by about and difficult along, but the chilothess or ked their as and the abundalinion army there has no completely overthe on that the survivors had to the for their very lives, and not a regiment coult stand their ground any no etc. The position on the left on the mill the court against the ground and the there were represent it as also on the first but adiately succeeding the Chindelinian group on and on the rising grounds beyond then that turing their toward great storms of aviller, from the shristian hitteries were opened greather.
On the slope of the fill there appeared from dynamics of a wast purple

out docton, and this column remained in the position it had captured. The most calimitaes of the act are of the warious glandelinian divisions occured to the left of the limite, ment the alream of Vantuma, where hage whole angles who forced to give may before the advancing christians the ever le over the limed them . Tone al Sian Grecots division belied to continue is resistance but to no avail. Describ Scillin after the first to lible askault had been repuled be saided many of his staff; to he have their divisions abandon the dangerous positions, and retreat to cover of the mode in the year of Ste Marie he himse if showing the ex example. At hour after horever, while many of the divisions were recoiling sward the woods, and others here reforming their lines of bascle and flat plain near fanger our "Critis mn Plage, said" another poner fal assualt caught them in both fromt and year, and they were thrown out of the new position (it. loss is great masses, if dead and wounded, and the troops fell to the rear amid a dientful grain of some highly explosion and partly again tried to rally in the code. The scene was terrible of the

The inviction have there "rolled "on and enept away all the divisions of Clandelinian defenders before it. The troops mintaining the position at thickness platground and elements covered the totreat of these troops and a properly the analysis of these troops and a properly the analysis of the chiefland finally retired, but returned to she "btoching"with estil greater wiss witheres and ing so places the thole left grand division of these strong lines of beforders, and brinker the cope far to the cour in the greatest confusion in vaccetd.
The perent with the of his suff were condet in this part of the anfal battle.

In the meantime Violet, and her status o determine the despendent as any one closed stable to the sight that met their eyes. It was over what they alaimed to be "ed Parkers "treachery "ecause they actually The trief of the set of the feet by the actually set of the actually and set of the set of the court in each set of the court in the set of the court duty foul us bequive he had to into believing he had some at usual least dess dess ving. I must tatch and res. Eat do not let him see us. We're diegated, a d if he doesn't recognize us he'll do us sure. He's dangerous. I can see that in his e. co."

Jen is would be plad if what yieler compectations thus. But she was

conscipation the boy had come to play a part in het life, and the lives of her shart shart sound as occasion at it they had born societ encesses. Even he had seen Violet and her ofsteps on their otrange dathes three or four class conce their last painful interview in the christian camp, and he reeing then here did not recognize them as the princesses, but he did support that they were girls couts from the christian lines sent in disquire to shadow him, for he had succeed ever, move without their being Aware of it. The life observed his mind terribly and Hed could not free bines if from the observed his about the matter over, and sucfame, housing to admit that he fid not cant o to the agreem being local to a

frank nound one iddict that he did not want one. He acknowledged took that he would now eliver a good deaf to compre the opinion that the first he formed of the but no do co then, would from that the first are not possessed in the being no forced as an ere of one christian ille seemed. The mix nove success in his own furpose.

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chelestin sides. That galled him most one the reflection that in this fight which he had to go the galatic alleger, and which sciencile that to go through attall cost, is it and purpose that at dispulse. and to 30 the Agn detail cost, is in the largest was distinct righted, and the temporary less of friends, as apparently ag either fighting file and her disters io., or encouncilarly lookle etemping them and either recalling or from the first thirt or afford the interpretable of manual from the modelle to orders in the first model, has orders in orders as orders, the largest and must be accomplished over if it cost's nighting, he also was gilled and must be accomplished even if it could his life, he also was gilled at the thought of yielet, and have states a rejecting him as a tree treacherous enough, then the two west succifing themselves for their court, and god, when they could have easily required at home and let the var registers on its course without most in the Europhia lact ficting spould of hold together, they was appreciated by a palaticed ith general Changes designs for and doing their best or they doubt the glandelining enougher to displacefully failing in this or fall buttle. He did doubt did it for many the find our the change is learned at two what doubt did it for the proved to be diametric has a learned at two what ing him, and if

While the boyscout H ad his witching the progress of the bir log is so i cident occurad just as he elsewed that the glandelinians could not note their positions anythress He as close to several plancy and he subject al haft, approach him and he appeared to be in accept defaction.

"Commenting mew about the progress of the hittleff" "" waked General Ulanes .

"Not exactly oir. Tunovered General Lafty. "There's runcys that those "Dangerous vivian Cirls are minim our lines, and are acting as alleded scould have to one can locate them, they're so cleverly disguised. I believe they secretly and wirless whisless reports over to the christian these of all our plans and proposed movements and cause these disasters to tappon. Teheral gurnapple wi dies to interview you about it as soon as he can."

"The Vivian Girls!"Demarked General glancy.

"Gertainly six Ently on know teem and that they are?"
"I don't know them ...o. ."and that of the gare?"
"I don't know them ...o. ."and that, it howe sarcarm. "Bo they're here at their teautiful reling twitness again. I out one they'll tunt to be into my hadaquitern next They're dreshed as girlecow eff."

"Yes cir. That causes it to be much wome. We can't investigate our girls out force dir, because its against the largud that's by we're etumped. It's just one way of those Christian doges in this at well of journ it's a very touch jot to are joing through which the lines and of to be directed our table is lost a largument. They ill arecased the whole command, is a mast indeer and six these blattle ablier in 11.1 Princesses, and the shale in a B of its and he second ander them are committeed the heal of the contain armies, they be like the heat of the conditioned the hird of the children dender his being the the the top from the hird of the children dender h, but hem again these "second and helleve me citl, they "FIDII". For can't for a themed thing to other them. They are the main thing of the articulation at the net in the way i'll bet my life and coul veil' never FID thin cause."
"But how come this of be tweff here heard of them in I and boy could be through the way in the way is not be to the first of the order of the country of the co

"No one can say sir. But the Vivian Siele are at the head of the whole The one can may sire his the vivian block and also the head of the last, but the most dance over of the last, but the most than come logace at elementing index them by the mains of hid i ladeliffe, so extles in his living that each called the "hurle rade, and by fact he's jot a his tat that darm dangerous sister of the still move dangerous riviers at second facts day, poline. These prolificials of the girlscound, and too they seem command the work armies and all their generals have been always hard ingout ours of campe stringe to all shorts of cass, and increfore any consenses of our availed are vall aware of by governing before we have even finished

Thursting."
"We will face that trouble them it developes. In the mightime general Lafty see to it that all our toy and divisionate are closely atthicd. They can be be receifused if character they can be breathfused if character they can be receifused arched. If any of them do stact glandelly lanvage, details then?"

"Un classific for the Christian symptoms."
"I see and the little christian dog mice do. Cood idea."

He saluted and rode off ... 9856688

Wed himself did come very hard thinkin .. od t. ser led about The name of an come very nate thinking and there let the at the food to be recent friend of his those have har Jam diagonds. He enderstood if Jem could connected a reject to recompliance of this near the corresponding and his and makes the first buy to the could name get for infercements at in time to not be the nate and first containing the first forcements at the first could be not first to the nate of the could never be not all the never because the could never be not all the never because the never came, and that he as mostly there came a strong a tree informment if perible. He decided as appeal about the benefit Allerte-Fob for in the extended to the benefit at the period to the benefit at the form of th

the electron hand and the intervals, and its an entry, of now he had to be intervals and the antitional ly on one find to the intervals and the antitional ly on one find her sir serve to empect the of transon because of the resid form of his day, whele he for it one volunteered to make the his day and it is a first and it is a first and the content of the first and the first only enclosing you. To gain or regain their confidence I must say you'll have to do your partyon must understand fled, you're in far greater danger on the christian nide than here so whether you're suspected any lime by the encap and have to fles, for the Love of Heaven don't go to the christian lines. While the temper time when where general will reveal the whole purpose, but you should write a wire less message to him telling him the whole story, and how you not him telling the whole story, and how you not him telling him to the whole story, and how you not him telling him to the whole story, and how you not have in large and not have no such that you are then you not be accounted to the control of t

I have the real manufacture of the control plan of all even though it does being you assumed account of the country of the trouble to be not trouble at all Maddhe said. "I've never started as that there ill be no trouble at all Maddhe said. "I've never been suspected once four dee is to real the footback to the country of the newer been suspected once four dee is to real shall be the country of the said of the footback the said whom you say in face it a ster and the footback to remain and proposed for when the said of the said o

middenmer, and then to pretend to desert. Which the good help you if you seem so much supressed this content in them. You only hope is reconciliation with misror vivian been if love in the reference outdoor the pyou, and they believe it more strongly than their father doesn't misstance them some time send of the father doesn't will mistance them some time send of the proventiation of the father of the send of the presentation of the send of the s

nerging of signal wireless messages and I with my sobuting. I pretense Protond to scout on the christians, and send them news instead, so that is extragal, at i am very glad to see you at all times Alexander of the sea id Ned. And to be fram with you I was goin going to have a talk with you attra about certain things that are a objectionable——langus plans to crush general Hanson for instance.

Adele-De-Fob atorred and thumbed his boyscout riding staff upon the chipstreen sand and listened for a moment or so to the distant toar of the frightful battle which tohimmas growing still more. The noise was terrible.

Whow that is exactly what was in my own mind when I started out to The white is exactly what was in my own mind when I started out to see you this noon time Ned"he answered clanding at a great shell burst in the Sty that sounded as if I was the loudest orash of theigher that in the Sty that sounded the ground beneath their feats. There are bed depresent and viberated the ground beneath their feats. The order that was bed depresent while will be a command, Manley lying of a bad cold in bed recleved name from his convers the progress of the battle, and he had recleved name to the chief in generals are making oran troughest near St. " Boniface"s cheletian generals are making arout rengens and Rice Boniface's Or or reads new as they never did before. They Vivian civie would last at me if I said anothing to them about it, as they don't believe out last at progression so a code at the sac bothing what is going on, and therefore are distremed and believed the bid laist beigner in which will be it is a supposed or would be Outholio, a American who comes over here to alde with the enemy. He bight to be a recumulated from the Observation in fact does it to the slight himself. When I told them it is bod, for the anomy menty they aid which but it cannot so ba. We won first and now the a nemy will win last. But I cannot put it into their heads that we did not the first. Our left wing was shaltened and routed ten miles from its now you the last to resident and they head the was the said to you the not one liter. One sets wing was non-reing and coined and miller or in the new resistion, and they heard nothing of it. Hed as I said to not the first day I saw you I hoped we shall be friends. Now I know we shall be and please God and the leased Mother we shall at least prove to the

and please God and his a leased Nother we shall at least press to the Princesses that their ideas are wrong, that their distress is for hought." They stopped and classed had with their of lake compact,, and then went on together past the strangling but have columns of returning Clandelinian woulded who though abla to we walk of carry on were too Ginne linen worman who those hat the any longer. They went beyond the seriosly wounded to be in the buttle any longer. They went beyond the series elses stretch satili they reached a shot where they understood and the class that they inderstood

ceneral Bines heauquarters were.

It was well timbered and superior in appect to the headquarters where remeral Johnston Maniar Lav ill.. Lay ill. There wave folks of illowers in the appec between the double, windows Belind them roared the battle of Lebaron and there the S was Buy with shock of conflagrations..... within the appearance of voices from application of the state It was well timbered and superior in appet to the headquarters

Of common they both did not now who the ateln were, but Adelo-De- ob pentioned that there were never atrange; interest officers within the former in the configuration and that the configuration are in the Canada had been added at the configuration are provided to the Canada had been and at the configuration are provided. there were change the country they and named the grant being and the manustral the and caused the to be restorted as he felt need to note remain or other and co med bim to be restoblished as he left news for some roman or other unpits his discusses they some of a recognize him, but only the discussion has been discussed by the same time he saw another liftly figure allyting pay. Into purpose, at the same time he saw another liftly figure allyting pay. Into the shadow of the pines, led saw the liftly figure allyting pay. Into formula instantive titll speed, and readed atoms also patch in the horse and stood her and the stantive titll speed, and readed not relieved to the both the struckling obtained by the struckling obtained by the struckling obtained by the horse and stood her on her feet bende him.

It was a cirl of about ten vears of age. He recognized her though it was "You cirl is slave of Manleys "Sand Hed very ettenty" though it was "You cirl is slave of Manleys "Sand Hed very ettenty" though it was pretented by try, anger slightly "How often have t forbidding thee to come here who are those in that hallding that don't below here."

The first began to even and tried to twist hereeff. Out of the bove

The firl began to pry and trind to twist harmalf out of the boys traff to the held her by the wrist tightly while Adele-do-fob had had soldlers surround the boss and was hammering on the door for all

rest. for even which early was not be in a particular for even which early was not been a little early was not early we can be compared to the early was not even the large of the was not come here Jamen Adels-Pe-Fohndingmented were the large induced above the large induced at the compared induced the large in a pallo and for me follow which is a very model of the large in the large induced at large induced in the large induced at large induced in the large induc

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the appened the door of the borne but the two boys did not enter-The counted the door of the bottle but the two boys did not extern this lacout founds the lack the Fob Thoms. I had been trouble between me and thom tit heads!

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"I gurreled with hom?"
"As Carn. Layre and Inc. Two loft them in the christian lines only for minutes ago. They couldn't have been here so soon during this britle."

"The product wow them well chough "daid the girl omiling. "The product of the sechimed Athle-De-Fob. "Are you jesting Advance you fooled by them too!"

For led by them too?"
"Ho air my too would the tipl"Group my heart and hope to die if they gin't Violet, and her eleiers."
"In lister will ded ander ly looking work of queer."I holieve Jamen she's rime. I thought I recognized the voice of the one you threatened but didn't pay attention at first. By gad I'm coing. If she's recognized for."

now "quate not coing "anid Adole-Pe-Fob. "Hours a your chance then to may be not what hey trought. Bon't be a Jackine. Come on We're going in the "the state of the state of t

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"Well we'll tell him somothing that will eep him busy said Violet. "Also in the reantime we'll telegraph something to my girlscout force, and see eclally derivate so the whole thing will be understood, and you can rejoth them again. But for cafty and to avoid such a disgrafe in the future try some other plan in your efforts. It's more feasible, and I would say sometible."

When he and Adele-pe-Feb were on their way elsewhere Hed as/ed him a question about a mattle of the battle that had puzzled him. "Whydoes it sound at the enemy can resist so stubbornly when Hanson is hamisering so hard."

"Whydee it semilat the enemy can resist so stubbornly when Hanson is hammering so hard a far Irish man is a fighter said James.
"It's because that darn Irish man is a fighter said James.
"At the semilation of the priscoult for glance at us as if we were her farted enemy agt did the girlscoult for glance at us as if we were her for the constantly fears for the said and selection of the priscoult for a story there. So she glocks the farter of the constantly fears for the constantly fears for the said for so the constantly fears for the constantly fears and I the ought they were Glandsin and first counts."

"Man you frustrated their purpose I'll bet in liberating the poor little slave, but I'll find out the clave but she seems to side with our feas but mybe trey we lied to her about the christian cause, that is the don't and refuses to trust us, she'll have to remain."

"Thut we were not the only peril of violet, and her sistery said interfere because we thought christian spies were doing doing it. I'm going to interfere with them now. I'll shoot the next one shadowing them as if they were a mad dog."

"Caratininity It was some hours ago nearly two I believe. I saw a man do something suspicious. I understand more than most boyscouts do about persons doing the shadowing act but I never then recognized the fact who the girls were and didn't ac anything. I suppose since then El a Eva's fears has ceen that V lotet and her sisters, have been undowed by all soute of foes, including us who did it too because we believed they were enemies frustrating our blands. Se rever went away thin the lide of the time in harder and fear were and didn't do anything. I suppose since then by a last foars has been that I is the and there is ters, have been unadowed by all sorts of foes, including us who did it too because we believed they were enemies frustrating our than his provided that the shadow of the source of the same than the state of the same term of the same training our than his provided when the same training the shadow and the same training to should yield and her sistors see the evils that can overdandow them in a enemy camp even during a battle. I'm wants them to loave before anything occurs, but and the fate of territies kig ment at various and considered the same of the same training of the

"I am glad james, "saud N ed "But these shadowing Gladelinian soldiers have special protection, and they are dangerous nean and concentrates? You see James, when general Manley himself was in charge here some days before the battle, and before he got this masty cold, hope he has it for life, it was agreed between h in and Clancy that the Glandelinian grmy shall be drilled in the American style so it can beat the christian army?"

"For the benifit of Clancy's constitution and character?"

"For the benifit of clancy's constitution and character?"

"If the two saids and the style of the myself believe that. But it is through these two and Federal Johnston that he retains his hold so strongly on the army. They are his Go-beuweeng, they do his dirty work such May you have seen in this battle so far.

"You have seen in this battle so far.

"You have my promise" main delected of that no one shall be shadowing violet and her sisters, in fa in fact I'll have my friends shadow them. Of glandelinian scout who tries to shadow them he added with a vectomone that surprised himself, though he meant every word of it and would do it."

'The two boys however felt poorly that early afternoon. Trouble seemed to be thickening about him. Especially adeled be yob thought most despondently of the warning of iolet and her sisters which was 1,2,2,2, indeed almost an schoe of dertrudes and even Hacliffes and migeline liteless.

He feared about general clancy too, the had heard much about finemen and the old saying of To lies and rishman is only to kill him, that was to han de an army better than most landelinian commanders. It seemed so for still now, the awful battle was a standstill situation, and even Hansons army was progressing nothing either. Then out of the dariness of gloomy thoughts, there rose in vivid portraval the face of angelinia grouburg. He admitted now how much she meant to him in aid and 60 forth efough to a was situation. Eefore he decided to watch the progress of the battle he decided to go once more to the Vivian cir

Ne d himself had announced that it was along the whole riht wing right wing of the vast glandelinian army, that the battle had raged the fleroest. and that to the Christian left, the greatest aumount of damage had been done.

wing of that to the Christian left, the greatest amount of damage had been and that to the Christian left, the greatest amount of damage had been done.

"hen that" happened said Ned I sure was scared."

"I didn't feel so good myee 1 said Adele-do-feb. "The first covere shock of the Clandelinian assault, as many of the Clandelinian generals had said overthrew the whole of the christian left wing with great loss of life.

Of course by his plan general Hanson cent reinforcements, but his own center during his own assault had been rent into fragments by the enemys artillery fire, and the line of battle on his side couldn't progress at first, another right wing of general Hansons army which before had been quite well on the advance became afterwards in a situation that made it possible for it to fall to the rear, the force and fury of the enemys county attacks at the same time having increased, and portions of the contributant lines were displaced. The center too subsided from its movements, But it was along the center and left itself that the most terrible doseltion was wrought by the Clandelinian artillery fire, complication of awful disasters having followed by the terrific Gamelinian, one lately more especially a firstee conflegiation, and the woods set by other more especially a force conflegiation, and we would be assault of general cultumins Shoemanria, and Joseiphie Jensen upon the christian left was immense beyond words. I nearly that one hundred divisit one, were entitely reduced to fragments, that 200 evidents and brigade Corps also were in the lane situation, and about fifty others seriously shall be shall also be straid on the plains and in the woods exposed to random shellfire, or by fires. The greater number were buried in their trenches by shell explosions hurling great clouds of earth deris upon them while others are perturing in the fires that were started in many sections of this battlefield, farticuarly along immons left, whore the fires are assuming the proportions of a forest fire..."

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as soon as decirable because of the distances, and their immossurable numbers who may have to be left to die a lingering death, from heat, hunger thirst and so forth.

Of still more thrilling and hirrhorrible hterest, was the case of the "Clandelinian Marchionego-Spattara Mangaboo division, laving been driven out of its position during one counter christian changes, it was reinforced by a Corps of Ecoedliers, who being forced to bear the full brunt of the christian storm wave also had no retreat. They reached a woods along what is called Sprockles Brooklere they remayed to recover their formation and were rallies, other trought and their aid and they resisted the Christian advance most desgedly. Securing advantage of a rement when a portion of the assaulting christian line was too much occupied to notice what was goi going on along the center, general apples Dumplings division of troops moved forward to storm the assaulants in the rear. The general made the back, the direction of the division of troops were assauled on all sides and apple numpling (maybe he was good to eat) was forced to order a retreat. The troops fled from field to field persued by the enunged angelinian troops, and reached the streng found that the well needed irridges had been blown up cutting off all further retreat in that direction. They were then almost surrounded, and this division then from sheet desperation, fought so ten tenaciously and desperately, that handicapped at it was it came out gloriously with colours flying, and their assaulants either annihilated or su captured and the survivors sent flying for dear life. In this bloody contest general price umpleting captured four battle flags, outlier of the survivors sent flying for dear life. In this bloody contest general price umpleting captured four the title and the survivors of the glandelinian traces where the distribution of the other captures and the survivors sent flying for dear life. In this bloody contest genced to the first of the games and the survivors of the grandelin

seems before the dreaful cannon fire that the earth trembes to its heart, shells rent the landscape to ruin, then the schee of a terrible epent burning burning for the schee of a terrible epent burning burning for the schee of and two long lines of contending armies of men crash at each other, and two long lines of contending armies of men crash at each other, and all human hopes, and the results of man labor are wellmed all on the dread torrents of death and dismay. So it was at St Etheldreda, so it was at the bartle was so far away, but nevertheless recleved its name... on cusions, and famine, diesaes, and pestilence, we throughout nations, fire and they come singly, normuch worse is it when they come singly, normuch worse is it when they all come together they do in a terrible war, as they now do in this terrible long catastrophe of nearly two years duration; in all the battles, sepecially in the recent Abbieann horror, a heddious quartette whose mission is the death and torment of innocent and guilty human beings, as both sides are such as sufferers in the war and so often the destruction in a momente time of the wealth they had gathered in y years of patient effort.

THEFRIGHTFUL FURYOF THE BATTLE AND I TS SURPASSING HORFORS . " THE HARVEST OF THE CANNON FIRE. THE PANIC FLIGHT OF A DEVASTATED CLANDELINIAN DIVISIONS ... ". ". ". ".

DURING the lull in the great battle of Lebanon which occured at about Two in the afternoon, general Clancy and all his generals hoped for the best, that the christian armies would aban en abandon the battle and give way. Cla noy's army was in no position to renew the offensive, now he must remain on the defensive. It was so quiet now, that it appeared to Clancy and all his generals that the battle was totally over, and that it would either be general Hansons army that would retreat by night falls or that lancy must one or the other. Yet disaster impended, dire deadly, terrible disaster, for general Hansone armies were gathering for the final offort all the egines of destruction were being pushed forward, and to the old disasters of the battle a new one of unprecede nea herror was about to be added. Of course Clancy a was an Irish man, but Hanson had the Irish way of fighting too Clarcy a new one of imprecede new nerver was about to be added. Of course Clarcy a was an Irish man, but Hanson had the Irish way of fighting too even though he was an Abbicannian. Certainly a little over an hour of blessed silence followed the mornings awful uprear of the battle, and the recently shattered Clandolinian divisions were preparing for reunion with the others, aangorously exposed positions were being abandoned, and the whole

recently shattered Glandelinian divisions were preparing for reunion with the others, dazgerously exposed positions were being abandened, and the whole bush of general Glancy's generals prepared to ta e up again the hoped for conward movement should general Handels army retreat.

Clarty nainever heard the well /mown saying, even which Hanley had himself invented with much bitterne as many a time" "General Handely had himself invented with much bitterne as many a time" "General Handely had himself invented with much bitterne as many a time" "General Handely had himself invented with much bitterne as many a time" "General Handely had himself is not a retreating Christian. Why he can't retreat. General know how."

Alas for he and his generals, and for all the other commanders under Clancy, Hansen was only preparing to throw all precautions to the winds and throw his whole army upon him. The hour passed, three fitteen came and ressed into the minutes and so quiet it was that the whole clandelinian and christian armice seemed buries in day time slumber. Canden by without a moments warning the christian cannons all along the whole lime opened into a terrible thundering discharge, and upon the Glandelinian left, a terrific one laught by almost overwhelming numbers was hurled, and divisions of troops were rolled up, many reglemms were compelled to retreat not able withstan to withstand the violent assault, regiments failing back in confusion carried others away with them alike to confusion and retreat amid the red ruin, and sefore half an hour p had ressed away a good section of the enemys left wing had become terribly mixed up and confusion. On fused. A scene of universal horror succeeded or followed the sagen frightful and interpeted catastrophe. So horrible was the conflict now that has momented in the thousands of Glandelinian soldiers by acad or wounded, mest fortunite among the faller who went to suiden death and enceled the pollonged for their wounds, or those who while unhurt were selzed amidst the conflaction the numbers of confused retreating somiors who managed to gain the shelter of St Boniface's Rum clamboring over piles of earth debris, many of them bloading from painful wounds most of them now so terror stricken as the christians pressed on after them as to forget their hurts to forget all but the insticts of flight, while shells crashed and ocmm boomed about them hurling dangerous missles and clouds of debris in all directions.

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Screams of horror, terrific storms of blam blasphemous cries madens
mouns of anguish filled the air amid the uproar and crash of battle drowned
frequently by the rearing thunder of high explosive shells, and the yells of
the persures. And upon it all came a sunden torrential compour of water
from the stream when a high explosive blew up in the river and hurled clouds
of water upon the fugltives sociting the survivors and adding to the
grewness aspect of the frightful situation.

The sufferings of the wounded were awful to comtemplate for both sides.

Seas of bodies were afterwards found, buried and hurned which bore testimony Seas of bodies were afterwards found, buried and burned which bore testimon of the testures from the wounds endured before death relieved their suffer ings. Thousands of these soldiers had died biting at their arms andhands evidently insane from pain and fright. The left wing of the enemy was torn to pieces and forced into a disorderly retreat. The stories related by the survivors of both sides in the army hospitals all reflected the horror of the Lebanon battle that afternoon. There were many mirroulous escapes of officers and generals but the cases of wounded and dying among officers were without number on both sides.

Colonel obbler immediately at the first portion of the onelaught tried to retain the formition of his line and rushed batteries across a road. The furly of the battle seemed to be raging all around them. His line was thinned badly and hear ing grooms from a pite of earth debris hurled by a shell

try of the battle secred to be raging all around them. His line was thinned badly and hearing groams from a pile of earth debris kurled by a shell explosion the officers dying, one a leuterant, and the other a captian. The head of one was evidently split ofen by the fragment of the shell, while the chest of the other was badly torn one. The Colonel tried to lift one of the officers and fell wounded himself. His remaining men setzed with terror at the fiercely yelling had coats approaching fled tward the rear. It to there paid stricted men two hours and a half to traverse the battle terrificed and tried to stand their ground after rallying this small Mangaboo regions: vegiment, Captian Rines arised to triat small wands for the fort. It was impossible for the sanction days on the size of the stream the stream the stream the stream the time but the gwo regions: vegiment, Captian Rines arised to triat in the line but the gwo regions. The of chilstians continued on and he was colliged to live up across the stream. There were only six thousand survivors and they surrencered.

It is the purpose of this aurther to form a faithful record of the concluding section of the story of the awful hours of battle and its ruinous effects when for the wounded minutes out in that dreadful field seemed years, and to preserve an accurate xironicle of its events.

Other frightful catactvalus of the battle has to be seen and even before noon that arivet. The terrific ons aught of them, Shoemannias army which crushed the greater part os Jonein Bens christian army, and in a half hour destroyed upward of two hundred and fifty thousand soldiers, the convulsion of battle which rent the christian right wing asunder, and powred over the christian positions a tidal wave of Glandelinian troops in which three hundred and thirty six thousand lost their lives in the horrible conflict that ensued, the huntrage of artillary fire, which overwhelmed twice the a min christian

wist thousand last their lives in the horrible conflict that ensued, the hurricane of artillery fire, which overwhelmed twice the a min christian left wing, the terrific munition explosion which rus ruined in a moments time the thronged town of San Franc isco twenty six miles south of Lebanon from the awu awful concussion, and caused the deaths of thirty housand of its fifty thousand inhabitants, are all awful and significant examples of the wars first bloodiest of all battles. Hot one general was safe in this terrible battle. It seemed worse than the convus convulsion of nature. In view of all this,, it has been desued dasirable probably by the enemy to make this work of battle a history of disauters of any sort of charact what are the war had progressed no convulsion or storms of nature had made a record of horror as this war had done, to recount the theories of the great explosion calmittee, floods, fires and so forth, to describe the configurations among the forests, and all the other minor outbrea/s, of the wars droadful.

Lebunon will in a way the description of the further progress of the battle of Lebunon will in a way causs the value to be greatly added to, as within the past pages of these values the readers have already had a sufficient past pages of these volumes the request have harredly had a sufficient has the chronicle of all the fanous disasters due to the progressue of the war and all the battles themselves. However when the wearness and the folly of generals on both sides during battles thrings wor upon the armice of geach according some drives during battles thrings wor upon the armice of geach advisor and no scarcity of carnest preachers as to whom is responsible. But here in this story is a vast and awful catastrophic war that beful from the foolish act of glandelinia hereoff apparently not moire extraordinary then that which is brought on by other nation. The consequences so far as the reader has learned has been most tor living in this case as they onvolve or the war involves two monsterous nations, and it no more involves the theory of a magnet malign ant lighter than that of any crazy glands linia....

It we contemplate it possibly we may be helped to a profit tale setimate of the significance of the war itself. Kiny of the generals of both sides have been foud of beauting of their marvelous successes in

of both sides have been found of both wire ready indeed to general should use the remains of both sides have been found of both sides or of each other, and will be they are in the midet of the exuitations over their victories, a great walled they are to one or the other, and they have to learn the old lesson over again that their triumphs have not pengtrated farther than when they mayee egg below.... constals of armies of both sides, stand upon a night lies of ground watching a long wave of mongo "rolling" through battle fire hurled from the other side in a fray of destruction that is itself incomprehensible and usually the generals are so busy with their own milt re military ambitions, their movements, their manoevers of battle their prides and hopes of a good outcome, thatthey sometimes forget where they are and what is their destiny. A dir ect in terposition from a superior general of the enough might be fequired to persaules them enough to stop and consider and resume anew their bearings, so that they may comprehend in some measure their preciose cause of their blunce blunders.

The viscet generals have been the most ready indeed to g recognize the beneficence of the discipline of wiser superiors. If there were no blunders, they would find the school of military endeavors go on without profit.

where long lines of removariants and the darker.

In front of the right of the christian right wing the Glandelinian army had broken up and fallen backs. To the left of them were division after division of Glandelinians who were falling back some in panic some in disorder, and some still contesting the field every step of the way. In some spots the apt laptalling scene and fury of the battle boggst all description, everywhere horrors beyond mention made the scene one fit for the pen of a

and some stall lordering the lower of the bottle torget and long expensions of the period of the bottle torget and il description; everythere horrors beyond mention made the scene due fit for the pen of a lander.e.e.e.e.e.

Curious fra freeks of the battle were everythere everythere to be observed, among columns of the contending trous so that it seemed to be numerous battles conditions that the ware everythere everythere to be observed, among columns of the contending trous so that it seemed to be numerous battles conditions of the contending trous so that it seemed to be numerous battles conditions of the contending trous so that it is easilant; and artillery, another in w to which nonthing seemed to be happen ing, though they continued their own five. Some Regiments hung close to a fatural fostion such as beind trops, and tones not condition to the condition of the conditions of trous wor resisting the christian advance behind the rest in mylines and guilles contesting the ground very stubbonly in one place two divisions of trous wor resisting the christian advance behind the conditions of trous wor resisting the christian advance behind the conditions of trous wor resisting the christian advance behind the conditions and behavior of the conditions and the conditions of the conditions, and that when the shock of the conditions of the conditions and the conditions of the conditions and the conditions of the c

General Clinton reported to general Clancy, declaring that itsediately 117..... General Clinton reported to general Clancy, declaring that immediately,, after the first great shock of the christian enslaught,,,, a great gap about laif a mile in length has orened in the Glandelinian front, through, which the christians poured. He declared that through this gap the christians came with torrible fury in great masses, and caught the rear of the battle line. Hary in jured officers who were in this vinicity, were horribly scalded when from some sailant the christians threw down larbe tube of stemming hot water upon the landelinians. The length of this gap in the Glandelinians front was without the slightest doubt greatly exaggerated. As the Clandel irain general withdrew his shattered division to safty, he saw his men fall in the most frightful numbers lie also saw human limbs protruding from under some demolished cannons ... """""

Frenzied officers strove to rally their brigades and regiments, while curs curses and blashemies from the miscrable Glandelinian soldiers, rushing away from the scene half naked and bleeding through the fields, filled the air... Just as the sea inumdates the suburbs of a city during an tidal wave so did the christian columns overwhelm all those who stood their ground

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so did the christian columns overwhelm all those who stood their ground
against their advance. The foremost regiments opposed to them comples

com pletely disappeared, and the receding trooks were forced to leave the
dead and wounder behind them. Corpees were encountered overwhelm even

was blownup to the Angelinians, as were also entire sections of railroad.

A jourg citizen of the town of bebanon and who was a young Catholic

Seminary student studying for the priesthood, and who rode thirteen miles

to see the battle to had a terible tale to tell his friends of the first

moments of the afternoo as battle in which he saw one of the landelinian

Sensita fall shot through the head, and another recieve a severe wound.

Together with my companions he say all "I was in a wagon train watching

the battle at a distance, when close to us but yet some distance away about

probably five hundre of feet or so a high explosive shell burst with an ear

so eareplitting crash, and from the conquesion the wigon was livrally

literallyblitted off the road,,, a small shed from the same concussion

crumb ling to the ground right before our eyes. We saw the whole battle

nothing could stop the christian advance. We were soon climbing a high

rise of ground to see mo re of it. Mountilo the fewlifte child in

a segults continued, and to the left of our view the christians were

coming as if they were a long wall of men, carrying all before it. The

battle had come dangerously close and we had to scurry as shrappel began

to burst overfried. We were roused if from our flight by shouts and found

ourselves in the embrace of the rest of our companions, who had come to

see the battle, and in the joy of the reminon, and of see high the christians

turning out to be the victors we all fell on our knees and save tanks to

our pleased hord for our escapes, praying also for all those free shall

and had as dire a tele of horror to reveal as the larger wings. The disturbance is the state of horror to reveal as the larger wings. The disturban is the many was comen trained in struct political and all of the comen trained in structure. The first state of the army was comen trained in structure and the reveal of the state of greatest violence out additions exercised from the north to the north state of greatest violence out additions as the state of this line of battle of greatest violence out additions as the state of the state

Ith intense dread and yet interest at the same time.

There is advadius of battle extended bac with decreasing intensity for fourty miles on tward Lebanon, and thirty miles tward. Vantua Stream There be nevertheless was every reason to believe that dread ful navoc was wrough tail along the whole line. The people of small towns had also fled, a report of unusual observations from some signal station at Childrens Playground declared the christian I onslaught lasted fully two hours and was covered by a terrible attillery fire, which made an appearance at times as if there was an remarkable atmospher's phenomena. The earth and air seemed at times

as if filled with sparks and flashes of flame which flared up untillithe newvens and the earth seemed affre.....2.2 This no doubt was caused by the air being surcharged by so much holse and shell fire and terrific

explosions.

The Clandelinian center was tremendously atrongly defended. The troops of the rear lineswere behind a given force, and another was beaind a high wall of rubble and dirt a mixture of stones and earth-of emromous thickness. Six feet of this material to defend your position was nothing unusual. The Clandelinian troops were strong in number, and well supported by artillery. The forces which the christian generals brought to bear upon by attracts, and folders behind these constructions show in the result that had the center and left been in these constructions, then the christian waves of assailants might as well have made the assault against a position too impg impregnable to be carried. This later explained why here the foe held the positions and the christian losses were so ernormous. Some of the attacking columns angered avagered four or five men deep, and the "scrape

the attacying columns angered avagered four or five men deep, and the "scrap brigades th" that remained were at least reduced even to regiments of our of the brown accord.

Another peculiarity was the following. Ohristian one lauints has usually some general direction, to issue straight from their positions. Not so this terrible attack. The assault seemed to come from three directions, and the Clandelinian columns refusing to give way was astonishing. It was newwer the christian cannon fire that was most destructive. The assault upon one section of Esguaras divisionshook the line of troops, but the most violent assaults couldn't dislodge them from their positions, ret among the most assaults couldn't dislodge them from their positions, ret among the most lamented results of the battle, was the destruction of general Handonias Mungaboo Grand Division the pride of the army. It had suffered seriously in former convulsions of the battle, and had been reinforced, but in none so

aggaults couldn't dislodge them from their positioms, ict among the most lamented results of the mattle, was the destruction of general Handonias Mungaboo Grand Division the pride of the army. It had suffered seriously in former convulsions of the battle, and had been reinforced, but in mome so severely as this, which left it almost an annihilated columnish hany of the divisions brigadier generals lay among the dead and wounded, and twenty two of the aplendid brigades, said to come come from the state of Mungaboo lay prostrated in dead and wounded or aying His whole line was shattered in pieces. Others famous divisions of the army suffered the same fate and all the largest columns of troops and best officers of this famious army division went down in bresparable ruin.

'As for the loss of life in this second clearer to the Gignel himm left wing it may herer be known in its full enters. District the main entire left wing may have a been put throughnous momental there at one hundred ten thousand extra addition, and those of several registers at the hundred ten thousand extra dead of these resultants. But div or citamit, Scylla, Gallinia Turner, Sagnara Julio, pollately and affect the ties of several division of landellnians under general lieuted in the several control of pollately and affect the several control of landellnians under general lieute in a proved a death trup for is many assailants, when it formed an item trip riangle of spitions indied by follings into which opening the christians rushed into Many of those to have been dead in the battle here on the christian elice were said to nave been forigeness covering t in the christian lines at the time, and the only loss to the ohristian three first him services and norvors of formeral Consular was was shot to death as each service with a service of the fattle of the first of the formeral consular was as shot to death and entire in the service of the substitute was the stream of the problem of the service of the fattle of many cities and tons the terrificant

of wounds which Killed so many soldiers of both bless, was also let by the inhabitants some distance away from the battle by the concessions.

Oreat and terriffe explosions occured during the battle. In other cases ship s of the christian troops beloning to a portion of the armies fighting simultaneously the battles of St Ethelreda felt strange shocks that came as if saiden blows from the air, accompanied by a noise resembling great rolls of thunder. This blow is effect of the air was common during noisy battles and great explosion disasters it feeling in some cases as if the owns or shipping in farm houses were swaying as if the outth was in conventions.

The vessels in the river near Lebanon were so violently convided that their matte and ropes were broken, while the water lay still Even cannon had been jerked up and down from the decke by these odden air conventions of the sun cases stated there was no disturtance of the sunface our face of the safe os stated there was no disturtance of the sunface great artillery storms" mad toom always been accompanied by waves of attacking christian soldiers of ernormous cize, as witnessed at the ageond grand dram along the onesys left and center. In some cases the assaults and preceded the artillery storms.

Along the Clandelinian center the assault began first by a concentation of christian troops in heavy mades. Then the assault had come with ouch force as to drive all before it. With this prelimitary view or review on the surject short indeed, we mad more fully describe the "meronment of the great christian one laught upon the enemy left him as it went and as it was observed in the vincity of St Bon faces Crossroad and Childrens Playground and the Obendon Ratus as to by the served as a server the season of the refugees from behanon. At the time the great assault came saidenly upon the landelinian left wing a number of refugees were on a sort of high ground not exactly a hill, but neverticless might be determined as one and they all say it. One of the women who was interviewed by awar correspondent who had been afraid to go too near the battle lin s lines told of the occurance as follows; [2:23]2;
"At half mast two in time afternoon after there had been a lull in the

interviewed by a war correspondent who had been afraid to go too near the battle lin s lines told of the occurance as follows;;;2;2;2; "at balf mast two in the afternoon after there had been a lull in the battle of short duration, renewed artillery fire broke out more violent than the former artillery storms of the morning, the waters of the river from the concussion became terbly agittated. We wondered how an artillery fire from even the soldiers of the morning, the waters of the river from the concussion became terbly agittated. We wondered how an artillery fire from even the soldiers of the two was side could be so torvibly severe when one of my children acidedly cried; "howk there man all those mon in purple running forward that are the reliable to the fire of the proportions vore sweeping along the whole tattle line across the fields, ruging tward the form confidence in the big plain called Childrens Playround, pouring against the Glandelin in position to the left of te, and carrying everything before them. They advanced with such terrible yells that the children with us were scared. Scores of Clandelin in divisions I heared opened a terrible fire, we could hear the frightful sound way over here, and the saw scores of Argelinian Prisade before our very eyes set show to pieces, but the main wave purpled on, and panic stricken Glandelinians fled to crush upon those till holding their ground in the rear and also throwing them into frightful sounders in the grade of the other called the covered with their dead and adapt and those of the other called to go many of which were carried off by the receding line of landelir ian tollow. For upon General hispoto's Glandelinian front, straight on the

Source for No. 20 over 10 with their dead and dying and those of the other that their dead and dying and those of the other that their dead and dying and those of the other that their dead and dying and those of the other that the tead and dying and those of the other that the tead and their than the defenses of St Poniface's Croseroade the force of the civiletian conditions are terrific. The first of it was mot by such a terrific lire of artillary as retrifice. The first of it was mot by such a terrific lire of artillary as retrifice the profite of the save of scipiers melted away. It's a servicine on a flood of motion laws, and the survivors recorded for some distance seement it. The transport of the wave of the first of the seemed of the control of the control of the seemed of the control of the contro they advanced and Glandellinian legiments, divisions and even whole corps were sweet before the advancing human flood. The ground where we were tre mbled under the concussion of so many firing at each other with rifles and carrons. It seemed as if two moneter on waves of fir he fiends one is red and the other in gray, fell furiously upon our none another ing trustly upon our none another ing trustly shown to the could not describe other scenes we dim't charve as a make hid everything for a long time. "

All along the whole landed in in front minitiar roomes had been witnessed.. A captian of clanded in ian carabineers who wen't through the battle unharmed wrote to general Fanley!

"Your Excell scy general John Banley;

"The whole left wing of your army was not so entirely demolished by the c violent christian charge as at first supposed or reported, but the christian dags volled like a mighty sea upon us and engulfed us for some time. I don't believe more than fifteen million of us escaped out of the entire wing of troops from being dead or wome wounded but we sure gave the dh christian dogs a good fight before we were forced to run. I doubt if any one escaped from general odlins division which were assuiled from or on threege sides. Along my own left or within my own view the christian dog line before our fire receded from some of the higher position of the battle line, but they renewed the "storm'in redoubled violence later on. The left grand division of the Central wing was also rapidly vertenting and it is feared when I was sent forth with my regim nt that our armies would be routed to the four winds.

Forturally sir the disaster to our left and center did not prove on

Fortura ely sir the disaster to our left and center did not prove on later investigations to be so complete as recently stated but with all results nevertheless it was terrific and coul harrowing. This sir is the true state of affairs;

The christian tidal wave of assault that swept upon general Manson Reggio's line demolished over a quarter of his while whole from gome of his strongest divisions were swept from their positions in utter rout, and carried before the advancing christian dops, tempest of christian artitlery five added to the terror of the scene. The region between St ganiface Groserade and Childrens Playground is still in possession of the children fance of the children state are wounded and their corps are as sand washed away by a heavy sea. The main christ Glandelinian front of Reggio has been completely swept away according to statements of any ow wounded officers and soldiers, and it is impossible to approach children's Playgrounf by that divection. With the herrible intush of this sea of christian dogs with their hornible bayonets at the ready the driving from their postitions and across the fields of whome divisions, the crushing of whole lines, and the destruction of so many brigades, the whole battlefield had soon became six atmost instantly covered with debris containing refuse of every description dotted heavily with countless human bodies. When the fog of sucks lifted the whole of that remained of general Reggio's line was utverty demolished. The whole battle line was greatly altered, and far from its orlying line of all the magnificent divisions only a few brigades vermined."

Your agoistant aide-do-camp. Charge. Clarrin.""

During the assault upon general Catania's division, the christians captured five hundred regiments of plandellinians, and did large to the main line. Along general Messinia's line a corps of troops stationed in position to the north of the Ste Mayle was heard of no more. This was the first to the north of the Ste Mayle was heard of no more. This was the first intimation to any of the glandelinian generals that anything serious had happened. General pushants twoop of Infuntry belonging to the 144th, was thrown cut of its resitten but annihilated six one laughts before it was rolled up ther divisions of troops were as well of as if they had been ships that had foundered. General Campo ganto's division had collasped and a portion had survendered. General Pulco himself of the enemy had the following experience. He had thrown his twoops forward to the support of Shoemannias's line of battle early that afternoon, and was moving his troops across Little Sumbean Woods. He suddenly became aware as he moved on, by a terrible sound he hand that the glandelinian army he moving his troops across Little Sumbean Woods he suddenly became waves as he moved on, by a terrible sound he heard that the glandelinian avery he was marching to support must be terribly agituted. The next moment a great assault fell upon his division in that wood, and he was driven out. He believed it was peculiar but he finally repulsed his assailants with great loss recovered the woods is after a horrible fight from trees to tree s in Indian fashion and believed he had gained the duy. Then his Division of troops was assailed on two sides by a hudge line of christian soldiers and hur led out of the woods once more only to regain the woods a second time, where they again appeared to be assailed by the legions of christian troops. The conflict was a score thousand times worse true the battle of the Wilderness in the cival War. Host of his officers were dead or wounded. His division was coally demolished but it worsted its assailants. The general though wounded was still in command. Yet the division though it awaited another attack, and still could hold its own was not now able to advance. He sent a messenger for reinforcements but he was advised to fall back which he reluctantly did.

Tollowing this main battle shoc upon the glandelinian armys two main wings as in the case of the dreadful scenes of Gedernine many other small battles along the forces of both sidesbroe broke out in all quarters, and so fierce was the contest as general Clancy send big forces to retrive the

fierce was the contest as general Clancy send big forces to retrive the disaster that the battle threatened to commit a wor of ruin and do vastation upon nature itself.

Though the christian ar mies rushed on the glandslinian pos positions with the fury of fier e fierce tidal waves, and torrential rains of shell fire and explosives deluged the whole territory, the christian onslaughts are the ficroest and the oursahing troops made their way through the region of Ste Marie in many places, with the dire effect that numbers of regiments still trying to desperately stand their ground lither perished or were surrounded and forced to surrender....

with one some of the best of the landelinian batteries capturedd, and half the Glandelinian wings in dreadful confusion and panic, and suffering the Glandelinian wings in dreadful confusion and panic, and suffering immeasureable losses no efforts could stay the christian advance, while over the plains and across the fields to the west of Ste Marls new centres of bloody fights began adding scores of small battles to the general battle. In soldiers who had rallied reopened fire, and the generals belief to check the sweeping christian advance, but handicapped as they were by the lack of the proper batteries of artillery, and by explosions of shells, the opposing to the christian advance proved a most difficultate, that and could not be accomplished. The Glandellinian cavarily lent their aid in this desparae effort, but the christians continued to press on, and the torrential rains of shells nurled by christian batteries helped in this advance and prevented the Sandellinian armise which had helped in this advance and prevented the Chandelinian armies with had been so terribly beaten to even rully, a general Epro Dro's division of fresh troops moved through the region of Straits kur tard Callaren's Playground, they encounted many scenes of norror and angulen, and the frightful fury of the battle was unaccountable

As the heavy fore of smoke so thed down upon the battle field, the christian advance that seemed to be fast destroying what remained of the foremost chandelinian divisions was hardly visible a new noise gave evidence that reinforcemon a was trying to stop their progress. As general evide noe that reinforcement was even that many once eveng division of Clandelhian troops had been completely obliterated or were nothing more than large windrows of Stretches of dead and wounded, as in all cases of n man suffering from wounds caused by such a buttle, the christian senerals hoping to bring me early I close to the terror that was going on, were quick to take advantage of the situation, and more troops were sent round to try andstorm the evensy in the rear while other conflicts broke out in fashions which intence of this i unusual and invariable authors of the wild of the wild charges was auring the other big battles

outbreak of the wild christin chartes was auring the other big battles recently writte. There some of these enslaught s were said to have

doneral Pristors divisions collapsed before the christian advance at the first blow. The troops under this general numbered about four hundred and fifty thousand many who were slin by the bayonet, but the survivors managed to retreat in good order, and tried to tally behind natural des defenses.

Sub S uch confusion regioned during the mighty battle that at some

points by nearly four in the afternoon the advancing christians met no resistance. The local Glandelinian general in chief lay dead on the mattle field, giving more trouble to general Clancy. What he would give if general Manley was able to resume command. Everywhere caused by the smoke c ghost and ghoul like f igures by countless thousands flitted in the semi purious to clouds chancing their lives during the retreat to repell one count paneling of advancing christians fiondionly striving to stop their oneish. They were fighting as fiercely as vana vandals tought to buy but to no avail.2

to no avail.2

The law inclining carietians cut their way through the shattered planded in the columns,,, and they were not deterred by even the flames that broke out in several sections of the battle field among treeeses and anigh grass, but pressed on most amount sale. It me whole buttlefield and nigh grass, but pressed on most amount sale. It me whole buttlefield was on e of unusual indescribble horror, fire, explosions, fierco buyonst was one. fights at thousands of sections, firing at close range, retreats and dead and dying on every mand, the centre ofths Glandelinian army in the utmost confision and the retreating soldiers panic stricten and mader a spell of terror.

A specific terror.

So ere measures were taken at on ce to try and mally the confused nordes and to check the christianadvan ce the generals and other officers o ordered being ordered to shoot all others who refuse to rally but

ornered being ordered to shoot all others who refuse to rally but even if troops were rallied, the which hope for gain against the enemy led the christians to defy any Glandelinian movement, and many combate hand to hand, and fatal blood curisding ones raged. Thus it nappened that it is having the treat to the content of the content o

ranglene of who was wounded and captured and open upon whom were found militarry notes very values that captured the open apen apen to bours that frightful afternoon the loss of officers on both sides continued to be smoot dreadful, officers by scores on both sides being victims of the dreadful shell fire itself. There were numbered of pitched battles, a thousand times bloodier than the whole American civil war combined into that short time, and it seemed as if the christian armies were going to unintain the upper hand for good. But it was not so. Jeneral Clancy had seem all that was going on, and had nurriedly during all trat time massed his own troops and reserves forward, and managed to close the gaps made by his own troops and reserves forward, and managed to close the gape made by these dispeters, and while the retreating troops was being escorted to the rear and other places to be rallied, new lines of battle were being formed beyond the Lebanon junction and the christians began to mot with the most dogged resistance ever seen in the war. It was necessary for Clancy to use all his reinforcing batteries as there were no other means to deal effectively with the advancing christian forces. Several hous passed before the reign of disorder could be cho checked it being finally accomplished by the efforts of general Snowmannia and Emery Page also whose own divisions did not give way. Here is the story of the efforts he had

Must especially pe pre-occupied him was the successions of terrific What supecially pe pre-occupied him was the successions of terrific scattered encounters since the first hour of the disaster, in which over nine hundred thousand lives had been lost per encounter on both sides combined not counting the mnin general action. Hundreds of thousands of exultant christian runs sof troops had pured into the Glandelinian territories pushing on as if no resistance were met with Many signs of total disaster to the colandelinian army had been discovered by officers swerywhere during the moments of general fright and disorder. Constal Messinia was wounded and it took the covering fire of artillery to enable them to retain their position. During the frightful confusion a large gru group of Angelinian sold diers fired at three of general Shospmanias staff wouting one seriously. Shospmania narrowly escaped being hit/

Soldlers fired at three of general Bhospannias staff wouning one seriously. Shoeman in marrowly scorped being into the stage of such an uproar which advance the christian generals intended to maintain most vig rlougly, the Glandslinian generals intended to maintain most vig rlougly, the Glandslinian generals officers who would dare fall back from their positions with out orders, and that all the harshest methods and all the severity of the military regimine would be invo ed against those who would retreat or order retreat without recleving permission. The christians were advancing with a fury and vegat vigor that would make the demons and angels jealious, and in order to try and stop such a crashing onelught, general Cland's programms was to allow no one of the reinforcing line in officers to retreat without recieving his special orders to do so or unless it was absolutely necessary and to all the supports he would give an secort or an addition of immense bodies of Glandelinian cavarly and artillery to guard against any danger of the wildly advancing christians from advancing round the right or left flank. The retreating columns were secorted by strong bodies of Gargoy line averything was being done to obstruct the advances of the christian troops. The artillory fire tore vast avenues in their advancing lines, grape and camber added to the first like a flood of train mowing the christian troops. The artillory fire tore vast avenues in their advancing these grape and camber added to the first like a flood of train mowing the christian stoys in whole lines as fast as they came on their persons and surviving officers and generals were instructed and traily.

It was how an awful buttlee, terrible beyond extreme but despite all efforts the christian waves in places continued their advance defying the most terrific fire of the cure with their eagerness for gain, and in some instances returning a storming fire of their own, and even after the christian such a time and wance, when along made in an army, the Chandelinia

christian onslaught had been apparently huried bac on confision and

with and such a titanic christian advance. When ale mg most parts the christian ons kught had been apparently hurled bac on confision and great loss, they would be lying latent within shelters of the battlefield continuing such a rifle fire that it would maye been sucide for the greatest columns of alandelinian troops to advance, and reinforced and supported by their own artillery which had been moved forward, they broke again from cover with the wildest hurticane uproar of yells in a furious charget that again assumed formidable proportions before it could be checked. In resisting this charge, general Emery Oage was wounded, and general Januarius was shot dead. The main force of this assault started near St Boni face villiage and between the Crossroads and during that time du for an hour or so spread along the whole line and drove the Giandelinians across a large area, the advancing ciristians as ing their way to the Crossroads, and sweeping all before them in lauching across Calkiren's Payground and threatening general Shoemannia's left flank. General Emp Emercy Pays had to give way temporary as he was assailed on three sides and all this added to the horror of the carnage, A large section of his position was captured during the progress of the "storm" the lack of amount of the across very dangerous. General Page was reinforced by general Shoeman man himself and he therefore held in his position. General continuing the relation of the troops were dangerous. General Page was reinforced by a squad of christials soldiers while trying to raily his retreating troops. Despite the raily of the Glandelinian left wing, an error or normous gap remained the reserves that Jancy had if these couldn't stop the christians to the christians and the christians advance them all hope was gone But it did, axaa in and again the christians and olg divisions of troops were nursed forward to first it, the aget of the reserves that clancy had. If these couldn't stop the christian advance then all hope was gone. But it did, . Again and again the christians tried to get through that teritory and again and again they were shot down in many imm ense droves, and were finally forced to fight on the

The fivet moment of the fearful Abbienminn charge was one of some stupe faction for many who had not expected it to come. Pecume it came no it is a possible to be some of victory to a terrifying vision vision of a guiden dispatch; their divisions of troops being delver before their assailants, divisions and verime, a retreating, troops being precipited before the advancing lorden, men toing hurled before before the christians in every direction and and great humber of men not meeting with immediate death by the shot of the tayonst acreaming in morphal terror or monning and great be shot to the fact of the shot tayonst acreaming in morphal terror or monning and great advancing the fineure from their terrifying the desperator, but the short of general direction, impossible to be relified wildly in all direction, impossible to be relified. The spectacle presented by the battle was indeed as terrifying as to be beyond description Crashing shell explosions will be and and must institute must purify the many must have done in the spectacle of thousands of the injured on the field of battle was absoluted while humbered of thousands of the injured on the field of battle were absoluted to their fars by the flexing Clandelinian conditions and put the second of those among the officers who escaped to deep to general. 123. Clarcy and being questioned said;

"The christian dogs seemed to come suddenly like a immense swarm of
dev ils. It seemed as if a whole population of an immense city named to

devide the first the precipitated upon our position, and upon our divisions the tests to be precipitated upon our position, and upon our divisions rent in their by artillery first har, or our cross led to death with the first from retreating the treating and many bithers berikered the treatment of the read beside or behind trees of the woods where they rect assailed or both sides and goon not the fate of their comparions..." One or of the brigades of Clandelinians and produce the fate of the convergence of the charge of the chief has fee, the convergence first of their contributions and when they repulsed the charge of the chief has fee, the convergence first of the same and divisition artillary under agree as the same the form the same smake of more and actually a statement the first the same smake of more same as the convergence.

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With the tate of the error arise on clandelinian and done was going on through one of the shell amopt villiages, there were many others affected by a seriment. Large rough clarg despended; to the rains, fighting the advancing on the notating as firsted; and cannot be accounted to despended in a rains, fighting the advancing on his large as fighting, against overwhelming in moore. Insulers, refusing ever when they were supplied years and or interest to leave the hard of rains of rains in their only many lay in defended in the half of rains and the mass once heartiful other 12.2 them out of the strateging of the most districted and furly to get the would be the apparent of the set of the effects to send reinforcements to the apparent ling discognization of the effects to send reinforcements to the elaptiered portions of the darket linds until near his advisions, the other sections of the glandelinian armies while active efforts at successive made to be sent to general Messin in full brunt of the christian assault was left unsided, and untill nearly four in the afternoon not a single regiment of troops had arrived to relieve those who for so long had been attiving to hold at buy their dreadful assaulants.

So widespread was the disanter that it was impossible at first for any of person of the strotche whole but lefted.

"You who are in all the two to end our nation is so leave to first the results of here to the fightened wounded desperate survivous of the bartle of lengths division where wonded desperate survivous of the bartle of lengths division where we can among them even at the danger

wher some of the stretcher bearers came among them even at the danger

when some of the stretcher beavers came among them even at the danger of destruction from shell fire.

Every effort was all the time during some elight lults in the battle to did do this. one wason trains crowded the manylouds carrying ame, here ambiens of the surviving vounded, to any distant part not too dangerously close to the christian armies, to every egion outside the landellinian army and zone of battle where help could be hoped for. The fear portions of the more distant clandellinian camps was filled to overflowing with them and hospital camps too were crowded rith the injured.

In the tenum of ruin, and its whichity all that was lossible was done in each for the start and the could be fixed by the christian advance. Her camps had been rigged up everywhere even tents of boughs and grass were put up for the wounded hare of mon were in disabled army of mon were and see the land of the port of the best less of the grass of the best less of the grass of the best less of the grass of the best less of the port of the best less of the grass of the best less of the grass of the best less of the grass of the best less of the port of the best less of the grass of the best less of the port of the best less of the best less of the port of the best less of the best less of the port of the best less of t

If me and bed shoots.

As far me one could see at sections where the fary of the battle ind a falled could be seen many of the fallen. Sometimes were dozens of windrows of dead and wounded, there fifty windrows, further on perhaps a hundred and within the abandored christian positions now lest to the enemy swarch of their dead. The glandelin ians had now lost all the ground they had won to recover that now was impossible, and all that could be hoped for was that the shattered lines of troops could reach their own positions before the christians would redouble their own efforts to push on and try and carry those. The large camps of wounded were sometimes however in the way for retreating troops. General Piazza, 's division in retreating tward its own position crowded many tents with its own quots of wounded, all the soldiers were now chall in any which were once uniforms, nany of them new Officers and privates were mingled in nortaion and one could not tell who in the could might be a claudelin in reneral or a private.

them new. Officers and privates were mingled in nor Leion and one could not them new. Officers and privates were mingled in nor Leion and one could not tell who in the crowd might be a clande them general or a private. A 11 shared the dame misery and hornor.

Violet he weelf said to her sister Joice;
"What feart ul thing so have hapened here during this awful buttle. General langon sure la Tornado. We are in the midst so of a whole "country of wounded. All hopfingle of the enemy lines are full fire unliked divisions of the enemy are said." Acholing for more fighting. As terrible as their losses are they don't seem to undebtained when they we got enough. I've seem many officers face us by whome hair and ears are full of mad stones and blood, and all those who are not badly wounded are still fighting at all obsts. They can't win this battle. Mry continue trying?"

"Aw they're all born folds let them have their medicine said, cice. "This will treen general Clancy that ven Irish cannot cope with lianeon. This morning I saw one of his staff working hard to get a division of troops up in time, and never succeeded, among the Jandolinar victims here who we was one officer who had lain all the morning under the debrib of a field plece and gun cassion with two of his staff, almost dead. The whole three of them was badly cut and bruised, and yet did not compalin. Shutlering under if the recollection of that seemed a terrible night

Shuddering inder; the recollection of what seemed a terrible night maps, rather than actual reality many of the curvivors of the battle calamition, sepecially those of the clandelinian right wing had yet tried to ploture the intensity of the horn hours of hornor and the sucgesding hours of terror which followed the loss of all the ground their landelin inan commades had lost after whining it at so dreadful a cost, and which consequences al, almost overcame them on that dread afternoon of October the Fifth. Violet and her sisters themselves ha having been withouse of all could rerecount the roar of fearful can onading, the noise of rifls firing wilder than they had ever heard it yet, had seen the enough lines rolled back in dreadful confusion, and could hear the terrible cries and groans of those left behind on the shell swort but left lede. Violet and ner sieters had witnessed the retreating clindelinian a soldiers cilming over wiedrous od dead hodies, and anking their var through the fields heaped with the fullen of faster one side they cold to toll of fullen fall mobs of retreating landelinians in their wild flight person the fields and out touch one prefitons for outly and defence and any of their accounts if they told any would have reached the climax of dramtle presentation of battle peril and half invano ferror. The battles fary even terrified lolet, and her distore, and nortified them. They had never

"In fernal in only the word for this "said violet.

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"parning else can absolutely describe this ferrful and terrifying scene." Juice enid ...

"Did protons much of the basile" Jennie asted of Adela-de-fob who has with them as the time.

"The indued. When the first sloc of the severific counter attac came ment of the glandelinian acry mar sown been enoght napping. I was around by a salien cays I camplifying coast of availtery whose concession seemed to shatter the air, and I also was startled by the rocking of the nouse I was in at the time, and forgetting it as the tattle thought at nower I was an earthquike and no getting it as the tattle thought at first it was an earthquike, ind shouled to those within marthquike, "windows swayed and nattled and croc ery and glys crashed to the floor. The next moment came a redoubled crash close than before, and at that instant I was violently thrown out of my chair chair to the floor. I was half sturned but referred that it is only thing for me to do was to get out as fast as I could. I did so, and realized afterail the Christians were at it again but were redoubling their efforts. The distant fields were filled with rebranking confused trops had been us it meemed in their panic of the pain of shell five falling in "towoness." Territes, onques arosed from atl sides, and so heard desperate many consing appeals for help from officers trying to cally their troops."

Shorout numbers of troops were retreating all around us and so terrible was the shells explose exploding even from the christian lines that not one of a expected to so ape alive"said Hertie. A"My alaters were close with an tile in a frenzy of terror the plantelinian soldiers fled in all directions while in order to save ourselves and escape the terrific fire of the Chandelinks we had to hold our own with the or against the panic strick n b, the baret of high explosives wrill we finally eached a place of comparative safty. But this was not done whill I was structed down and eligitly injured by a stone that was harled at me by an explosion. All along the road James we were jostled by scored of fleeling landelinian soldiers who careed a soudly for being in their way. The very sorld behind as seemed to be crashing into the air so I ad was the 3th of explosions and so frequently and in chatever direction we turned."

"Yes and when we stopped for a momentary rest behind a high ledge of stone "said Angeline, "s idenly the Angelinian troops began to pour into the therritory. A horde of plandelinians still retreating were caught in the rear dangerously close to us, and or fierce was the scone that it seemed to us, and or fierce was the scone that it seemed to us, and or the transfer of mean the end of every thing. The oncoming christian tide rolled on as if all of the soldiers were a huje wave, accompanied by the distant terrific roar of the batteries covering their male table. Seventy chells exploded close to out subter at once, and we recieved a terrific delige of suppressed attempts, such, and water and clay and volumes of ead, saind as you see the resident and the road of the suppression of the suppressio have been here now. The sy was dur with the smows from conflagantions and no if this was not enough, there suddenly shot up into the sky close to our vick a hage barst of flame followed by a cloud as if from a volcanic eruption of inceede force followed by a crash that seemed as if its convuscion has going to loo los looden the ledge and cause the big rocks to fall down and crush us. This probably was some big mine blowing up."

Tes and this territying scale was enough to frighten us for the fire. charten to the force of charten the force of charten to the force of charten the force of the fire chartened the principal danger zone in chartened the principal danger zone in chartened the force those explosions all no one chartened were territy; frightened. We causelves were also fire from con on, site, and (Andel thin shells as do not four at all We understand how to dodge them. Fut dodging christian thelb is a saturate believe mealine of a nonge them rat a oughing critician thelb is a saturate believe mealine of as new wint to do We waited in an ageny of four and prayed. Handelinian modalers rushing fact as united sorteamed ground unrised and blasthemed. I saw one sine of the cliff not far from us hit b, a high explosive and collispe. It seemed to me and my sisters that that the dead of clindelinians were buried beneath the long of falling rock. We dared not move from that mielter."

""Bid you escape from the overhinging cliffe very soon. "?Demanded James.... "Bid you escape from the overhinging cliffe very soon. "Plemanded James."
"Not shaill we had quite a mishap mishap though none of us were hurt."
admired lasy.... A terribit and II hit the cliff above our heads
and exploding showered down upon us a townent of shattered rock dobries.
This Frantic with thereof I shouted to my stour to look, and the others
who were us embied some distance from me. A terrific cruption crashed some
where closer and the mode cliff rocked, but it remained erect brough we
scattered for four of a perfect landship upon us. We were strangely in
dar mean for a time probably caused by the smokes. While everything seemed
to houve about us, andeverything transfered like as if we were in an active
volumic crater of great violence. Fearing the cliff would finally be
down the reeling road to the field. The road beyond was cluttered with the
founties of the content of file in trees and limbs and chocked with bodies of enemy
dead and wounded, and debris of every sort was falling. The injured dead and wounded, and debris of every port was falling. The injured dead and wounded, and debris of every sort was initing, the injured glandolinkan solution, were shrie ing curcing and chaspienths from every upot where they had remained after failing, and from explosions the ground was split up everywhere. However, was piled on however, and from great clouds of anote pour his paird from some great five insymblackness pressed one with apparation and there a big flame shooting our from among the smoke.

h nor it grew lighter to made our ay to the rear, seeing in the distance where the tidal vale of carretian troops and thrown the glands linking availed four mardred pards from the positions they had especied at the opening of the battle, and broken every Lundolinian column to please.

The contitory was furt of after and of every description, especial. The strian aplinated from mondes and forget and treed four familian column as all distance and, and been familian for, and they have been to say a least of the continuous strians and the plants of the great are of continuous near the plants of the great are of continuous postion. They must have been the flants of the great and to serve the many and other. We denote the continuous of the great and the continuous contents and or served the continuous many served that the served the continuous for far they would bring as mader the continuous and the great and the continuous for far the great and the continuous for the lintan corts of the lintan corts are found to be a many remaint. I may the position which had been held by that division now in the possession of the christian troops to our enjoy ment out they were too here har away for us to teach them and besides at that distance out gray uniforms would bring their fire upon s. A. We found no trace of other plants of the many, and therefore all must have been crushed in resisting the advancing christian columns. We succeeded in breaking our way through a shittered would to jet a better view as in our locality into territor living and either lifted or had coused.

in breaking our way through a shattered wood to set a better view as in our locality the testific living had either lifted or had consed.

5 nee them we didn't have any more experiences."

"I I am a g. . ood deal of the battle too baid Adele-de-fobil was "I was some distance from the sea of advancing christian troops.gaile the vast glandolinians troop to specify the confortal lines within my view did not fall back, it as neverely shaken. I happened to be on a high chee of ground abtine moment the assault came, and one section of the snear army probably under general A lgrow was flung from the position before it could get into position voluntarily to repell the assault. The general rose last shere I was cattle, to others to bring on their vivous, and all functions are maded to get their brighdes and alt notion up to "spell the Annothelans for the noise of battle was localer, and the shalen from no many cannon rummers and exploding shells continued with ever indreasing violence. Some of the divisions as I saw were uslayed slightly by the chi stimus presuding through an ordinard to come upon the oneany into the rear. The last and worst puroxyes was finioning as they reached the battle line, and to indicate probably well their nopes of standing ground, for this portion of the army seemed to have escaped the laster tight had convered to the rear. One portion of the line threatened nost as may be the stolers to bottle line into sea of course and the men as to have escaped the laster tight had convered to the rear. One portion of the line threatened nost as may be sufficient they stood their ground desperately for over two hours to be battle ugging with a noise like the dath throes of adying works. "

"What did you do all that time James he'ed Jennie...2.2."

"I did nothing then. I stood silent --- somewhat auli, dazed half stupified by such a noise of battle. I however do I not remember feelin, any sharp emotion, not even fear, though I was greatly excited. I believe I passed in one winto a condition of submiseive indifference."

"No did we'end dy fold:
"Well' the continued "With the elow lifting of the fog produced by
so much firing my faculties were aroused. The fog rebealed vevaled little
untill it actually arose and then fearing the line might fill back
and retreat and involve re in the frightful melee I strove to make my
any to the lower part of the bill and get nome distance off from the
battle front. Then I found to my astonishment, that I was a sort of
prisoner. The mill or rise of 7 yourd at even, seed in below we crows ende
by christian moddlern, and the onemy were fighting them land to hand
below. It was improvable, and over if the chris land could have receptized
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the wounded Charledor many located the can the contest, and then
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In which I slipped and other fell. The concussion of a shell threat and as a count upon my face in that many slope, a slope of ground in the war of me seemed to collappe, at the many mans was in a sort of depreseion I tentined there for some time, while my save were assailed with the cries and means of the countries wounder. These sounds absted consense to the countries wounder in these sounds absted consense to the countries wounder these sounds absted consense to the property of the middle stable in the same of the countries as a simple of the countries of th

Bill the battle ragen and no one came to the assistance of the claudelinians. I was for a fine as if in a touch, with the boules of so cany used claudelinian solution at largent and measure these so heavy was the smoke fog that I couldn't see no one nor what cas going on around me but every time sounds were heard as of troops coming up, there would come an heart rending burst of piercing cries for help from the injured lying out there on the dreadful battlefield. When it became a little quieter I ventured forth, out on my hands and Aness. I have do near a vast crevasse torn in the ground by a high explosive shell, and climbed over great mounds of sutth debris that was thrown by the explosion."

"Did you have as much adventure as us" as "de Wed Violet.
"I do not Know. At least I will confess that after I got at of that

mundy hottow I remained in shotter."

"I saw lots of strange things produced by the battle "said Jennis."

"When it commenced this morning I was avakened from sleep by a tremendous thundering rears at first another there was coming an unusually violent thunderstorm. et I feared too an earth concussion for it besmed as though one was on. The walls of my room chacked, the windows went out, and through It came a cloud of suffocating unst. I was somewhat stummed, but not injured, and a groused my olders, and we tried to secape to the outside but the stairs had collarped. he descended from a third story window by a rope, talking the difficult, only to the fact thatbthe air was heavy with battle smoke. We observed the battle in a distance and at first thought the enemy ago being successful at some section. We saw some general fall after he had tried to rally a division, and assisted in the reforming eighty six regiments, all of them under heavy fire. The faces of every one of the fallen showed the suffering from their wounds, itany and their arms or legs ripp ed or torn away by shell fire. I'm a fraid it will be a long time before my herve will ever tecover from the atroclose impressions to which they were subjected, and my eyes will retain as t long as they remain open the vision of novriols battle, death and devantation, which oppressed them. To witnesse thechattle along the christian left no ever we proceeded as far as Palmii Creef on horse, and thence afoot. Bix or seven girlacouts of the foe side accompanied us to Vantu a kiver, and I and my staters had decided to reach the scene of table at the tever the cost. Two or three Glandelinian officers, cut off from one of the regiments while on duty by the tattle, were returning to find news of the fate of general Bybys's brigade. They preceded me on norms. We . we went in squad formation through an orchard of a farm, holding hands and stundling over debris whole regiments of landelinians were coming q n on a sort of withdrawel and many of them were wounded and covered with manager, having all sorts of dreadful painful wounds. Many of them were crupi ed by the rary of the christian resistance. Some distance along we came upon a division of fresh troops preparing to advance. In reply to our questions as to that had happened along the cristian christian left wing, they hade vague and accounte gestures, and continued to gaze at us as if they were stalled cows. After two hours murch we saw the main of the

Some sections of the christian left had seemed to been disolved away but we hoped the main christian army was same. One of the Glandelinian benerals who saw a brigade on a slow withdrawel was giving orders for an installation of a wireless e.e telegraph wire in a tree. I saw with the aid of up glasses agny disordered regiments of cavistians far before the advance of the Glandelinland proving that every section of the christian line there tas in vuin for that time. Yet seated on a stump was a wounded plandelin lan officer who swore at us and said we were fouls to go so close to cauthe field. The region beyond where we were age impractionals. Ecnorates portions of the christian left had receiled we found that out, cut other sections continued to obstruct the davance of the foe. We were standing in sand o. often up to our walsts in water watching the battle fo getting in our excisement where we were be decided to climb a high rise of ground and advance across the va m ravines of crushwood to see the battle closer if possible. It seemed we marched more with out orains than with our negs, for apparently about we shraphell sometimes rained in a "deluce" and yet we were not injused non scared. One of the girlscouts aropped behind ready to arop from fright. At eleven in the morning we reached the stream of Ste Marie, and heard that of Colonel purners r legiment of fifteen hundred men only seven remained, and they were wounded and in improvised tents. I should have felt sorry, but how can any one when they have seen Tendum have lett setty, our in can any one what the enemy has done in the wark Some of them asked us pitifully for bread, but we ourselves had at eaten since we started, and we did not know what to answer, so we were forced to leave them hopeless. We had however only covered two miles every step at the cost of the Greatest exertions and in the fave of dreadful perils. Our uniforms were suaked with water and sweat. Finally we decided to rest but rest was impossible. We could see through our field glasses that the whole christian left wing except to the west apparently was completely blotted outlarge divisions of troops

128wers still sand standing their ground, but other portions of the battle line had collasped, and it seemed as if the enemy was carrying all bfore before them. While on the hill we were in a sort of hollow in a wood and to that fact for our first experience experience we owe our lives. In our locality all was a quiet. End we gone a little more forward we doubtless would have been alled or badly wounded. There were twenty one or more men a little in gavance of us also watching the battle and they appeared to be officers. All of a suiden the whole hillside before us seemed to rise into the air like a huge rolling cloud, the fragments falling among the trees of the forest as if in a shower. A deafering rear as of the loudent thanker shook us all off ou feet and filled out ears with an earsplitting notice. The air becaus suffoctant likes out ears with an earsplitting notice. The air becaus suffoctating this uset and some some less by body seemed to grow numb at once. I don't now how long tay in a sort of stager before I realized that there was a lot of debrie all over the unit was sister were frantically algoing me out. They told me what happened. A christian gumer had seen the group of officers and let loose a high a orbitizing gamen has seen to be grouped to the state and a seen thought the end of the world had come, and that I was not yet dead nor my sisters, but that every one clacking perioded. I could not at first vecognize what , saw as landscapes, of a partie line far away, of fices, or of my sisters digging me free. Still the earth trembled from curcies concumsions of explosions, and drum drum artillery fire, and gusts of te "This explosions came in termittently, and the concussion toppled over some trees. I after being it tilted to me my feet glanned but where we had seen the mighty "eruption". All the trees there had been shartered to mere nothing. I looked for the other will standing section of the curie tian left wing. It had coll asped, the troops verreating, the enemy cruening the whole line of it to pieces. As I realized that I was stilll alive and my sisters too, I thought of that could have happened, and believed if the same guin or saw us too he'd let go again and we sure knew christian graners only miss an object when they intend to do so and not before. He find aimed directly at that spot and did not miss. So we rushed buck to where we had come from before reaching the hill, although from other sounds it seemed to us as if many other actions of the battle in seperate sections had started in all directions and their was a wild confusion of sounds. We saw as we did so the "skeleton of a christian division recoiling. The air was full of smoke and dust, It was at times as if we brouped inrough a fog. Yet I could see at some distance away what appeared to be a great wift torn in the bround by some might, explorions, and at the time of the outburst the scene there must have been as if an elongated "bleam to eruption had com memoed...3.3 Theny of the stragging or others. The classical interest seemed to be acting as if they were a lot of addition, gome were clambering over the ravine with their uniforms in tare tatters. I saw a shell hit a five story farm house as we went on and it was reduced to only a heap of stone, twisted ironand wood splinters. The five stories had been b lown down into a heap of twin about firteen or sixtee. Yes this hits sure showed the dreadful power of those shells. without believing how impossible was the effort we began to press on. In some parts of the ruins we could hear mound, and therefore we doubted not a number of landslinkan soldiers had been in that oulding when the gang-gang shell hit it. I would som stimes believe I heard some one shees cry, and indeed it sometimes sounded as if we were in a world of so called ghosts and still being namans. I and my friends and sisters were still continuing on, when some Scoo ldier Scoodlier soldiers came and not recognizing a sixed if we wanted something to eat. 2.2. Untill then I did not realize how hangry I was, and protably my sisters did not either, alt al though we had gone nearly wenty four nours viciout a bite of bread, I. They told me it was too dangerous for girlscouts to go near a battle field and that we would go crazy if we stayed in such a region any longer and timt the "christian dogs" as they called as would capture us. These Scoodlier landelintans are strange soluters all right. They're ind to everybody of their own side, and not knowing us were even very ind to us. They really did more than other landelinians would for their follow, min. They told us there were on a hadred and eighty thousand men in the B Brigade to which they belo belonded, and only about one handred or so had survie surviviel. For the hours we undered about the region will! I thought the signts of the criminal buttle and death and destr destruction all around us would are ve as chaz, On the hour of ten when it meaned as if the christian left which were build reinforced and granted to reverse the battle about two hundred of the survivors general Hedua's division of five a madreauthousand Omerians went to the rear gone of the soldlers were so hearly no ed from the concussions of shellll explosions that they were wrapped in blankets. One prominent general of the almost annihilated division one had been ariven half insune by seeing his son shot down in the battle and mortaily wounded followed the savivors clad in a army shall, ... dany of the others coming to the rear were so wousness that it was besteved they would alle before the day was passed. I and myself were so sagmened by the sight that we disn't follow. We n ew the same scenes would be observed on the christian side. Wille watching the dreadful scene I met a well dressed dlandelinian officer and ag followers wan ted to be shot out of the ar zone, and as ed whether I and ag followers wan ted to be shot by the "energy" or catthred.

As we nearest the region where seneral servanish a tanachinan livision was moving foregra to the supp ort of the assault uponthe christian left, a superior general sade his may forward on norseback and called repeatedly, , , ,

for his troops too to follow him one are. Then from some part of the maiting kine of troops (boopdess p) came the voice of come other officer ... "I am here.I am here. then do we go formard.?"
"Are all the officers there?"

"Are all the officers there!"

"Yes we are all here."

"Yes we are all here."

"You wand, "and they all mirched away many I am sure herer to return as he saw so much firling in the direction of the christian lines that everything has obscured from view by the fog of smoke. Then general genaphin's division started to move formate also, we saw elsewhere lots of workeded sitting in great numbers or being down but in isolated groups... Physically also they were utterly exhausted, and seemed scarcely conscious of their surroundings. Two men were carrying a wounded officer on a stretcher. His head was covered with blood and a bloody bandage.

I'ls that Colonel Mic-Hollester we heard some one demand.
"No "one of the men replied. "It's general gurran. We found him near the captured christian trenches. We are carrying him to the rear. It's simply awful over there. Everybody is falling. Those christian dogs are mowing us all down."

Z"We saw one officer his uniform tattered and torn. He had his arm in Z'we saw one officer his uniform tattered and tornine indu his arm in a sling. To us it seemed as is over half the army was wounded. There surely was not a single happy thing wat; in within the plancellnian armies nor its, cames. See then went forth congreing anything and were aroused by a treemen doug a roaring nound. At that amount as we were stanking near a sort of slope I felt myself falling, and thought I was in the grip of some unseen monster. It indeed seemed to us as if we have for the time being whether we had sinted or not been placed within the confinces of helf for and the roar of battle the air was filled with a "hurticane" of most terrifying available. We some was a came of on the real tation however that some new antieks we noon again came o to the rall ation however that the new appening must be a reversal in the nuce aram performing beforeous. The christian left wing was rallied and was either advancing or opening fire of artillery in new sections. A shell screened above us and exploded among the tree tops and a big anch and a part of the upper b trunk fell among the branches of lower treeses below. These objects knused a moment and then chashed down ard, the other branches giving way at once and almost fell you as before wedeven had time to even think of ruening from under.... We also witness ed the work of trying to restore lines that were being roken and torn up by the first rally of the christian left sing. That was an awful stubborn conflict .. As the christian waves were said to have been starting to advance some section of the Glandelinian army must have felt the brunt of it, and the scene weckithessed was well worth with state withessing. Amid a great confusion of sound we heard a faint o cry of; "hally, hally give the christian dogs all the fight you want" coming from some distance. I and my sistors watched the scene through the field glasses and the soldiers attempting to continue the advance against the christians were fighting as an army of demons in delirum, they strove desperately for the nouns, and finally to a through a portion of the advancing christian lines. I'll bet the christians themselves were so example and that they must have have the foolish Alancelinians a terrible lose. But we sawcthe daring thrust of these ware devil Clandelinians and cut as under a part of the christian fronts. Seeing their advantage we no could suspected that at any rate the landelinians must have fell to work with greater vigor, and presently we observed that they began to prese on still further. We didn't believe that portion of the christian line would ever recover but we saw far to their rear a new purple or red line approaching and heard the noise of fresh cannons. Violet tried with her c.tddidtddinkthtttt caming to photograph the scene of the battle and from some unseen upot a fragment of a shell nit it and flung it so far from her that she could never recover it, and she told me before you came that she felt the shock to her hands yet. Yet no matter how hard they were pressed all of the now her hands yet. Yet no matter how hard they were pressed all of the now shattered Glandelinian columns seemed capable of resisting the counter christian advance in the most so elementary manner. The following incident of which I and my sisters observed is a good example of this condition. I got one officer the was woulded released from the debris of a cannon in the confident of feering up one of them shouted for the Love of Reptune help us get out of this buttle inferno. We are wounded and cannot move."
"That's eary enough! "I replied now of cavenstically. "Go again to the rear and jos firl fina sagens there."

"Now can be in our connect concretor get there!" was the neet question.
"On your two light answers, "Bo you win kews are able to carry you han.

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I the the silly plandelinian Acres rerused to move, the mon explaining that they couldn't move. It also not occur to them in their condition that that they contain t movesti did not occur to them in their condition the daily not would have before some them beginned out to the indicate they be enabled another to the indicate they be enabled another to the indicate the was impossible, as we conden't over reach them, as a prest fissure in the (tound harved our may the chaes to ever jump account. I saw then the plandelinian lines of tattle under general (init as non a receiling before,

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the navance of the vallied christian three. We say, recalled every one of the officers we could occurre month, our field planes named to be nomed hat distracted in his hand one of the officers meaned to be can ing the same and the same and the can in the country of the same appearance of the can income and appearance of the same and the same in the final same of the same and the stee fierever se may e eeen come stacker of namor auring this tartle which almost enocks by con tract to the how icle scenes. One officer had his aivision of troops almost imprisoned in a glen which an aurrounded by decision troops the divisions of troops coming to his rescue tried to drive the envisting besiegers away, and yet was placed by the beneval and his staff to

hold our own. Coneral Paolo piza also was trapped by a bod; of caristian of which we had observed and which we heavy lots about The left wing of his line had been rolled up, and has led out of the position it had captured in panic. One section of the line we heard was longed in a deep at the cort of trench and this army van out of an unition and hat to resort to sire bayonets and throwing sig etones. That division was in that position we heard for five nours, expecting descreption all the time. End it been gostible woo heard from the horror they mad to go through any number of them might have committed suctue .. Telle heard that finally enother ... landelinian division came up to me relief, and arove the christians off temporarily and effected the release of this shattered brigade .. " "That shows there sure was something oing """"said Adele-de-f-b... .2.....

No somethad the nows of the second great almaster of the battle to the Olandelinian army reached the ears of general James lancy then in consonance with his record in preceding calamites of other pattles of the record breaking farious war;;;; he decided to proceed at once to Ste Livie and then oe to St Doniface Croservads, and do all in his pover to farther the deeperate work of restoration of the broken and shuttered lines, once ing reserve and otheredivisions to go forward, and the remainder of the troops to having seen in the battle jet to be ready as soon as possible to move to the scene of the great almeter, he no edecimen to take use of any available means to crush General Hanson, and sent reinforcements to general leggic and others. He was not to go alone overwham, of his sail were were led to accompany him, caling that they felt sure they were needed at the time of such a desperate crisis. In consequence general Chancy left his part of the line tog ether shortly after four in the afet afternoon while the uproar in the distance seemed at its height. A number of high generals, and others accompanied them. Ceneral Griscomme de one of the officers to learn of the intentions of general Chincy. He numbed to the front and offered to accompany him, saying that the necond buttle disaster made it consible for all others to regular the calculation has had evertagen man mains of the Chindelinian arms. The general accepted his services wather had made a great count of different of the few fauther instructions from general clancy. Among them were a number of military deputies one of

whom desiring to say some hing effective, venus ed;;;
"The process presence of your Excellency with be sufficient to control the stricken and broken portions of our armies he burned sharply upon the opened and abruptly replica; "All you do is tal these nonsense."

He wholed the scene a little after five in the antern afternomic. Officers officers of all sector rept from emotion when they can the general arive. Condo of terror spric on Glandelinian solutions segment around the general and by his inspirations were ralled indeed the port the presence of the energlacted as a general inspiration. Even the serviced

soldiers found fresh strength when they learned that general Clancy had arived to help them through the battle an aged officer who had been trought in on a stretcher mortally wounded revised for a makent as the chair of greating to the general and in staff. He atteached out his tail and raised his head long relough to call out. "Mow I can did important live alandelinia and her cause." He then expired..... many to diche etovies were told to the general in connection with

the work of trying to restore order. The divisions of troops had to contone with the migray advance of the victorious direction divisions. In many cases shattered britades and divisions of troops clum; to resistions tadly exposed, refusing at any cost to fall back before the cartistic advance and seek a safer position. Inserto, especial of just little inserto, ever in listening to a recital of liffical less the general accided upon a most desperate Plan, that, coer isticully he put his plan into practice as soon as it as available to as so, then the to main aivicions he expected grived, has wasthen his sain all general tast, to hold up the hair availlery fire or ill he could have hose of the panic torn Arthritine vallied and to get them to first such their ground, we neval laft; ear nim rose off, and genetal Clandy has another artived to the front referee allegovering that general marks and represent the result in the brother general forces and the brother first several forces and the brother Serves even on the right of approximation forces to the left of Sterhite, and that the experiment these of Accient lines were the folt of 800 invise, and that is expected these control invised for powering of his property these control in joined in joined to the country of his system of the country of

of by sending secret measurements to ep, on timele feared about the Vivian dirks the couldn't have fauthed seeing them in his lin s. General Chancy and a to Shom, Sh beattania eyed each other but did not sa, a single ord 2.2.2.

devote their efforts in eaving other Clandellnian troops further away.

Don't think so much of us"onlied out the nearest of one officers we can

Classian is carried a small beg, from which he continually extracted papers which he examined with an on seal attenty on, and this confirmed general Conney Clancy of his suspicions that Shesannia was positioly sure that now to worst the christians was well might leyord hops. General Clancy moved forward to the general, and was alegueted to see the christians under the two Orbens's massing such a volume of troops that it seemed immo 4'h's for ant portion of the glandelinian front to stand ground very

much longer. He began to fear he was failing entirely in his attempts to save the Glandelinian army from a disasterous defat. There were too plenty of glandelinian generals willing to risk an immediate counter charge upon any section of the christian line with such a reputation as Hansons army had got as a terrific fighter, but their main generals would not hear army had got so a terrific figurer, but their main generals would not in of its many of them said that general Clancy did not understand when the christian army was already winning. The most promishing of all turned down his proposition for a grand counter charge for another reason. "I know general Annson, within and his methods of fighting well said one of the generals." If have learned of his waysawell. That sasult upon his main left is all nothing out a great big olumder and I d have moved agrinot the christian center had I been in command. It's a good battle e have fought with general Hanson, but we couldn't expect to win a battle

positions along can save us from destruction."

Olangy hotly denied the story-that he had directed a one-laught firts first thing against Hansons left early in the morning, and attempted to explain the matter but fruitlessiy.

now. It's best we're all on the defensive untill night fall. Our own

"Of course you being superior I don't despute your word"the general answered and if you command us to obey orders under any conditions we'll have to go forward, as orders in orders lost likely it is a put up game by come of the christian generals themselves, by the ones specially who harded such reinforcements against us but its a superiors reputation the counts, and if he's got the army into a bad situation it is his the counte, and if he's got the army into a bad estaction if gain our day to right it, and to counter attack won't right the situation. You have the reputation of being too handy in ith your elegae hammer blows at one civen shot only, and swary general of the command even failings has found found chart out, and this disaster puts you in bad I'm afraid."

General Clancy I withdres in some chaptin. He felt ours he had to suspect the aignatur. For even

there was another surprise in store for him He was placing all reformed cropps into ne. positions during a luli in the battle, watching the movement of other troops, and feeling completely discouraged, when general Apple or among pole grived.

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"Wall your s Excellency what you think now of the situation?" he as ed.

"I believe someones statement about that general Hanson vivian being say to subjected was a lie, general Turn apple said clarcy reddening.
The other general was not disturbed. "I understood now you have come to the conclusion that this situation was north paveloping as answered. "I am spected the situation. I got my judgment from General Adele-de-garbe

and I am not an army expert. Adele-de-garbe said "He'd like to see the general who can even put it over on general Hanson ..ivian."
General Clancy felt baifled, general rurnapple could not have been move plausible.

"Of course it would be best for me to resign my position as your adviser" continued general garnapple with an intenation of suave irony. "In fac- general U lancy I should have done so long long ago, Does that fact forcid my mentioning that you have acted in an insane manner in trying to lick such a Hepoleon as Hanson by tring trying to retrive the first dieacter this morning.?"

"You declined my advice"The general persued. "You went on anead and did what I adviced against, you left part of the army without support which has standing its ground at St o boniface's Crossroads, and caused the nounding of Jesiphne Jensin ho is one of the best generals of our army, and Adele-Ge-garbe had to assume command, you thrashed a large portion of the christian army of course which at first seemed impossible for you to do but left the left wing pyrecelly unconvaed, and finally couldn't vetain any position there. Further more the almester is spreading and we won't be able to state stand ground at all now. The almester is too far spread. We have no reinforcements coming from any far distance while no armies have arised for Banson from the northeast."

Gelenr General Clancy sulped, all he could think of was the desire to anch his first into general management accelle seemed constantly urged to physical violence, and yet since he came to the country and became a general he had never met a fighter as hanson as.

"You will understand general clancy" continued - murnapple that "That in this army mil rights of generals are respected. You cannot try now and move for and any reserve force with any purpose of counter charge when defensive movements now is our only safty. General browseaus's division is seen moving up from the Unitarene larground plains and they cannot be stopped, his christian togo are ab Herce as pulls. However I am advised to make a proposition which, earnestly devise you to accept. Withings the armise out of this as ful battle and retreat to right. It's our only hope. To continue the battle any longer is and neon."

Seneral Clancy stood up strai at He vas a ware wevil rackin reckless Scoach Irisman.

"Petreat now!" he demanded. "I deckine your offer. And I do not thin to recieve any more such offers. I shall continue to work the army taroth through to our own confriences; long as daylight enables me to continue the lighting, when I can't then a retreat shall be anderest fameon's gray will never get ours. to retreat to sould be folly, sucide. The christian army would craen upon me as kellingtons aid open impossons at Vaterloss. What do you think I I am a foot?"

"Why not be one since you are. "Inquired general Turn apple bluntly. "They won't stand ground much longer anyway. You could avoid further such bloodshed. My the battle is far bloodier than we had ever leber foreven expected. Our tosses are immeasureable. You complain of my suspecting

goulds a fool, and your acting one."
2-meral Clancy could not answer to this. He thought of the Ste Marie

horror and disaster, and the spreading nottle plague some that swept all off the St Boniface Gresoroass, but he understand that this was not the prin cipil cause of his refuentanor was it pride entirely, and he knew then the cause of his defeat. He felt sure it was because of the Vivian

fire Prince age of the defect. He lead to wate I was secured in the visit of the Vi the whife between yourself and general Hanson vivian. You've got a terrible

envieting general to contend with."
Which thich was fran er thin general purnapple had ever been since he was with general Clanc; since the beginning of the cureer of the two. But had Clancy followed general Turnapples advice, even if voc victory

asn't won no such disaster at least would have happened to the army.
"I may accept the offer after all general Turnapple: "said clancy smiling "But the threat of conditions doesn't worry me.I understand general Ranson vivian is the biggest fighter of all christian generals, maybe and maybe elsewhere as well, but if I got general izner myletze --"Unn that talk" "eaid Turn apples. "hyletz couldn't lick him either." Liter on general Unncy sac Turns pple and Shomannia in conference conference together. This was proved that general Banson had dogged him in this tremendous battle. He felt that even assuming the defensive methods would be of no avail lie was indeed in a miserable condition of suspicion of spies within his camp overthrowing all his pans plans, and wondering where the next blow would fall. He had seen however that all the retreating troops were being withdrawn to the shelter of their own Glandelinian positions. He found too that general Hansons army though the battle

hulled was preparing for many other movements. General Lafty who rode up to him again looked frightfully corried. "I'm glad you're here"he said as they rous to the front together.

".hings are getting pretty bad all along the lines."
"The army retreating without orders!" "No sir. That's the brightest point of this awful situation. General Adele-de-garbe notified me by note and courier that general Browseau of our slde is mortally wounded, and that our generals are dropping the proposed counter movements and that all the battle is going to be fought on the defensive method from now on.

"Mat's the trouble then." "I (1988) general arenot lie general kansons right hand is off on some other scheme as he's mausing such terrible numbers, all officers was over on that hill yonder near the Ste ihrie stream. They observed all the movements of the christian armies. At some section the whole line or battle is in an unusuil uproar. The vofficers are all sober. We believe general Henson means to strike the final blom."

"And we are the lamb to the lion eh?" "However sir that ain't the worst by no means. It's a sort of open secret that they are coing to open up ith all their batteries, blow our positions into the air, and mass batteries on our captured sections of the Ste Marie, and St Poniface, Crossroads and -- "

"You mean general lineson, ivian had plats: planned to let go one of his destructive halls here to demilish the whole dendelinian army "cried

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"rayo I'marigia no"sald harry. "Or tea ere can'e apor the pion a general as filler; fire with our enfection that the site fire going to open up a termific antillery fire if map will be are come to issue It's better no retreat. General purpope is vigat."

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and the file of the armone of the great ments describe the object of the second of the file of the second of the file of the second of the file of the second of the secon cound counter this new pro project, and he was aware of a feeling in the mir as if he was being tested. He saw furnive glances tward the christian

lines and they note must, as noticed cells and in the address plandes of and that breation and the remailing fices which and, not deligned address the novembers of the christian troppe sith year continuation. Then there is the continuation of the christian and Pieces line to see the breath address of the term of the christian of the continuation of the christian of the continuation of the christian to do not be addressed to the continuation of the christian of ere in a great a itation. As no mosed Lebance tened to Piece and mas Bone or the comment against the child that the crime of sed the others to laught. Place les sint because to a scoul as Clane; told him to do his day, the he aid not a much that constitution of the constitut bully is I no notice of that they may be converning about.

I every scheme this incident incremed his resolution to bring untiers I seem relates and inclosed increased no remaining to a nine manager to a head of the filts up, or at a like leaved of so bound in he remained the defendive general bare for a locald over then move the sactical industries ever that are fore he must be bound go send I mappiles project a saction in a leave project and the saction of the chief section of the first project of the chief and the open the chief and the plan of the chief and the chief an of the definition of the late of account mining in enter a sing every solution of the action at a track to come at one and to mining against plant to a function of period of the confetion arms fight best in the catety and to be, a bittage of artiflity across, this requiring to blunders to four, a process however impossible until the batteries to be designed to four, a process nowever impositions which the entremes the history for a partition. There and seemed to him to be some good chance if he only alread in order to get a clear view of the christian is appettion and his necessary, general Chancy one deven the Vantura road at the along the southern show a first history and first section and his passents of the christian movements, and accorded an elevation opposite the low made on the onen side. He had nearly reached the branch road The state of the s

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They aided in extracting many more regiments of terrified soldiers who enclosed in the christian trenches and menanced by the christians on two sides couldn't advance nor retreat. The N inth C orgs and the division of troops under generals Porymann and Salvanoic were equally prompt and efficient, and showed such courage and darig intheir efforts to with draw shattered divisions from the unsafe territory and under fire of infantry and sholls from the christian lines, as to win the highest commendation their praises being on every lip of the Jandelhians, among privates and the off icers alive. These troops in advancing to cover theoretreat of shattered divisions hesis esitated before no danger, recisting christian assaults doggedlyor pressing on through unsafe territorys when ordered to do so by superior officers the had not lest all hope that some landelinian regiment or brigade was still safe, but trapped and couldn't retreat. As wicked as clandelinian armies are, they're requally as brave as the christians are, and almost did win some admiration from even their enemies. The intrepldity of these Glandelinian heroes from any section of the line 1.d them to dare the greatest dangers to rally portions of the army and withdraw the others to their own positions in a ty. One awful incident followed an hour after the great second spaem of the battle. A Brigade of Scoodlier soldiers came to the assistance of a troop of Zimmermannians still in a precarious position and whom had been fiereely assaulted four times in almost eldless endless succession. The left center and the right of this division still remi remained fighing fighting it out desperately but the other sections of it were falling back. On the right however were still clinging to the position two Regiments and a Brigade of troops a little far in advance but cut off from the main body and fiercely attacked on all sides...2.3.3. Their officers had signaled many times for help. There however were no other reinforcements coming and rescue of these and diers seemed impossible, as the assallants were overwhelming in numbers and were led by general Bruno G odfrey and was a portion of general Dare not Lies troop.

The brav e sc Scood liers did a most desperate and heroic thig indeed. While one brigade of them moved far around to, the rear of the assailans While one brigade of them moved far around to the rear of the assalians assaliants even at the danger of being exposed to the long range christian tatterles, and moved against the left of the christian rear, two other brigades with fixed bayonets charged so vigoro vigoriously as to literally drive their forward commudes through the christian wave it as the teeth of a comb through heir. By this one leight the christian wave is the teeth of a comb through heir. By this one leight the christian line was demolished and the Scoodliers cut their way through, and finally reached the besieged troops, while the rest of the Eccodlier force drove the christian line along the other section away from the battlefield with great loss. Then the Besieged troops were freed from their assallants and were able to be withdrawn from their precaurious position. The whole of those troops then assembled in the fields beyond Ste Marie, preparing to retreat tward the main position of their own, and the left of the zimmer mannian c olumn was deployed 'ward the center At that moment a big force of win is Abyssin ilian troops under general Hel Ht Hetler fell upon the whole landelinian column from three sides, and in the dest desperate atruceled that ensued killed and wounded every one of them alike, the Zimmermannians so periously perilously rescued and the brave rescuing troops. Ceneral Vatsons division came up at that moment and despered the dinjersed the Abyssinkilianschut not without great loss and he himself fell wounded ... The work of rescueing a Clandelinian division near the Bt Boniface Crossroad s was bloody and most, pathetic even for the enemy side... The rescue force as it is called, through the most heroic efforts at the cost of 'wholesale and bloody losses had succeded at three in the afternoon in reaching a portion of general Leblances shattered divisions in whose direction from the christian lines came the most fearful bursts of inmeasureable firing of artillery and rifle, indicating that one or more of the strongest christian divisions had been storning the position and that only one or more of the brigades of the glandelinians in that sector were au surviving. This fact infused fresh vigor into the troops sent to aid them, and they closed up and came to their aid and fought most heroically, but although they continued in their most desperate efforts that seemed insenty in such a situation to do so, untill late in the afternoon no success rewarded their efforts and the christians continued

afternoon no success rewarded their efforts and the christians continued, to press on as if they didn't meet with no resistance at all....2.2.2.2. The _landelinians withdraw to a ravine of great length and the fight ing was then resumed, when all the glandelinians went to their efforts with a vim feeling certain that general Leblances troop, and four others of his left grand division were still able to be secured from their assailants. Only the fury of the christians was unwonted now, still the rescueing forces, among whom were great numbers of desperate unbeatable Omarians persovered though great numbers fell Sixteen colinels fell in this dreadful fight, seven generals were mortally wounded two dead, and many officers of other rank fell and the losses of the Glandelinians was unspea nble and and a tour fame in the last of a seed, and at four fourteen in the afternoon there we another most violent one laught from the christian troops, which rendered the situation to those who were endeavoring to give soccor succ or to the other divisions extremely dangerour, as the Christian forces threatened momentarily to overwhelm them, one of the brigades forces threatened momentarily to overwhelm them, one of the original collarged to before the force of the ascault, and began to retire. The clandelin has however forgetful of the danger of being rolled up them solves continued their efforts, refusing to be decided the chance of rescue

and their persistence with the help of more troops coming up was soon rewarded, for they harled the assallants back all along the line with the loss of many regiments in dead and wounded and were able to come up to the section of Le plances men. The divisions were hadly crushed by the terrific christian angult, and it seemed as if disaster to them had been most instantaneous. Undeterred by this gresome find of disasterous effects the Glandelinian officials continued their efforts untill they were able to hold the assailants at bay and withdraw the torn line of troops out of this precarious position and retreat to the safty of their

Indeed the battle had been terrible beyond words. Everywhere rescueing parties of troops, divisions, bri brigades and whole Corps and other troops aided by covering artillery, and by cavarly had continued unflaggingly at the efforts to restore all sections of the broken wings of the army, their incessant cry" Retain Lebanon" being heard on every i i side asthey advanced everywhere and mot the recoiling troops and by example cheered them to stand and rally and retire in a better order. A command, and they would go vigoriously at it. All those rallied and brought to the position would be then determined to maintain that position. All those withdrawn from the endangered territory were covered with a mantle of earth dust and mud that made them appear as if they were living images in plaster. All this was caused by the terrific force of shell explosions close to the trenches. In "Farmers Dell" protected by two batteries two regiments of Mangaboo Glandelinians had maintained a position all day, and were as possible, though no trace could be found of the main division that as one fortable as possible, though no trace could be found of the main division that was supposed to have been connected with them: Several other regiments who had been withdrawn with their tattered colors at the time when the christian assault was not so pressing were found to have lost three hundred out of five hundred men in dead, and one hundred in wounded... A small Company of general Regulo's divisions had been hugging a position in a small moras the full afternoon and had not been molected by the christian assailants.

Of the Hobbonites in the Glandelinian army, forturately the great majority of them escaped the de disaster, only two Brigades of them under general Worldling and Demas which were driven out of its position near the Consulate Foad. The disaster to them was first discovered by general Stantonia who moved his division from Victoria and reaching the scene found a portion of the Hobbonite division on the recoil. He pushed his division forward, hoping against hope untill convinced against his will that if he intended to retain the Hobbonie division there much longer all would perish, as a big force of christians was fairly collasping upon the ruins of this division. Nothing remained to be done but of ordering the whole line to withdre T, and a force of sixty thousand cavarly were brought up to cover the retreat, which proved difficult and very

At the time general Glonon cars up to aid the force, and succeeded in Staying the advance of the christian forces. Then during the lull preparations were at once made for a hasty withdrawel, covering it with artillery fire. It sure was a sad dire roll of dead at Lebanon. 2.2.2.2. CHAPTER SIX ... ".".

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CONCLUSION OF THE PATTLE OF LE BANON. CLANCY SHIDS PENEFICIENT AID.

EMPERIFICES OF VIOLET AND HER SISTERS. ". ". ". DURING THE BATTLES C ONCLUSION .. "

THE SUMMING UP AFTER THE CREAT CATASTROPHIC BATTLE ..

THE neart of general Clancy had been beating responsive at the sights of gthe the disasterole defeats of the Glandelinian armies and so m, had many more of the landelinian generals throughout the whole landelinian army. 2. This was especially the case of the second catastropphe of the battle. when the means of communication between large embattled sections of the Glandelinian army, were so promptly cut off, that even Manley himself lying abed with that nasty cold could not learn of the disasters almost at the moment of their occurance, and no one had been able to deail detail the neve to him in any such vividy that he could almost seemed to have gazed at them as they occur.

The hearts of many of the incative officers and generals beated with the ardent desire to help the crushed did divisions still not able to retreat to the protection of their own trenches, for in these hours of such awful tattle the unversal brotherhood of the Candelinian divisions was almost a thing accomplished, so closely put together were all of the divisions

by 'Onds of immediation immediate a association for the cause.

A very recent example of this was in the case of the destructive on-slaight against the Cla delinian position at "Children's Playground and the Ste Marie position, and the dieaster accompanying it, when the generals of the whole of general Adels-De-Gards stood at first half paralyzed in startled horror and sympathy, freeling tward the beaen divisions as though they themselves were the disasteriously defeatee ones, and poured out the greater numbers of their own imactive troops in unstined unstinted profusion for the relief of the defeated forces, but yet so ld could not stop the onward much of the christian forces, e.

These no doubt were divisions of Adeledgarbes own forces lin ed to them solves by the ties of the cause, but in the case of the frightful "volcenic Eruption" of battle along the St Boniface Crossroads where the booming bang Fruption" of battle along the it Poniace Crossrouds where the booming bang of shell, and the crash of christian cann one sounded worse than a hundred thousand most violent of all thunderstorms in one, a few hours later and the destruction of ten kanous Clandelinian divisions resisting a wild charge of the Nationals, the sentiment felt for the victims of this tremendous battle disaster was none the less intense and the lasts to aid them by artillery and heavy bodies of reinforcements none the less immediate, immediate only to swell the battle to a fury of which the Auther which the writer phimself fould not even imagine or concleve. The same showing of civing aid was ganifested in the same disaster avenuing along the enemy writer phimself could not even imagine or concieve. The same showing of giving aid was manifested in the pame disaster extending along the onemy left wing when the whole glandelinian front there was overwhelmed and crushed, y a similar chietian artillety fire and assault of infantry, and the simplify and aid of other landelinian generals and their divisions called for, a fast as men could march or run. As might be expected expected from the these terrible examples the battle assumed a character which no one among thebest of Historians had they even been witnesses of it could describe in the most immense volumesee.e.e. Yet now all the surviving Clandelinian generals who did not fall in the frightful battle a tornado were apprehensive by the dire dicaster, and the suffering of the Clandelinian army, and of the terrible imm seasureable number of the dead and wounded, and offers of aid still came from all portions of the inavt inactive sections of the army gpontaneous aid was sent, and since the disasterhad boon found outs handred divisions of troops, were on the way as fast as men could go. Among the earliest and most prompt to send aid was general Stonemann which entered or who entered upon the work of repalling the christian advance with a spontaneous activity that promished the best results. Every one of the generals were appalled by the dreadful calamity that occured to the Glandelinian army and they offered all the aid was that was possible to be sent. Hany of the hard pressed alandellinian officials event sent appeal upon appeal for more troops and amsunition high during all the time was suddenly and abundantly responded to throughout the whole battle line, as similiar appeals were being respondened to in all to the other sections of the army along the center and the left ... Stricken

to reball the advance of the christians to cover the retreat of the shattered, Clandelinian front, a movement to action in a bittle storm mirked by a immeder mable magnitude and displaying a wanimity without parallel in all the battlesthat had gone before in the war .. Coming at a time of profound and universal and terrible war, the army into a saddened discoulaged, disordered mass.... To many of them a vision of Manson was as the "destroying "ungel.....

alandelinian divisions, had brought all other glandelinian columns together in the most terrific battle in the war so far. From every quirter of the clandelinian army divisions of fresh troops had poured forward

The first militaryl response from general AdeledeOarte next chief to Manley came on the time of the first great disaster of the battle, when he sent general Celtic Peltic with with 1,500,000 men for the einforceing of the clandelinian right wing, then recoiling from the mallied christ-ian left and it advanced for that section under orders from the general Stuff to stand ground against the "christian dogs ut all costs. General Sperry in command of this hage division had wired from led River Region that a part of the army could wait until 1 the retreating troops were cared for, but general Adeleg Adeledegrarbe replied anguily to push through immediately that he would tolerate no dulay, and therefore the divisions of troops had pushed for ward but even couldn't stop the christian advanceno matter how hard they tried. Might as well have tried to fristrate the advance of the legions of Heaven isself.
During the main issue to come in the late after noon general adele-deg the

"You His Excellency general Johnston Hunley;

Glandelinia army before Lebanon ..

wrote by wireless to Manley;

With all my staff generals, and which in future of all my countrymen I am appalled by the most dreadful glamity which has befallen your whole army in this tattle. I offer all the aid I can to repell the christian advance, which is better than my sic vi sincere sympathy. Many of the generals have issued an appeal for reinforcements and notified me that It will be immediately communicated to the lines of battle hard pressed. I have enough troops to mass thirty million against the victorious christians for the rest of the afternoon. I am forwarding three million a lready, supported by one million five hundred thousand cannon, full army rations and plenty of artillery. The troops can help also to rally the divisions not yet retr reated to their own positions. We have been disasterously repulsed twice, but whether the Nationals will attack our own positions is question to be settled. So far the battle has hilled Freeh artillery is in posisoposition to repell them we ought to be able to hold out in case they do hurl a general storm upon us."

General Francis AdeledegarBe."

General James El 116 was equally prompt, and ardent. He sent forth two of his own grand divisions of very good fighting men. This effort of restoring restoring the shattered glandelinian front was recieved with expressions of very warm feeling from general Minley heemselffe the general saying; Mant most of my surviving generals, Regimental and other commanders have done on this occassion when the condition of the army was very very bad is magnificient and shall not be forgotten..... Our Mational gurds stand first outdistancing all others in their career as fighters whether we win or lose My gratitude and that of the nation is so great that I alone cannot find words in which to express it fittingly. 2"

A 11 this of course was what might be called preliminary. Many of the Glandelinian generals strove for all means in their effort to strengthen the glandelinkan positions themselves. The appalling calamity to the Glands linian army was being followed by fear, distress, and suffering beyond measure among so many countless thousands of badly wounded torn up human bodies. Many of the best of the Chandelinian batteries for supplying the covering and defensive fire was paralyzed, and the Glandelinian army in the whole was in grave danger should general Hanson hurl his whole force forward at this critical time, and therefore and an exceptional emergency exis existed which demanded that the obligations to all surviving generals should regard no retreats now from the positions under any conditions untill a retreat of the whole army was saftly assured. 2.2.2.

The immense columns however still unengaged, the warm and steadfast friendship between all Glandelinian generals, the affection for their own native land, felt by all the soldiers, all this was hoped to prompt the reserves of the glandelinian armies, and the sections now rallied, and the other parts still to be rallied and withdrawn from the danger zone should it was hoped by general Clancy and Hanley to prompt every one to the imm ediate and effective relief of the stattered alandelinian armies. Thus while general Adele-do-rarbe thus sprang actively to thr the aid of the demolished and stricken glandslinian army, the troops or officers of other various columns were similarly engaged. Great divisions of the fresh Glan delinian forces were easer to go forward. Half a million however were only rallied of the shattered divisions, and the numbers to be withdrawn were supposed to te over 10, 000,000, and yet other town and sungled brigades added their quota of smallied disorganized and

terrified troops of men witill the total a surplessed twenty millions. Constal Canad's division of 300,000 man had lost 156,889 men in dead and wounded, and other brigades and troops had added generious ly "to the our of hadly disorganized... So it could be seen that the Chindelinian army was in the gravest peril ... 2.2.

The tidings of the two disasterous repulses and defeats defeats of general Manlys army,,, at Letanon had barely reached general Manley himself while lying ill in bod, before all the generals of the r serve and other forces was a actively astir in its efforts to send benificial aid to restore the disordered front, and to bring all their energies and the opportunities of their organized divisions of fresh troops to bear on the advancing christian forces, and to dispatch a immense bodies of troops for the b n benefit of rallying the shattered lines. Troops advanced with numbers immediately be to restore order, and everything was done to bing every shattered column back to the Glandellnian trenches.

Not only in the center of the Glandellnian army but in many other sections of the whole three wings maybe the army can fly was this activity mani

d manifested, general Adeledegarbe being an informal union with Calmannia Shoemannia to try in unison for the relief of every section of the shattered Glandelinian army and to effect its retreat from the scene in comparative

Bafty during the coming night.

The reinforcing divisions too were to organized as to make its efforts to rally the shattered Glandelinian front wonderfully effective. Every division of troops sent (Zimmernanian) for instance by Adele-de-garbs, to the efforts to restore the broken lines, went by doublt double time order, and the cavarly too were put to work at once, to rally the panic of ricken disordered armies...... Thus, almost later that afterno On during the second lull of the battle fifty million more men were in readiness to repell any further movement on the part of the dangerous christian armies. We too have to write here of the organization t of this help giving force of troops in which the flercest instincts of the army was embodied. The found too the first of the disaster had originated in the locality of the Glandelinian right wing previously to the time of the rally of the main christian left. Conferences were now held between the generals as to what other motive should be effected. Fresh divisions of defense were organized by general Bartonia, and at once joined with Cam Calminnia Shoemannia. This broader idea of a repelling any future christian "Storm" applied by him to other generals, was immediately adopted by all other Clandelinian generals and incorporated among their main duties with the purpose to repel the christian advance as vigoriously as it could be possible, when the one laught came, should it come, as a result of the continued rally of good portions of the torn up lines, the generals had succeeded in collecting and distributing to other sections large divisions of troops for the relief of other still retreating troops who were the participates of the Ste Mare Disaster, the Left Wing"War Hurricane. horror" the Chandelinian Right Wing Christian Counter Tidal Wave of assault, the destructive artillery ravages, the Vantura and Genitrix explosions of munitions and other battle disasters and other occassions of urgent need of sesistance, The Glandelinian armies therefore so badly smitten were now being definitely reorganized. But because of other days sections of the army being out of place it still lacked completeness of or ganization for effective stand against the Nationals, the collection of the disorganized troops still out of the fields being left to local cavarly troops as a rule imtrained in such efforts and work and unprepared

for ready and effective aid in such a sudden contingency.

To obviate this dangerous weakness divisions of troops under general Gress were sent forth to do its part, hoping the christians would delay the attack long enough to enable this to be accomplished. Lenewed formations of the battle line was created, general Adeledegarbe was appointed to give his entire time to the effort, and to represent the Clandelinian reserve army in the distribution of divisions of troops to points builty needed and in may case of need. To aid himinthis work cavarly squadrons rode among the disordered ranks, the trained arm director too was aided by runined assistants, and by the mid of such officials and generals the effectiveness of the rallying work was being greatly increased all e in the collection of the troops and distribution of fresh troops and the other derands pon the activity of these gonerals. The movement of that the relief f orc ee , was div ided into three sections,, those under general Ad ele-de-garbe, Shoemannia, and Thomas Calerland (known as Freakin-the-nock by his enemice)))))) each of the strongest numbers and under the supervision of the ablest generals and other officers. As thus commized it was able in about three hours time and under steady artillery fire at that to reorganized the largest sections of the torn up and shat tered landelinian armies, with general Adele-de-marks as is its seconf head under the Irish-alandelinian clancy.... Ceneral kinckerbocker for eleven care out erintendant general of various standing Clandelinian armies, and also having the psition of I ational Directof was also in charge, and those giving the ermangency relif were officers of wide experience in vallying defeated armies during the hott est tattles and o also ifficers officers of the state.e.e.e. State. This new and effective re-organization of a shattered galdrelnian glandelinian army could and should 'e of immediate interest in f view of the fact that the ser services of all these Clardelinian generals had been and were still being called for , , , most uve ungently because of the dangers of the christians should they recover their own formations and rushed forward would easily capture

the Glandelinian positions themselves and the effects of the two distances xdefeats would be bejond recovering from if not altogether fatal to the Standelinian arm... Cocapied too at the time during a full in the whemen' tattle for which as tiller also were being pushed forward by the efforte of all the Gandelinian artillery officers, a mader and ime increase test therefore had been made of the improved powers of these great Clandelinian officers. All Clandelinian generals and every officer in command of brighter, Corre, Commanion and regiments had lost not a momente time, leaping a troop into the treach with the a lertness and effectiveness for which they had long teen noble and notiable and which showed that they again and again

as stated before ought to have been fighting for a far more worthler cause.. Even when Adelecdegarbe had recieved the news of the dire diegeter along the Glardelinian left and to other wings, and when it had stirred the hearts of all surviving plandelinian generals, there was then hardly any officer of any war whether high or low which did not join in the desperate offerts to rally the punic stricken hordes without ambients loss of time. From all rections came reports of the movements of fresh troops large and small. . d and the concentration of new tatteries Therefore by five oclock in the afternoon it was reported that over three quarters of the shattered army if not all rallied had been at least withdrawn to the cover of the rear, and the fresh troops were in the positions ready afor any movement of the christian troops

From general Germany Handonia came tidings that he has or had disput ched a special division of Omerian troops supported by cavarly and small hand carrying mechine gime and heavy field artillery, and that a second division had been made ready for sending as soon as they were ready to march the general recieving in farewell audience many of his staff whom the general at once sent to aid in the concentration. From other generals neve of similiar character was recieved and it was widely evident that the energies of the Glandelinian generals and all their officers were enlisted in causing the prompt responses nocessary to be gotten through. The first to push forward was the famois famous Glundelinian general of the same name as the christian general plain Nightlinger but of a entirely different man he being of the Zimmermannia and purmerannia Division Milliary Tar Committee who moved forward for the distribution of immense columns

columns of troops for the restriction of the crushed clandelinian right.

Co great was the activity of these well named landelinian generals,
that by the recent time of the afternoon mentioned before, after the second disasterous event of the battle had occured, general Adele-do-garbe had already IO, 000,000 men of the new forces ready for to repelli the christian armies, and much of this force was already in position. Then a little later with the numbers that were rallied and withdrawn they had grown to abouid twenty one millions and this huge body of men composing one parter of the remains of the main army of landelinia was ready for whatever may come. Yet general adeledegarho added in his statements tint some of the greatest difficulties to be overcome,, was the prompt distribution of the supplies for the covery covering batteries of artillery for ammunition was very low, and therefore even outside help from a new Clandelinian army would cer a inly certainly be welcomed. The last of the shattered divisions to be withdrawn to the shelter of the Glardelinian trenches was those of M assinia's , which had stood its ground against the christian assailants more stubbornly than the rest and had a number of still over half of its own forces.

These were being millied and restored with expedition. The remainder was still to follow and yet it was astonishing that the christian roops were not following up the advantage they had gained by starting forth to rage ano her desperate assault .. 2.2.2

In the meantime the conversation between the Vivian Girl Violet and genera 1 Clancy had continued.

"General Hanson vivian since you inquite is not a soldier of the Clandelinian cide, no more than you have been, and if have become a clandelinian citizen and an the Abbieum han armies are trying to conquer the Glandelinian nation for tryinical po purposes I have my rights to fight on the cide of lardelinia no matter what it ideality have Hies Violet vivian. As for general lanson and all his followers the trouble

is of his own see (drg.."
"Did you not refuse to advance with the purpose to vor amicably ith the glandelinian general. Phellinin Tymerline to overthrow our own purpose at it Etheldreada because jou could not, when he came to see you for that purpose wo eeks ago!

"how do ou find that out?"
"That's all right. Pid you not?"she downded asain.

"He cave me no chan ce Vivian Girl."
"Why not sir?"

"That's my business too Miss. I cught to armost you for being on our soil seesby jou're a christian girl scout. "

"I could arrest you instead of you arrest me. You are alone with me sir and below me toffer than to tall that way. To note a traitor to you own

country country just the same. You who are in commend of the army because ctuzy land by is too afighted to go out to fight himself because of a little insignificient cold, and have harded a big assault upon general Enrone left wing, and tried to enach it all to pieces just became jou ave an away that is hig and strong, and not afraid of what you thought was a weaker angules over the jou got. If you can whip general Enron to day I'd willingly currender smeelf to you as a prisoner. But you Can't and outle soon find that out, and you and your higher and more able bodied Diardelinian generals, and others who served under you-have tried to secure general Hansons left ring, and you are going now to dire ruin and defeat. You say you now general Hanson well. Mry didn't you defeat him them? You ought to be ashamed of yourself you Irish porlegner Outlaw to side with a cause that you know is so outrageously wicked."

"You are altogether wrong Vivian Cirl"answered general Clancy quietly. "This battle was none of my see ing, and didn't order the assault. Ceneral Calmannia Shoomannia the is quire camble of ta ing good care of himself, and his armies, lay claim to have emashed up your generals left wing good and proper twice before we got liefed, and on credit which really is not his but Adel -de-garbes. I suggest V twing Girl that you have not shown aufficient cause at all for your armies hostility against glandelinia for the purpose to uproot child slavery tist is going on in Jandelinia. And furthermore she you showed it before, the first meeting we had ten hours ago and not after the events to which you have referred. I'm bland by some of the generals for the defeat of the army, and darn you and your good hanged elsters, and other you 're fully espensible and ought to be captured and destroyed as spice. But mu my human nature resents downg it because

your sistors caused this defeat."
"Is that so, we caused your defeat. How could we. We were here for that purpose I 'll adult that as we will not lie even to such a scoundrel as you are, but eir the cray inhuman fury of this butchery prevented us from doing an thing whatever. We couldn't get the slightest communication with general Euneon for any part of his line. It is simply because he cut generaled you. Resides I and my sisters resented your coming over here from your forlege country and cutting up our christian armion, you sho to do ever an listed American and a catholic. That is why we are so stung you have turned out a cringing Judas Te have served in the armies and led them in person. As for capturing us as spice I'd li e to see you try it. If any of us were even injured, by you it would be just be ted for your army and the whole of Glandelinia. My father the emperor would rather in his heart make Glandelinia a thing of history only before he'd see any of us even the lowest of the children in our country harmed by such accorduels as you and all clandelinians who make the main war on children of a christian mar mation, an wheard of thing inall hits history. We have so many child scouts in our army because we children girla and hoys have to fight for our very existances."

Z"That is not a fair attitude. All Chindelinian armies do not war

on children. Tage Izner Myletzes for instance. "May isn't that fair. All armies are the came if not their laders. And "May isn't that fair. All armies are the same in not their adders. And besides this is not Mylette's any. It's Johnston Manlaya."

"It's not fair vivian divi, because the good will go with the cause on either sis side. We have lots of boy and yirl accuse also."

"Jood will never goes on both sides "the crided." Ind besides enery child scouts of the youngest is past ten jears old."

"I have done you and your sisters no wrong, "urged general C lancy, "And as Clandelinia is as free a country as anemica's and the United States,
I have as much right to serve here for the reason of adventure and for I have as much vight to serve have for the various of inventus and for the order of excitement as a would have over there. I estate I'm not in the the United States now and no more a cloticen there and don't work worky about that country either. I have come here too to take charge of a Clandellnian army because Manley is down with a bad cold. It is all the commission I have in the world, and it has been my hope to make the take of simplify the terrible battle most successful and in succeeding to consider the local glandelinian armies my helpers in the fature and help in the cases of landellnia. Is not this case, or a case of my generals total again the dependent of the construction of the construction of the construction of the safety free that has a spice or trying to. Constituting fields. Tall the truth if you are placed as of and yet work retrieved to the fature and righteous as it is said you are high't you and your rictors cause all this disaster.

disabet.?"

At this question she looked at him as if she could not believe his eyes.
"You eyid comething of my good will"she said greenerly with a touch of most ery. "What is that yo to you anghow, analy the whole nations feeling thered you, which also is mine and m sifters can have no pover to help on injure your loss of the battle is your own doing. We didn't do it. You didn't lister to the advise of general turnspyle or others and you now learned from experience. I tell you again we didn't have anything to do with it, but cladly would have done so had we could I don't deny that do II for do you know I'm a saint. I haven't been cannonizied yet. I didn't work a miracle to come known to whip your your your did I'm. didn't work a miracle to cause lineson to whip your army did If"

The small gloved hand tint clenched the riding whip lay tantalizingly upon the reins with in such of Chancy's He could have seted her if he desired, but then her hand on the other nide was free, on the gree holter the appearance of him wies desired to reveal a consciousness of power and a pride too that hardly broofed his presence upon her ancient fief. "It m cans m ch many to me, your good will if you have any Vivian

Girl. "said beneal Clancy.

"e.s leaned forward in her saddle. He could see that she was brouthing the ly in spite of her assumption of mockery.

"Jone all lames clarcy site said. "Listen to me place. If you value my good will, you may obtain it from me and my sisters only upon one sound condition."

"On any condition!" "That you leave the Chandelinian service, and go return to your own

country under the Stars and Stripes."

**Contey maker the Stare and Stripes."

"Except that, "said general lany Chingy."

"It is not that I stripe F. It is not to any passession of an Glay delinian army, se it is not one of my business. "Yes used the Vivian Cirls in arrivally. "Believe me I have not been tell thing or morely is about that at all. As you aid you care ever here for adventure, and maybe that at all. As you mad you care ever here for adventure, and maybe beyond mean re in favoring the fees side, and besides this is go place or country for you, general Clancy. It could estem out, and—and give you that you demanded of me, my good will if you said 'I have said a serble missingle gave a up the command it due time and want way did you can't neve in the Glandelinian army so long, to help the Clandelinian general sett up so much prouble and war and agitate in all? Yes I include my off, and my sisters. I have acked miself why it is you at Foreignes and an Irish descendant of the Urited States of America America have come here to this Bengall State land with a west Glandelinian gray which is not your injute under main of a grevious mortal sin. And Clandelinia is not your lights under main of a grevious mortal sin. And Clandelinia is not your lights under gain of a grevious mortal sin. And Clandelinia is for your with your with the trip of the delinian army which is not your with the care and go home." "At you will not give up the command of Glandelinian matters and go home." "At you will not give up the command of Glandelinian armies and go home." "At you will not give up the command of Glandelinian army the and arm and a first your will not give up the command of Glandelinian army and a give it you will not a define an army and a give it you be a deliver out of a second and the processing the process of the deliver out of a second and the process of the deliver out of a second and the process of the deliver out of a second of Glandelinian army and a second and the process of the deliver out of a second and the second and the second and the seco

whites and go home. "I"
"I have a natural objection objection to be driven out of a section of
"I have a natural objection objection to be driven out of a section of
which I sacrificed such a lot of men to secure. Said general Clarcy
"This command should never have beer yours. For serving under the
Standards of Eaten and His host. My Fither, "she stopped in agitation. Ge
General Clarcy laid his hand on the rein nature his orn.
"I vivian Girl Princess"he aread to nacions that he was as agitated as she,
"I vay the sak you cometries. I do not want to the own have spying on
the Clandelinian army. I will not ever say anything to the generals tate of
were have. We don't your starm to your own army with your followers since out you say you did not come my defeat. Perhaps I had no right to serve in the Glandelinian army or be its general, but neither were you justified in spying on the army and its general, but neither were you justified with you distore for this terrible loss of life on both sides as I am myself. If you believe I'm really guiltum."

"The was thirding at him in greater distress. He hardly knew whether

"If Seneral Hanson Vivian----"ohe began half chool/ing;
"Does the Christian cause mean so much to you and your eleters as that?" Bie started and twitched the reins atay.

"You are incolent" she cited "Boward. Here comes my sisters. How dare a call question for or lay down law to ne?" I have heard mough Stay then general Clancy and try to cat down general Hansons army to day, but do not presume to win any part of the battle farther as we'll do all in our pure to frustrateryou by means of the powerful Prayer the Fosary."

The content has the first horac mitht here gave and the heart hearth and do

She to fruncturery or a sense of the powerful that he best board bounded away flinging the general to the ground for he was then dismounted. Her nwy flinging the general to the ground for he was then dismounted. Her face was flaming, not as she node, general GI by Clarry could hear her sobbing again, as she rejoined her sloters. He was used that the uply nature of the battle was the cause of her distress. He recalled general Adel-de-grabes words to himself on the right before the battle of Berare of the Vivian Girls. They can wheet your plans more than the Angol Gabreil." He realized that general European graphing hand was stratched forth not only in the successful recapture of the last positions along the christian left, but now to be on and can positions, and he vowed fierce; fiercel that the battle be much him and finners should be fought out on this ground also and whom in saide of a lindred Million lossinges per day. Fairs recently a Catholic he must have forgotten the power of the losary.

It had been the general expectation that general to de Damalton would open the next oblight apon the christian lines. Seneral Clancy was aware the transpal to de and his transpal terms angaged in conaware the toward house and his to ameistants were engaged in concentrating immone forces agen the right of his one per lion, and had not be rate had that he would had have been an overproving meanly agen in some and he understood move of housess the ice and innerest ations than any and he understood move of housess the ice and innerest ations than any are whitten off in this above or in wallity, however during the news between Three and five minty the colours to the his above and his in a days let had become more boal and death or the graph of the result of the history of his partial to the history of the partial that he day had been not been as a second of the history of the partial that it is a second of the history of the history of the partial day of the history of the constitution of the history of the history of the partial day of the history of the constitution of the history of the history of the second of the history of the history of the second of the history of the histo in thinking there. Quantil Laft plan thom he could be induced to get it for the out in the extreme, but this he could be intrace at each Clared be charge it asked permission to accompany the and made him promise to graid gotting itsmalf and in party in a unneg of christian batteries which could fire upon necting parties on eight with diamatenous affects. They decided to ride along shore. Governal Clared had once before boun by that roote and life spirits can known at the distant such who of the christian positions he care about view of a hadion transfer these of the training the care about view of a hadion transfer these of the training the to care apon view of a holious 'saming lines of christian betteries. His approximation fell at the flought of what would happen when these opened fire, in most of of his own directed. The batteries were situated a limite from the shore on the positions that his troops vecently had been in possession of Everything about the batteries were hadiously ner, and

housed wars long walks of frosh chyletten infinity.

At a little distance he though he give core of the most dangerous of kinsons

ataff. He was very atlant during the remainder of the tour past Ste Marie
when and Laffy if devining what was in his thoughts did not disturb him. It was about half an hour after all the troops had been called when they were on the current of a small till

wors on the causal of a small will are compared to his fall are small backward to his fall most as the chief in troops he dreaded the most as and the chief they were the Concentrations. If can one of the batteries was a large wooden will be made a concentration to her than the chief in the chief and close with a view or house was a christian general that Chiefy accomized full well. He was a star middle aged man in short shirts leaves with also coat fastered to his backwith the sleaves round his neet, his had houry form of docy bown hair turning gray, He core "Marcold Loydd Englise" of specholos h which gave him a strongs scholastic expression, and the rums beneath his turned up sleaves were a mass of ropy mattels showing him a turn of great size noth and power. He was riding forward a little ways riding a sure of great size on the neouting party. As the column of scouting officers stood ht there general Clancy was a spiritual a sec one of his officers anddomly ride from him and ofter and go forward. His face was agirated and he seemed to see nothing but its objective. He node through the column of officers thand a clum of these where two little girls were deated on horour. Clampy hid observed one of them dealine to ride forward The column of officers from a clump of these where two little girls were sasted on horset. The way had observed one of them decline to ride forward under cover, though apparenth sanged by the other, now he recognized it em as to real Chiroland girls outed by the other, now he recognized lines and might be seen. The officer vode straight to them and halted before the . That is not the sant could hear nothing but he saw the officer general lines and might be seen. The officer vode straight to the saw the officer general lines and apparently implicitly them. He naw one of the little related by the saw the officer seeing and one the officer one was larghing and now two or three rice of Clancy's officers seeing the same larghing and now two or three rice of Clancy's officers seeing the same life which the officer arguidy, what see not a was nittle our of hearing as the afficer grew more volumently. He officer out follow mas only momentarily. He spring forward granulog the origin of them both and tried to the spring forward. Clancy saw the other tip processing analyty for the same if the same of the same of the same and the control of the other tip that the first, he shall not hear the officers excited exclumnt love was a general movement seen in the direction of the christian the first, he shall not be sufficient of the christian and which the ward faintly the seven of race from the other line. At orce made was a general movement seen in the direction of the christian and start ed forward suffice at the officer, but a volley came from the cawarly and he fell. Chancy was beside himself with fury but the cavarly were coming too fast for the large group of officers and mental the cavarly and he fell. Chancy was beside himself with fury but the cavarl; were coming too fast for the large group of officers and men with him to save the two girlsc outs of his side from capture. With slow

the cavarly were coming too fast for the large group of officers and men with him to save the two girlsc outs of his side from capture. With slow but incorable force he recoiled and the jeers of the cavarly the G landelinians rapidly outlistanced them, though the presuit seemed in fall sring for several minutes, and a few carnon boomed, and shrappell burst in the air.../2/2

In on e way general Clancy was a sort of a comical fellow from his sardless they look and had no regional way of doing a knost overything in the city of the high life before and now as local cat poor its bothet home, and stanced tillnie great wound eyed a the distant in the scene, and wanched the stream's column as a stay acced by, those columns whather lambars, so a financial city of what is a of it. Vivin fire being allowed to him about. Corrently acide we must be of it. Vivin fire being the corresponding of the product of the same of the distant being some in the scene of some in this score, in well corresponding to a same and in the British British ledes on probably in the city of public. His corresponding to a first by late to had correspond on the language of the limit, had the Irish brogue and he also subject to Abbier in language of the Irish, had the Irish brogue and he are one to have controlled in the story to see the are and the corresponding to the story to see the are and the corresponding to the story to see the are and the first of the story to see the are and the first of the story to see the are and the first of the corresponding to the first being the story to see the are and the first or a first days one he are and the care over the see such as the first had a first days one he are and the first or a first day and he will be a such to the first because the first days one he was a stay for the second the second or t Ave a tempor that could probably follows of these games theself. If he

over of anoty he can be file, and controls and after the belief in constal of the found ingle Shadolf han service. In the case he can go and notice that as a first of a service of a found of method of the companion of the constant of the cons be open in his eyes.

What general Clancy on rolling which the first are possible that eneral passes within caragid to do such a ride ful thing as even in the arm, rice. It is indeed a great plant to lim, and he had if believed some spiritual power had helped to be claim, number along, for general famous and not recieve ed any relification number along, for general famous and rot recieve ed any relification armies as there was no other christian army in sight, the nearest variety and there is an along it general factory. He felt very led over the threat that the Vivian out out said factory He felt very led over the threat that the Vivian out would say plenty of general down the near that the Vivian out would say plenty of generals for his locally and despite his recent defiance against even a million possible he rell independent rederated, that one "had have no limit in god filled it would be sufficient for his defeat. The he had great thy divisions of ferh though jet, relification found far had even no not come to the had he desposition to not suga into him a force of equal absolute the ferham general famous against him a force of equal absolute the ferham general famous the respective to the previous famous and the supposition to not against him as the set the less that and level, how the thing a fine of the relief of the relief of the relief of the previous descriptions of from that the set of the relief of the previous descriptions and the set of the relief of the previous descriptions and the set of the relief of the thing of the relief of the rel

An soon as she had left him and rejoined her siste s violet said;;;

time forward general Chancy's position as in verted alongst as it was applications.

An moon as she had left min and vajoined her since a viole; unit; and the provided her since the p

The jet diar headdens of the plantelinian conerals and 1, would excite lagglifer at once even from the remders should they see pictures of there of landolinian remarks in their "mendgen" and would also turn into lots of ridic devial et and her minters had independ attacked from a safe position the full process of the mighty buttle. After the second ever eras of the whole glardelinian arm, some section of it had been continually beset by

seen him would have thought he was the "prince of the Ui Universe", and who a heave thee out hints about the plans of buttle he had he a hoped to bring to a home in run, and that he had a lways wished that he might soon have a chance to show any of the other generals how easily he could wany with a thirty strain foe, much larger than his own army by reason of his military "ne innen.

"Relence."

He however was fullilly four years older than general Slancy, and much taller, but he was more scientific and understood more about military movements than the latter did lie finally when every nection or the line had been railied as far as posible rode up to clarcy and said;

"The thole army is about tally a railied now. Mat are you going to

do about it."

"I guess I'll try another assault upon general Hanson's army."

"Be careful of him sir said adelede-Carbe who felt some symmethy for general Clancy for his troubles in the battle his s great milliary science that we are It's better to let the Mationals follow up their advantage follow through with an assault of their own and expose them-

nelvee."
"I don't care what he is" eplied general Clancy beginning to lose his temper"if he does assail my lines he'll get into trouble. But i propose to attack, and don't want no arguments."

"All right have it your way "said dele-de-garbe. A"But I warned you."
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"I just then general Clancy Statted to give an order, when he saw a certain section of the christian line was throwing out a long heavy column, which were under generals Herbert and micholas nurner both brothers. The Glandelinian generals gave forth cries of surprise, while several of the others even cried out that it was a shame "that the battle was not over had it was a wonder the "chirstian dogs" couldn't leave a worn out shattered Olandelinian army be. General lanc oy planced in the direction of the oncoming line of attack. and putting on his "Enristmas lat shaped of headfour turned about to demand of one of them what he moant by such saying, wher he saw that he was still confronted by general Adels-be-Oarbe saying."

"See the Christian troops are moving forward as I said. What are you going to do about it... Clancy!"
"I'll show you what I ll do. I suppose you believe I'll retreat? Weil crazy Hanson V ivian will have some time to make me do it."

General Clancy proceeded to show general Adele-do-garbe what he meant to do about it.

Faying no heed to the for midable attitude of the advancing christian forces, general clancy got ready. He cent ten great divisions into the rostitions to opines this advance. A Ithough he could have used what war left of his batteries to good effect, general Clancy declined to do so, but concentrated all the forces available and with such speed and vigor that such movements seemed any such movements seemed any such movements seemed any such movements. clancy threw his cavarly forward in heavy numbers to guard the rear of the defensive lines. Then all was in readiness for the renewal of the battle.....

"I t the christian dogs come p. "shouted the general. "This will be the cont for them this time. How do you take the situation general Conter.?"
"It sigs me as far as it does you said the general "But will be be able to hold."

No one however felt so sure about it however for if it was the purpose of the chri stan troups to again five ely advance against the glandelinian positions all certain y would be lost. Hever indeed was a eneral setting more come leely completly coved c oved, then was this varieting Glandelinean evereral Glancy on all shown all had looked with such admiration and age. No was a great general undeed, indeed and as good a fighter and a leader and as brave as any good vidiant frishman could ever be, but he was over matched by general lancon vivian. Even Adela-de-garbe great a general as he was was suspicious and he looked reproachially at Clancy and said; "No you now that general lancons army had broken two of the main sections of the Clandelinian army!"

"It attears no manawered Clancy."

"It est as it was the army and the Christian dog had broken two of my most precious ribs, "as the army and the Christian dog had broken two of my heart to do, and , bet he lifty it again and another general. No one however felt so sure about it however for if it was the purpose

"No he con't not if , can help it, I'll brom his. "Exclusined clarcy most determinaty." I darking a lance in the direction of the christian lines. Not nearly will be a lance in the direction of the christian lines. Not were get win not really blaned for the defeat, of the army, as all the other of the character of year all lances and provided the character of year all lances and previously Anyel Cabriel into 11. Constinues the enemy generuls were nomewhat a fraid lances might be both 80 Gabriel and Mischel one no to may. Yet general clancy always wondered how it was that a christian general me able to wanguish his so early and completely when he had, had general Hansons center trice at his marcy, and was crushing his left wing for every operation, and when all the military oclence was on the side of the gaindelinian general, and his staff. And young as Clancy hisself was it had been seen that elsewhere outside of general been to a mong all other christian generals there was not one who dared to attempt an engagement with him without sufficient help from some hetter course. The display he had so frequently given of the prosm, visiant manners, and his display of Irls Counge, and feitceness, and wone the feat of all things if the season was some short when the feat of all things if the season was some short when the feat of all things if the season was some short when the feat of all things if the season was some short when the feat of all things if the season was some short were an extensive and when colliday and when the feat of all things if the season was some short when the feat of all things in the season was some short when the season was some short was some short when the season was some short when the season was some short was some sho 146 .25 """" He as a danger to the whole christian cause.

One drives, held 'ventred to lugh at a remark from general glancy; and as load whether he could ever lick general Hamson in a lair fiet fight and he tid the general that he would bring about the disma midder dishies. I of any one one that enidanything in narcasim to him Therefore nothin nothing of the sort was ever hinted to the general again. No one wished to lose his command just them, especially because of a general who banged "the breath" out of a christian amy so witerly, only to also have it "banged" from his own. 2.2 ***. General Chancy too was aroused also because of the Vivian the lose of the vivian the bong in the granulally him compy, and yet hough he tendily hated them worst than a han could have and fear a vattlesman he did not relieve the bone reason or other dare interfore with them or expose them. Some thing hade him more afraid of them than a had boy would be who is wexpect ing a terrible whipping from his father and yet couldn't see no way to escape the punishment.

To the common sense, the stur sturdy frame, sound nealth and mental strength of the eneral general as inherited from his parents he always during the artible bad shown a puttinger that his of any other landelinjan general, and he also was was more profound and far reaching in his thoughts and plances. After it was seen however that the christian trough wore not reallly coming forward as free feared, general Clancy liphed his cigar, and as he slowly uffed it, while sitting on his horse he glanced acrosss to or tard the christian to his pare rand benefit in his hard the general for a minute of the distant christian lines. Carefully watching the general for a minute of the distant christian lines. Carefully watching the general for a minute of the distant christian lines. Carefully watching the general for a minute of the distant christian lines. Carefully watching the general for a minute of the one allowed and support a septoion. The surface which is a septoion where they lil attack next "Taried wist/!"
"Tutned the left flam of the christian right wing---that is I tried to but not be refer to my movements."

The flat is a recent to the domain of the christian right wing---that is I tried to be competied to be presented to be presented to be presented to be removed for I fill do and removing the civil from his most because there will be held in a way which they alone desired the doctor. The he resemble the doctor had an general Adolo Desires and right in about the first enveloped the doctor of the first in the children of the first interest of the consent among the christian terms in the first distance, among change encounted as

ame a dienta. General Adels-Do-Carbe as all attention.

Where an item in any more than these two desperate fights to day?"

"I have not been in any more than these two desperate fights to day?"

"I have not been in any more than these two desperate fights to day?"

"I have not been in any more than the day to obto with the Christian does alone and to withdraw from the captured positions this afternoon."

"That is right, I suppose, that is right, but gangal if you do get into another bad fight with those Christian Dogs don't let go your position this time under any conditions, hald your position and maintain the whole army. I'm determined to win."

General Adels-ps-Carbe modestly answered, that he did not remember when he had failed to the care of himself or his arm is under any circum stances and difficulties, and the general resumed the smoking of his cigar at anes and difficulties, and the general resumed the smoking of his cigar puffile smoke from it as if from a capton and froying as be looked tward the oright in every point of his "deed" but in the min so fat as military business goes he was correct, his pu purpose being to implant in all the Glandellnian generals a study self reliance. He felt sure they could not hope to get along at all times without leaning upon other superiors but that aladed in an general who never forgets that he shad a mind and body corrain faculties and infinite powers, though he doesn't realize and witsled like this always hopes to win the great battles against he righteous christian countries. Then tog so far every Clandelinian general who had lawned of being creal and witsled like this always as if this been buttle light to be overtaken by some great emergency which calls extending and training prove fatal will be the landelinian general who had lawned to develope the buttery leaves of my dies every landelinian general who had lawned to develope the buttery landers and it is then that false taching and training prove fatal will be the landelinian general many of which the perhap The protest of the canaral was so respectful, that canaral classon, V vivian. was men and his smorting and watted will general dole-de-garbs hid his amorting and watted will general dole-de-garbs hid his also and remounted his horse. "There sit I am through."
"There sit I am through."
"Spare sit I am through."
"General limit gave me a dozen original prob lems about the christia christian line as he called to and to many of us generals during the hout of the action, and we had some time in solving them. I am not desir hat sort of luminoses, but if we can win out at it he live general lands of the action, and we had some time in solving them, am not desir had sort of luminoses, but if we can win out at it he live general had solving the ind States are you not?"
"I doe-tainly am."
"Do you now the American civil War?"
"Ibt only that i was in it?"
"Major side did you fight for.?"
"I was a drummer bay in the Confederate side."
"Do you how screen! "Blonewall Jactna. Jackson." "I was advanmen boy in the Confidents side."

"The tou know general Stonewall Jethie. Jackson.

"The tou flow general Stonewall Jethie. Jackson.

"The tour leads be made that movement in the battle of than cellowed I do."

"Mell I would be to only to be best for me to try the name stunt but on movement and the seals to movement the seals to move or this evening if possible."

"I see "said the general and his shoulders went up and down as if the shoulders and the shoulders went up and the shoulders are shoulders and the shoulders and the shoulders are shoulders and the shoulders are shoulders and the shoulders are shoulders."

"Explain how you do that then "said general Clancy becoming aerious" "Explain how you do that then "said general Clancy becoming aerious"."

"The christian army is so immender and so far stretched that such a thing seems impossible."

much a thing seems impossible..

The other generals within hearing are also interested, and glanced smillingly thand the bright percent Admiddes Alabede-garbo... As all the other generals when an army is at peril, their organishes went out to the onesho could lan the best to frustrate the christian. When general Adele-de-garbe to be general Cancy that he has in error, the other's felt a thrill of delight; they wanted Adele-de-garbe to get the better of the stubborn Irini general much as they loved him as a commander General Adele-de-garbe leaned back against a tree, showed his hands into his pockets, and looked smills by at general Clancy, and his stogic as he said:

"Suppose to illustrate that general Manson vivian, the darn Christian dog over there has just one hundred million wen."
"He did have before the buttle I'm sure."
"All right str, suppose he still had in case he has been reinforced.
Then if we have fifty per cent more it must have one hundred and fifty million in atrength combined into one; suppose; that's correct is it

"Allion in without combined into one is suppose thit's correct is it into the into t

now how many men would have to be subtracted from general laneous vast army to make it the same as ours?"

"Fifty i believe he be less, but can you with fifty——"
"Mait a minute general Clancy, we are not there yet and fifty in what and of a hundred million and fifty million——that is what part of the brongth of laneous army."

"It is probably on a third."

"and one third of anything is thirty three and one third per cent of it which is a suppose to be the correct above to the problem. ?"

which is a suppose to be the correct answer to the problem. Here which is a suppose to be the correct answer to the problem. Here was a suppose to be the correct answer to the problem. Here was a suppose and change the correct answer to the problem. Here was a suppose and change the correct answer to the problem in the "Stonewall Jackson fashion. If you do it, and a small fraction of the army and you come back whole it's more than a mathematical problem. He amy and you come back whole it's more than a mathematical problem. He amy and you come back whole it's more than a mathematical problem. He amy and you come back whole it's more than a mathematical problem. He amy and you come back whole it's more than the you can men against the one hundred and thirty of the bain army in Your Country. Figure that out."

General Olancy he his cigarithich was now out) suspended in one hand while he carries as though he did not quite grasp his manning.

"Mant in the world at are you laughing at." He caddenly said turning chartes as though a de and yet not able to look properly through his field glasses because of the mirth, which shook him as vigoriously, as it had stirred general Thomas Cleve land, who had resumed his come secuting, and was yet not able to look properly through his field glasses because of the mirth, which shook him as vigoriously, as it had ettired he will he can be some people believe they're smarter than others. "Gaid he." "I haugh because some people believe they're smarter than others. "Gaid he." "I haugh because some people believe they're smarter than others. "Gaid he will he would have on the cigar into his mouth after a host lighting it at both ends, amk lower on the cigar into his mouth after a host lighting it at both ends, amk lower on the cigar and a set general had one and that his field soon became invisible in the wall of the same at the family of the general and the set general and the set general and the set general and the set of the same at the family of the general and the celegate could a Mathematical way or now general Adso-de-garce cours do the same strain upon so great an army as Hansons as the famous Cond Confederate general did, when he would have a record breating dies distance distance to match so little a force, and when Hansons rear ittels as awake as his strongt and as strongly situated. A few pointed questions showed the general that he must be vrong. Then general Clancy harded himself and locking at the scleme face as of the other generals he as edifficient.

cen remort in he cave that he parently ment mong mong on the first At five thirty the christians renewed the conflict and with redoubled fury. Shot shell, high explosiven and other destructive elements of war, and even terrific fire bombs setting fire to everything into a flerce confliguration were tearing everything into the air. The conflict and obleful as a thirty or fourly years war it into one battle. Indeed though frield, consult (2 ancy vae a heatile commander against energlish mench he was predominant, and "ith all of his shiftery forces he a repelled the driving "storm waves" lashed by the Christian "turicane crashing against his positions, aided by his own heavy artillery fires he are repelled the driving "storm waves" lashed forward to take the chindelinian vote by storm. Dreadful more dreadful was the carings than during the first to two apasses of the battle. Indeed happy he than during the first to a two apasses of the battle. Indeed happy he than this dreadful medual commanders, and in the unfailing ability of plancy, Adeledegarbe Sicemum in 's and others. The Christian onslaughts apparently were as flore as all the onslaughts apparently were as flore as all the onslaughts against the whole landelinian position and that it with punsons combined had manustered its forcesto myke a first and first onslaughts on the glandelinian position. But general anney had suspected this right along, he forstalled the coming "Storm" and at several criftical periods, when the conflict was the hostest, he had trushed whole the battle now. General Thomas Cleveland led a firste counter charge and though creatly victorium, was horse from the battle field had by unuded. these of christian assailants. Fet it was the most bitter struggle of
the battle now.General Thomas Cleveland led a fierce counter charge and
though creatly victorious, was borne from the battle field badly vanded.
In his efforts to sup ress the christian one laught the indefatigable
Clandelinian general Shoemannia, drove his twoops to every point badly
needed until he and they were exhausted, but all seemed in vair, his
aid general Calman Shoeman fell wounded and that division was without a
leader and which could not be replaced. Your out by its drawfull
efforts in the face of that Typhoon asking the Landelinian position
the glandelinian divisions under Shoemannia had to vitidaw to the
Stony River, where it made another flerce stand. Finally when the line
of battle here under Shoemann is was overcome by the overwhelming odds
against if, and by reakness through its dreadful lesses, general AdeleDe Carbe sent reinforcements.

"Do not trouble yournelf to da delay a minute general pominic he said.

"Thou see's the peril Shoemannia is in renot let those christian
"Ind dote come any closer. Do not be discouraged by any of their fiercest
arrays for them thy efforts will not be fruitless. To stop the townent of
advancing christians which is dowstating Shoeman is strong division. It was
as if a fearful stone had a rose, The lighting flashed from expliding

one fee with this order he went town with the action of virtuella as if a fearful storm had arose. The lightning flashed from exploding shall everywhere, and the earth trem led at the artil roaring of canrons, the extloding shall fire, and the noise of so many millions of rifles. Ceneral Dominios efforts however made little impression on the christian assailants though he tried to prove to his troops with fiery cloquence how easily it can be done to stor the christian advance... No cloquence now early it can be done to stop the christian advance.. Ho doubt the Christian ambes must have had the Protection and aid of Our pleased Mother through Innumerable coardes. General Dominic finally broe an portion of the christian time and drove his line through it almost victorious, then he fell mortally wounded, and his troops cut up in fiank and rear rolled up from the line of battle in frightful panie and disorder. Flames came forth through the trees as if a fierce force of forest fire which rendered the acene all the more frightful. Adeledegarbe cent his most valuant Consumbs to combat the permiclous one laughts of the chuletian troopset her thur had been defeated, and some wounded.Oh Adeleged Adelede-Cambe, liet he wished it was night. The third is no was indeed pressing the Chindelinians roty hard, and

Chardelinian coldiers were mying folder and a ond ever where. Thousand in a dill had hope of christen in in fortion but a ddenly

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close then Adele-de-garbe 1cd .lolet, and her sisters behind 1 heavy goeseberry patch close to the forks, and then creeping on all fours, they headed for the schoolhouse.

"We've got to stay here quie quite a long time. "eaid Adele-De-Garbe." I will therefore to take out for you, and in case we can or will midnight. I will therefore look out for you, and in case we can or will get seper ated you can then look out for me and I list! I lead you on."

Violet, and her sisters said, they would not forget..... Jennie decided to do some scouting, and crawled cautiously up the road, while the sound of some strange booming rowed her to her senses..s.s.s.s.s.s.s.s.s.

The little rincess girl, decided to stop at the userest farm house to find if any heale vere really because the decided to so far back that with the booming of so much sholls and cannons so close she could not take for pare the fire to crawl upthe long ane and time round again, but she contented herself with purity up the tree lined roud young in quest of the count counting of christian trop, sunder the start is some decided in some decided to stop at the case of a line and then round again, but she contented herself with purity up the tree lined roud young in quest of the count counting of christian trop, sunder the series of the same and counting the start of the sound of the start of the same and a series of the same and the start of the same and the start of the same and the start of the same and the same and a same and and a same and a s

that. Then when he was rety nine no any he comins from the airsection one but says nothing of itt of her him any he comins from the airsection one. The last poles returned to her distorer who his conclusion ind he speedily etc. when that where he had left the other Princesses. He ther rendered up his accounts about his scenting, and then as surprised and somewhat alread to learn that Jeni Jenie had constituted.

"I conter hat is detaining her so long. "said Violet." The was never so late before."

late before, hat is detaining new no long, while related the alsters, that they, one all improvement, one had a warping, for shile adele-De-Fib had been scouting one or two of them had frequently one forth a little age, and had searched long and arxle ally down the read, hoping that the figure of their little brave disters and come to view, with some explanation of the cause of her delays. Affirst they known to take the force of something and that detained hot. But by now it has time for the sum to be low in the vestilingwer still should had the glare of fisce configurations and by the buttle brought to light the figure of no little girl hurrying tward them. One object that as thought to be not yet an inhal of some sort coared analy, the thought to be not yet in inhal of some sort coared analy, the thought to be not yet in the old school building for sheller. The bow search for her, I'm sure something out of the ordinary has happened. I'm afraid she's either lost or captured by our friends as an enemy.

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The boy spy vas glad of the order, for he was on the point of demanding permise to the process of the control of th

As the saying goes Assas-De-roo at not let the "grass grow" shaet the his feet, he has more woright thin even Jennie's disters were, they less, both we they less she could have care of herself, and as soon as he has in the road he started to run at a trot, which he contine dutill beyond gight the say Vivian Gil Children standing in the schoolhouse for the say in the say of the his saying the both who have he display that the both of the Bids.

Tablight. The point where he dicappeared was however by yord the house of the Dicappeared to conclude he had found no trace of Jenni there have no it was seen to halt. Indeed there is nothing more wear some than the rear to make in such as pense and the rour of distant buttle, and the glare of conflagrations, as came to the hears of violet, and her sisters, while they out in the school vard watching and list uning for the sound of their footstops and voices whose music would have been the awestest on earth to footstops and voices whose music would have been the awestest on earth to foots tages and voices whose maste would have been the awastest on earth to them. The only sounds heaves heard were the rumbling roar of pattle, the himself id mass and now and them a long drawn sight from one little girl or the other as one strove to utler a conforting word to the other and all at once the gate was opened and shut hastily with a loud clang. Then

a harvied step sound along the short and road.
"Therethey are. There they are. "exclaimed Violet to her sisters, starting

a harvied step sound along one short and road.
"Therethey are. There they are." sexual med violet to her sisters, starting to her feet and she too.
Almoston the under instance, he came within easy view of them. But as he came it to them he was alone, and in the large of first they could goe the introduction that he had set out to find the medical set any time that he had brought bud here.

Indeed when he had set out to find the missing P incomes he made the search as complete as possible. The first nows he stopped at mad that of the Woman Firmer, which it will be remembered was only a short distance any from the Schoolhouse. There to his disappointment he found no one there was any from the Schoolhouse. There to his disappointment he found no one there is the his distance of her. Wishout tall he was alwaydoned, and entering the inques of her. Wishout tall he had earned every owners if found no trace of her. Wishout tall he had searched every owners in the found and soon after turned into the lane leading to the home of it whom. To one was there. But as he has joing forth he came upon to fugitive country children but they were terrified at his gray uniform and he had to grab them before they deave the same plane and apply for information was ally anxious to learn something it seems that every one we meet is stapid beyond endurace. If we are in a strange plane and apply for information to him and the search had been the same plane and apply for information to the roade.

If they saw any one positive earnching for they ill tell you. The two chill constitute of the roade and apply for information and it is first in the roade and the fore evening, and that she had been that be first one of the roade.

"If me we she didn't come by this road'ull the way said the girl refuse who had given her mane as falle stamping hor foot to give emphasis to be seen that ever one are hard as an apply for information and the had been the had given her mane as falle stamping hor foot to give emphasis and the had an appear to the worde

who had given her mame as falls stamping her foot to give emphasis to the words as was her way. "And sho soomed to be in a hurry as if she was in danger."

"I'm save she was in danger declared Pobble Winifield equily enaily emphatically "be hid from her at livet believing she was a firseout of the enough. We didn't believe she was ne of the Vivian Stris. I can show the enough of the word of the word of the word.

"An opas who she went that way?" temmded the bescout.

"Kno co minly did."

"Gause we seek her. "insisted pobby.

"What a dance head. "exclaimed his sister. "You are leaving something out."

"No was shadowed."

"You can shadowed."

"And right come whead. "exclaimed his sister. "You are leaving something out.

"All right come whead."

"All right come whead."

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"And led by the two children the boy resumed his dog trot, mill he came in frame of a little White painted cottage half in ruins to the left.

"I so yet if she's in there said be fol."

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"Anothed-robe lithough of rich is almost severity shen in command of his own boyscouts was a good and a find nearted boy nevertheless and was fon der more of all his fellow children tup he was of nimedia, he was bright and cheerful and obedient, and as all both boys and gives are no min aculoism's pood and obedit obedient in the Abbiguitan contributed of the rape love and Pervad and a fordered never saw anywhere

agon, Calvertain or Apricaging an children over a children at the algorithms of Abbiegumian children are they had seemed very wait value him Adele-de-fob was also a fortien and deepite him child went at the had been do not been also in the object of States, his mether being an frieh command his father a half formal and States, his mether being an frieh command his father a half formal and States, his mether being an frieh command his father a half formal and States, his mether being an irish command his father a half formal and States, his mether being an being to Labertain a bit of Abbierarian, but had been such a bright lad that he caught it as early. At first flough good he had never been as the Abbieranian children, and jet caught it from them. Of course if any one of the reader would believe that Abbieranian children don't play all the same cases children do over in any other country he'd bester tot read this any father.

Adelede-fob listened to the story of these we Abbieranian refugee children, and his sympathy was aroused at once for them for they had lost their father and mother in the flood. They age brave children overthe loss. (find an Abbieranian child that's even at raid of the dark, or of the least thing and It'll give him all my money). The boy bobble said;

"I'm a corry that the good Vivian Girl Princesoes not to be mentioned yourself should be no sorely toutled, but I'm not, but for the reason that as corique as a citation to savely I'm positive she can also came is me yesterday, and noted me shepter I believe I and my alster would be safe in this neighborhood if a battle came. I saw Jennie zo into the moods and though she vas shadoced by cone one, the way she acted I'm say she followed by a number of men!"!"!!!!! Apked the distressed beyong the boyscout.

"Be see abadowed by a number of men!"!"!!!! Apked the distressed beyong the country of the country and the country of the country and the country of the country and the country of t

boyscoul. The was chadowed by something that appeared to be occurs your cize but girls, about ten or two lye of them. I can her a start train the woods and she was going comewhat fact and was in such cheerful spirits that I and my little eleter stood at the window of that house and watched her witill she passed around in the bend of the road. It was then I saw her

shadowed by child scouts in purple..."

Adele-de-fob felt his neart sink within him for the words of the little refuges had let in a great deal of alarming truth in him. The danger Adole-de-fob folt his heart telmk within him for the words of the little refuges had bet in a great deal of alarming truth in him. The danger was greater because it was evident because of her uniform she was mistaken for a Clandelinian girlacout anying yound the neighborhood, and surely even to save her from capture he couldn't think of firing on his own commades, and they files. Fet he felt sure Jennie her the situation perfectly and as the gotification the best of the good Vivian Girl Princesses but when she's shadowed by her own side what could he or she do them. And surely unless they understood who she was, espenies couldn't be following her in disguise of purple uniforms, and indeed Jennie had venched the crossrouds half man hour before, and then not lishig to sit down and wait she had staited up the road in the direction of the schooling see to meet him and her sisters. She surely must have entered the count leas mile stretch of woods from the south about the same time he and her sisters decided to wait her return. An suppose eyen she could finally convince those shadowing her that she was not a Clandelinian spy, what if a terrific forest fire storm should come up her could she escape the flames that rolls on many handreds of feet upward in clouds of fire. And she and her sisters and he should have met hear various Steam, but she hadn't been seen since the went to scout. Her sisters and he had the red, but that had become of Jennie! his man the sention the poor lad p t to himself and think to chool house as matter of course, had retained the road, but that had become of Jennie! his man the sention the poor lad p t to himself and think continue the first would vice in this hout, will finally the tear's.

Then, then he tried to do so, he had to stop, and was kept bus, availow ing the lamp that would vice in this hout, will finally the tear's.

"There. There. "said Lobby, softhingly;"Don't cry bojscout, for it will do you no good./
"d.e is 108 t---- lost---- Jernie"s id the boy soout as ben't as he

"The is lost --- lost --- lost --- Jevie" and the boy scout as ben'ng could between his sobe.." I'm afraid we'll never see her water.

"Oh it isn't as bad as that chelp she couldn't get lest I suppose the has observed her form following her, and hid from them will they are the search for the paymeant this to spothe the boy agont it had the couldn't get for the perfect of the lost widn strip for the property of satisfactory alone in the roots teaming to death with fice contains to endure the the both of the which of the which if counts here might get the forest in a blue, of the much conflictation of the "portheaster might see the forest in a blue, of the much conflictation of the "portheaster might see a "as some of the most dreadfal in could be impliced, and it to kall he authord of his brave nature, to keep " from breaking dorn again. Wille, the interview me and one of the war, the boy effect and pilltie sites, filt cathood of his brave nature, to keep m from breaking down again. Thise, the interview has ader buy, the boy effects and als little distor. It is not call and he leader look, he also so it all, not that the control of did not early but they find heard of violet and her of events did not be live any blint could happen to I switch and that instead of being lost the most have been up ing to dodge her secret enemies who they felt come had been chandwing her. Fit neverthele as the took cheep this appears will be to be to be to be to be the form.

feld come had been shadowing her. Fit neverthele is the thouse the fining preservery willing to help the hopeline, even mep packed chemselves for not having ried to find them she was make;

""I know the might so, "said the hop. "Therefore we must heat for her.

"Adele-de-fob hosewe felt like the palient to noe to the remean the compositive of the same traid of the head end to make out his has amente and to him edge to make a met heat in the project condition before sair them we have the standard at a life of the file of the said of a termination of the file of the said of the life of the said of the file of the said of the file of the said of the hecroseroide. .2.

"The frighted of sing or flighting will be on into the forest," to teach the forest, at if or the are by a pode the clare will a rect them to s. For the interference of the are by a pode the clare will a rect them to s. For the interference of the are by a pode the clare will a rect them to s. For the interference of the are in the clare of the are by a pode the clare will a rect them to s. For the interference of the are by a pode the clare of the are by a pode the two proves that escaped the forest read deep allutions. For the two or three sobs that escaped the bescout before he could made himself, sho ed that his heart was call which as beating. The right two was vory hot ever for in October night, allhows a liftle to be to call it in July day. The plane of many fires classed to hot battle peneranted the fores a, and where there was no similar of necould because of the distant three of flames see for a hadred ands or so without difficulty and with year difficultiness, that is to be a see if the most difficulty and with year difficultiness, that is to be a see if the world is a part of the see for a hadred and so so without difficulty and with year difficultiness. It is to be a see if the world of the worl

on about s. To Khou the woods of L."

Adal-de-feb did as told, and still on a rapid that resched where he had

left V lold, and her disters, parting and excited, with the atomythich the war reader has just learned. Violet starmed for the gate. With her hand in the latch, she passed and glarcing found her sisterscommanded her voice so as to say) "Meive You and misters, and Adelds-fob do not need to vait for me.I'm

and traditing case forward D₁[s] F₁[s] coving of in a vace of sears and the search would burst with grief, should rebe compelled, to stay here, when no one can one but God and his Blescod Mother where one darling sister is, but therever she may be safe or in danger, no some own cair, or saffering on gone to her, that he do not share, and cannot where, and may on the very latter, and his facred Heart let as her sisters accept it all upon their can should ers."

"Come on sisters, come or and bright bring the flash 1 shrs with 2.4."

When addied-Fob and Jornite's sister a reached the Groomroads a few minutes face, they saw nothing of the few children they expected to note the state.

"They have rone on to the coods to lock for Jamie"and winder.

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All were too anxious indeed to lone over a record, and they started after their two flored at a rapid wilk, Adeleder-fob t-targ takingthe load, and no and they locking into a too built he would have increased had he been lone. A cill of afterward on deople the heat seemed to settle over all at their reached the deep shadows of the forces, hich was increased had he been accise of the larie October Forces which was one of the largest case of the forces in the world. The road which bisected the deep shadows of the forces, hich was the outlet accise of forces to this store. In the world, the road which bisected them was of intervent number of miles in learnth as alread had be nested to the forcest was heavy and against a road which bisected them without part from one another, and greater in extent in the other direction. This call a large area there were necessarily have large portions of these world of the road to be the direction to the other direction. It is not allowed to be shot, and if the best of it is the other direction. It is a country is a dear allowed to be shot, and if the road to the direction are allowed to be stated.

there had been any they were not there now, because of the awful noise of the industral and the merance of fires all animals and birds had cleared them elves out of the modes, nd those who were able to judge were numely contain that if the plo my debths were explored,, there were no dreaded

a Fish. in water.

If there was one dreaded thought Suppose she should have faller into the strong at a point where I' mush's deep, and where there might have been a dangerous quanth. To one gold anything of it, but the thought was even all the same. There is a strong the most, Adele-de-fob called to the Stur like points, of lights that in the same distance ahead in the same of the same

They are the flight this of Sillie and Tobby "and the boy, who immediately added "Te forgot to stop and bookfor solding to help us."

"That is too had "and Malaty,, "The fillies to the boy was to be a water the time to back now, and one had not aloger does now, and one had not aloger does now.

And the la Thenhight which wobby was seen madenly flared out.

Violating de Brook and American in the property of the control of the state of the

"Jemile."

The ficking of Adelde-fe De Pobs big which in his pocket was his 1, here had as the little commany availed the annuering call of the wiving 31 left it came not, and six times true was two made of the missing Viving 31 left it came not, and six times true was two made of the missing Viving 31 left it came not, and the foother with both and finger against the end of his tongue and the matter that are from a steam thints. It were added among it these, and then followed only the name annuering would of the far distant build. It was useless to reach where they were my longer and into the speech and the steam that the continuous field of the many down on. The seven flowelights were and above their heads and they perced into the gloony depths on the right and loft.

Adelo-de-fob as might have been expected, when the date and they perced the down of hundright, as the other flaghlights were behind the boy scout, the inter car life is shador continuity dancing in front and froming, it manner of grot-eague shapes, while if the other had glanc as for the rear, and would have been timid, and would have observed to course the lights, as the lights affected their our figures they would have got sourced. " Jemile.""

got scared.

"Will" suddonly called out thisy Vivian" Maybe Jennie does hear us but doesn't answer for some good reason or other.

"Therefore she called to her us before, Advide-edufob ebding anding the appeal of the with an earsplitting whist is, which must have been heard more than two miles on such a still signt, despite the sound of intunt battle that now seemed to be also waning, 192 ever there was not the alignt-est answering sound, and with heavy hearts to all the company movel, on

"I believe said the boy Robby "That she may have turned uside, there possibly some faint path of some sort may have brought her attention for a good hiding spot, and it may be that we will discover it."

anotheredirection, int indeed it is no of those tearing thinsical foothing office which we meet it is in the country, the percent who started it having left the highway "thinst having any "eil reagon for doing doing not Arain the name of the minning fiving May Tenace and again the woods sent nothing back but the echose. s. "Histon May".

The tendent and the seared Adole-de-fob who move into an the him of the convergencial or began, and all listened. As the did so, the mithein the dering man of a whole flast of alloping formed has heard coming an theoreting man of a whole flast of alloping formed has heard coming an theoreting man of a whole flast of alloping formed has heard coming an interesting to the coal from the ward from the man has a made by a heavy body of Win/is Abyssin/illian cavary for Demons. We calcum because who proceeding at a sort of root, and not a full callup. A few minutes later the naverby sums from digit and one of the londers seeing the party of nine shouted;

"Illiance of the later the naverby sums from the digit and one of the londers seeing the party of nine shouted;
"Illiance of the later the wards of the suffer and one of the londers being the party of nine shouted;
"Illiance of the later the vivian Princesse, Adaledefot and two of the wards which the minter are positions."

The voice was recognized as that of John Evans Jack Frans's gousser brother. Instantly a ardent tope was trought the might be able to tell them nomething about Jon is Vivian. Adulted-te-fob called to the cavarly general felling the tipe sers and deamding the tipe congent had soon anything of Jointe Widnart it sensor the terms and some of the services and some of searchers. The report of the services in the light to the services and rote in the form and some of the services in the lost the search of the services in the lost the services and the services of the services

from the fict.
Res the started up this read ris even in to do a 11'le secontial anxio man to reform but numeros or other to mic ad her, a d we are all

The proclaim I believe you name be to aid he, who is nould drive up no of m crazy if any of the citld no onto happing from the home for cools at such a crifical time."

"I say one from the way you speaf" con is not Aisbir-te-Feb ". As we can happen nothing officer!"

mo I wish I had, for I well you who words and a bad place for a little cirl Princess let alone and child to our lost in Equatally is these these dreadful times. There is a part of the Boat con lastern Colventain. furges five coming this to, and a sign big one go-and--and one

But just him a sulf and mean from Violes, and her five sisters used him allows a possible on bristin general that he was an elving an injury by comfort to dimmeffilmself, and to is a filleted friends. If her particular is not a particular of the surface of the

The cavarly were deployed through sections of the woods while John Evans and some of his higher officers joined the little sa searchers. Then the searching party by thi time becan to realize the difficulties in the path of their success. Indeed if as they all believed and even hoped Jennio from being overtired as she h and her sisters had had no sleep all the slight before, and then all this bloody day had faller asleep some there in the woods they rere liable to pass within ever half a dozen fert of where she lay without discovery of the fact... gio dd they continue to call her, or should Adelde-de-fob continue to emit his resounding which a she which he averaged convinces to a second continue to the she which he averaged convinces to the she which he averaged convinces. chietle, she might be anakened provided only such a brief stace superated them but the chances were scarcely one in a hundred thousand that not only rould they be so fortunate but has to he would even so asleep in the perilous woods at all. Inde view, so en at the worst, seemed a favorable one in some respects, in others not so favorable, and behind it rose the phantoms tat outside all to an shader with a great dread which they did not dare to atter. They came upon another path only a short distance fatther

and this this road diverged from the side of the main road,,, but tening out to be another main road in itself.

There an unwallly careful and cautious search was made, and adelede-fob and the officer and many of the soldiers almost aplit their cheeks in their efforts to send their penetrating whistles throughout the surrounding, country. Every one even called out the name of Jennie as loudly as they could but nothing except the hollow schools and the far distant sound of the

but the came to them on the "stide." return, return, Adolede-fob examined the faces of violut, and her sisters,, by the by the bank of the flannlights they carried and he saw that they lacked the appearance of giving up nope though they were more distressed than ever. He then examined his watch and saw it was close to seven. They had been lo searching for the lost princess as this proved for nearly threese house since they started the started the started to a half "That we are not going to accomplish anything by the in this almiess fashion".

tered group demanded Adelde de for. "Thus far lad we have been forced to confine ourselves to the road

excepting when we diverge a few ands or so; and therefore this renders or efforts about the sime as if done by only a single persons. What I propose if that therefore we should separate minimize "you will that therefore we should separate minimize "I that thelp us, if none of the others are coming back..."""!!!! "It may, and it may not but we us the soldiers shall cover three or

He however refised to consider the proposition.

that those soldiers do not succeed in doing we could not on the same proposition either.

proposition either."

Nothing was added by any way of explanation, and yet even violet her self inderstood why he had protested;; he wished that all might stay together intill they reached the river. If nothing as learned of their darling sister there, then he would follow the plan of the general. 2.2.2. But something seemed to wheper to the boylocut leader that the place where they would gain tidings of little jeints (whether good or bad) was near that wide river. Which if she could drown in the vaters at the despect par e might at shallow spots have treacherous quignires which seemed

par s might at shallow spots have treacherous quignites which seemed to be always reaching out or some one to strangels strangle in its situationed depths.

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There upon the strange procession resumed its march tward the inner recesses of the forest in the direction of Lebanon passing at the short set intervals to call and signal to the missing one... . . It was a wast relief to all that the weather confined to be so mild even in wast relief to all that the weather continued to be so mid even in so sud into for the time of the rear, and according to John Evans in the carlier part of the day, there were some signs of an approaching "fire irrleans" but the signs had vanished, and the right was seen to be the most plasant in that month of October, Had the fires began to approach, or had the temperature gone up hotter and notter, Jennie's sister would have become distanced distracted, for nothing could lessen the pance caused by their feeling that their darling little sister might.

be in dreamful peril and suffering. Though the true motier lives for her children, and their joys and sorrows are her, a so it is the same case with a true sister to her brother or sister, whenever the wind rustled among among the heavy pine branches around them, they shuddered and in a the lively usemed to feel as if they were occury persons seeing a vison

156 vision of an evil spirit or a rout, bedset they would have liven a vegre roll could they have found her now and who seemed so dear to them as then, and they continued to mutter the inil Marys of the hosa v

Heart as hen, and they continued to marker the half Marys of the Bong y beart as if they could do nothing also.

"Medde-fob she Violet baippered in a tapping the prayers for a moment; and t witching also shows, "I wait 10 SA" OFF WOLD 10 VO Y 700. "
"Buy it out V is but they cannot evened the "bear was a uning to the fact that they were vitals close hearing of the others, and that she wanted it a secret "You," "You, but I want my poor sisters to overhear what I want to tell you.

The hamb Boy therefore followed her to the rear a little ways, and as she stopped by a tree he stood benide her and in a strange emotional

voige she said; Do you remember when Jennie was lost in the woods over a year ago!" "Do you remember when Jennie was lost in the woods over a year ago;"
"Of course I remember further back than that, why do you agit a big fire
"Men she was injured by the mishy and overcome by the heat of a big fire
and from that reason capain to terible fever and how long it was before
she was getting well and I thought she was going to die?"
"Yes I cannot forget it poor little girl, and her face was so not I
she must could light a much by it, but praised be God and His pleased Mother

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el most could light a match by it, but praised be God and His Bleened Mother she got overvit."

"You also remember Ade le-de-fob, how delivous she was, and how cross she vis in that state there she did not not that she was doing and how hard it reemed to be able to please her."

"But that was because she was wounded burned, and ill from her experience that was because she was wounded burned, and ill from her experience that was because she was wounded burned, and ill from her experience that she was vertise parts reliable from it the voice now "One wish' then she was retting parts reliable and she made the refer at plan of water, and Pennod was still end she made the refer that for a plan of water, and Pennod was still out of her head again, and refused the raiser from him believing him a gandellnian beyoccut in disputes the interior is a clear of the she was for a part of the clear of the she was doing and the water of the she was doing and the she was described a ge and shot lim had, not stopped her or time. I thought she has added in the she was come, but Jennie was testing wall, and if seemed it could gone firm a fertion to ref her opt of her deliring wall, and if seemed it could gone firm a fertion to ref her opt of her deliring wall, and if seemed it could gone firm a fertion to ref her opt of her deliring and how were the she was a terrible me. I are tred and dropped her on the floor, and offly giening my eas, without stiving I observed her so hastill the state of a man of the had led...

doze, I've by I heard Jen is burs foot patteries on the floor, and offly giening my eas, without stiving I observed her so hastill the state of and she had led...

doze, and of hard I and my sisters oried, but most of an tears were caused by the rememberance of her the floor hard Adeloc-fob, who had

cased by the rememberance of how the Chandelir fans have been or elso a tar before the war be began."

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""gen mind viplet" and Adele-de-fob. "O a locaried will bring food results. Our Florest Motion troubled tailed."

At that moment one of the soldiers relied out.

At that moment one of the moldiers called out.

"Here's the bridge".

The long structure is med, through the glo mas if randimly lighted by the long structure is med, through the glo mas if randimly lighted by the flacklights and all that vapidly founded will be a dood pontage vough vood planding (stanking) Stdenly violet, and her offere to refer to the form the cries, as one of them stopped dury and enatched up something from the proposed of the orthogone to the bridge that the stantiled friends clared with planced with fright that them, and say that John the latter feer little states in her hand.

Indeed on the varm size of the bridge over Venture given late.

The first of the elected with fright traid them, and say that Joice held the lattiff for little elected in her hand.

Indeed on the very edge of the bridge ever Ventors piver Jew lots glder elde matched up lev let the she had one in relief of the state of the results in the read it had been the first dead of the let the relief of the results and presented extrans, when she pleted up that relead a memory of their "dead" cloter. Wile the flowblights were held in a circle around the hard which is clotered. When the cloter was not a dry eye when all cized upon the hat, while adelde-efob softly and gently extransed the hat. To envery need to get a single vood, the hat ever all the same. One of the object of the willing at the related that it was the notation of each at a series of the willing the lattice of the right and the left, and far enough down and to reach the extrema, which could be seen dark and pilet, flowing more than an alle boyon. In the opine store is the soft the first line of the word and it is desired as a line of the first line of the results of the first line of the store an heave an it they called a being the character of the valid of the walling of the transition and a ting fish, which was leve been at the other with a state of the valid as the left in the best he with the carter are heaved as it they are a simple the previous first walling of the them that had a few inches above the arriver and deprevent the initial of the pipe. The treeses great close to the very rewing over the initial of the test and the set of the very level in the test of the set of the value of the set of the very level in the test of the set of the set of the value of the set of the value of the val

struct process green close to the vaters educe, and as the tage line time a remaining very lade, they appeared on if they were furpling vator were deep into that flowed between the control of the contr

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I believe she's come clown are.

The hat, what of it Taxanided Adele-de-fob.

"On his dropped that from some case of excitency if not review that of itself in a favorable size afor for hid she tummped in a re-

but that of itself in a favorable sign also, for had she jummed in one taker she would have fafer if mile her."

This indeed a naded true, but if did not remove the fours of any one.
This stream is teaching the achieves for its many damperous bogs must by of and and and fathorless in depth and even he the attored the words could not bring limself fully to believe in their truth for none under stood better than he that the Evil One bins If come to complie with The and pietols that appears to be unloaded, and with water that appears to be deep and barlmess for the loant good emisser and may have a darrenous has bereath. To find fifth in the declaration as no protest was any residence and control of the first in the decorate to an acceptance of the control of the rates and drove it down into the rates as the bridge war only three feet above the vater. I egole were at far as he could reach in abouting over but the pole did not touch be come. The stream was indeed deep. Therefore as nothing has to te esen or harned where they stood, they slowly and painfully crossed me bridge, and descended the wooden of the sign and descended the edge of the signam which wound its way through the dense forest ward the big

of the styram thich would his way through the denne lorest varuatine captors had.

Every hear a van throubling failed all and no one said a lod word, there had no each of speaking for no comfort could be pained therefrom. Adeldete for and folly moved carefully up the vivey, while the soldiers, and V is let, and her soldiers a rept on mard the lake which by to the right. The two boys vished to be some fair and the lake which by to the right countil vithout danger of being overheard by those those hearts were

affer he so much angules.
"It's vely strange "said Febry" lat the hat she ld be found on the bidge close to the railing, with 12 fall of earth, what do jo; make of

The boy scout shool his head.

"I' is nivance indeed, had there here to the in the river po could have set I' down as certain that the rould have attempted to cross it and cet cought in a tracherous bog which she could not have done withing to high down to deathly raffect ion, derefore I am inclined to believe——"

The boy beedfaled, as if a field to prome one the dreadful words; "I be lieve she is captured. " said Adeldo-do-fob, sup, I; buy the ansper 12b i in our question.re "Beized by Claudelinians and carried a any contine the bridge.":

Eaby ridded his head by var of ceply, and holding the flachlights is front they been repoling their var done the marrin of the river. Senetimes by uneling the Hights a 111 the above their hands, they were while to came the read to rach the opposite given, 4 so in history of the valet between this four count and it element that the could not make the bottom come distance from shore, both felt that the ray have been The holton come distance from shore, both felt that she may have been a primed and approved by Chandelh line, or also it could be provide she may have been mistored by Chandelh line, it should be provided the felt of the holt of the could be provided the could be the felt of the could be the couldn't be so the felt of the couldn't be so the felt of the couldn't be so in the couldn't be so in the couldn't be so in the couldn't be so the couldn't be so the couldn't be so evidence of her bring caself in any bog for the trate of deep ever where you could see before for any rood or insert to drop or to deep ever a man standing my to reach bottom.

"Hallon's ddon'ny well-freed the boy pobby for situationally flacing the couldn't be to the ground to the ground to the provided for the couldn't be so the couldn't for the couldness of the couldn't for the couldn't be so the couldn't for the couldn't be so the couldn't for the couldn't be so the couldn't be couldn't be so the couldn't be so that the couldn't be so the couldn't be so that the couldn't be so the couldn't be so that the couldn't be so the couldn't be so that the couldn't be so the couldn't be so that the couldn't be so the couldn't be so that the couldn't be

of neveral headred gards or so, were a runker of factprints of various sizes and one of smaller which he ever seemed to have considerable lead as if they were nucle by some little child on the fact run, and which the first plance showed were made by some little girl, and by since ers elig noldiers or men ... 2.2.2.

"It more has a bear it is the of the read 1'd but him was permed" very and the boy refuse, the hid provided providing of moldiers and her they permed an expected or which is the code.

Add deed of his shope his head.

The very is no error here can be no min ake about it, but the they here in a mystery. They are after here or very but I'll gar anter they here in a first here."

"You re not mistaken Lobby."

The boy answered impatier by. I now the imprints of the footners to be mistaken. I tell you why. I now the imprints of the footners and my having one of your soldiers make one here. I can tell their forms their trails among the int him footners when their trails among the int him tells the for him and the make one here. I can tell their forms their trails among the int him. thair trails about the istian testplots for prints about a hadred others, and the forth into of these biner ones, are Glandelinians, and the man the forth into doubt Jen ie's."

A lthough Jennie Vivian was now only nine jears old she was again having a yet it to peritteetetetiet experience. She was not lost in this big woods, she was too chrewd to be lost, and the good training from new father and new many military experienced showed them in such nad she been able she would have even if two or three miles in the woods usen able without even a complete to find her way back to the very cross road the had left her ejuters at. She had been frequently taught by her own Confessor Father Antonio that under Heaven she must rely upon you and own Conference Father Antonio that inder Heaven she must rely upon you and his bleesed stother more than herself on herealf or others to get forward in all she tried to do, her sisters when younger were hardly ever been allowed by he parents to extend her a helping hand or extend a helping hand to each ofter in their various cleans 8 military or otherenies, and each of them had been given to understand that whatever was possible for her to domant be done without the aid of any owner man, each in heas they were in such a tight fix that only a whatele may to needed to save them as for sitting about a drying when he touble without any one of them an in, an any effort to help themselves they knew botter that to to that then either their father and mother were surely to find it, out. Doing so ord injusted as all Abbleanhabe are throughout even; hate, it would be out of the component the shift of a but, rat or quase according to age of course. Note there ever found it to be so allow rany were in the Actie in land on led them. "The Yellow, Jelly Lucked workener." Jennie's Intention shen and left

"The Yellow, Jelly Lacked a orienner." Jende's intention shen one left are disters that have afternoon a secun shead has to a our thicker is further thin the purpose to climba his tree and see hot the battle was still through out he turned off the crosswoods, and did not besses her after till the reiched the woods her apid ageed nowever this sam not forest fire seather that he woods her apid absolutely that, and the little of the occords master that she has been not analysed dispersionally care, and the little analysed dispersionally continued that she was true and the horizon that she was the was the same and analysis all she has been analysed all she had a she preferable that she aid not notice them, but apparently began analysis and was allowed the she had to not not for the requirement of the the demonst atlor as if she as not conscious of their presence, singing successes of tatholic mixes and apparently feeting, just as happy as a little girl can one is in conding neath, high spring, and althous an a cosing conscious enten she never aid have. It as not the time of the a calle, conscions which the never did have. In an expected to a stress year for flowers, and jet in each to not that he expected to a stress at the place in the had drooped and also long ago, the leaves even of the place were thanking on the trees and they have a pocation beauty to the authorism if ment and near occupied in the houters of the period of the period of the trees of a naive enjoyed the needs. At intervals one causis slight of the debug of an intervals, and if they read and appearing an if they were approached of these and appearing an if they were approached of these and appearing. As one least restling of the bind one charget, her were chose made the ner coming, much closer, and instinctively her mand flee to at her piecol, and even when a little boown brown address accument acquipered up the shappy tunks and our apon the limbs, where perching on his find legs and peering mischieviously on at the givlus if inviting not to play all e and needs with him one thought it can a midden foe and invited to the drew har placel and which now and then a labelt far and awkward from his Althony on the richnosh around him jumped softly a few st ps and threed sith around vish side bit, presty eyes, and the dwardress ner pistol and could have opened fice had she not seen the mittle two off. The 2004 and could now opened it e had she not seen the while the office and all office and at this section over fragrant its ripering grapes and all office, ing arise vegetation, and were partin, on a part inteed snose flaming applendor surpassed the ines of apring it all, indeed everythin, co.spired on in a girl or boy z way from study or work and to cause the slidh on the part of both that they might be a bird or a squared squired with no thought of the responsibilities of line. Jen is observing that she can shadowed by force of match were unknown no ner, or whether she had be mistaken for a Landelinian boyscout by An eli. Lans snadoving her for , or mistaken for a sande kindan bejecout by An eli lans smaceting her for, or the time everythin, els e except the peril that confrontes ner, but by and by the scode toolp on such tempting appearances that hopen, to be allowed the sand of from the algorithm and team so can tourly following, thates intection of from the algorithm and thanks between more of and her see of fees, strong intention for every allowing the angular of the sand of the sand form of the tourly form of the road. The first view orders to produce the train of the sand of the

ministrian an siee. Some of them were in the action as if they were try ing to the in the woods. The main or formost of the van of these advancing two ps were an indick, so that it is not the van of an advancing two ps were an indick, so that it is not the van of an advancing torse that year to either than the open and the time of men coming beyond in the open where the types were not nameous were of men coming beyond in the open where the trees here not numerous were as it it serve a great African Constrictor seeking to a raughs the whole formest. Other columns trained off from the sides or flanks within her only as the latter column reached out and semonthered by such a numerous bod, that the column reached out and semoned to turn the woods into grotesque movements. (advance of Adelice-de-Larbes well planned flanking movement. For a moment Jennie felt as if sheemed for facing A rational movement of hunters, who found the capture of the fox more

A retional movement of numbers, who found the capture of the fox more sempting the more may persuad.

"I'm going to get out of their sid sight or they'll have me some, "she side to neverally and straighted, proceeded to get out of their view. The only adjust on mentily chimb, tall tree, and she climed as readily as any nonley could have done, and never did she stop until she was so high that the suphing bent far over with her soling. Then she reached out her and and held a thich of leaves for all to her have reached out her soft hidden a bit but exposed furly to the view of the gavanthe, norder that he the true wine and it was no fail of lawyer that he appeared. and adden a bit but exposed fully to the view of the advancing mords, our her has a grape vine and it was so fail of Legest that she grapped it and pulled the whole thing over hereaft, but e she was in miding the started qualing some started qualing some started qualing some started quality for all the print here among the control of the print of another column coming through of the globules, when she caunt sight of another column coming through the words. It was much larger out moving another ways, a union of glanuclinian solutions seeing the grape vine were also clambering upgard as if they even moneys never paising attill their weight bended the tree top she was in an bandy that she was stighted afraid they not only might see her but that the tree would yell to their weight and cause them all to go

to the ground.
At this new peril Jennie concluded she was not very none / for grapes
just now, and atthout eating or mathering more, one devoted herself to
a brace no that the Blandelinians if they came higher would not cause ner to fall Standing with one foot on a limb and the other on one near it, she gaped a bunch above her and held firm The plandellinians where very size of three did not of them who was a Secondard the major where the days the chole vine down then we'll get the whole vine down then we'll mave yapes for a whole replicant."

The solutions below had grapsed the trees and began swa, ing it to The solutions below and graphed the trees and began swaling it to and frowith the vim and abtaion as if she war a child in a putent sing. The tree bent far over as she was forced to sating outward, and then straightened at as the tree and let so and her elant pheed over to that side, any one looking at the picture would have used that a general crash or each in a giving way were sure certain in which case the girl and one are a use to go spinning through the limbs and tranches as if ariven forth oy the aprings within the big gun which always flings the young hay

outland mu just as he the more and touches off the ponder. In a tagreen supling is very eartic, and footpoligh the one climbed by Jennie bent backwards and forwards from the pulle of the sockiers as if it was a con, it aid not give way and netwer did the vine besides too Jennie and astrong little girl for nor size and sure he a on tight for how size and sure he a on tight for how size and sure he as a thrilling feeling of the how the characteristics. Jennie was a strong little in Tor ner size and sore nells on tilentier ion, column hair streames from ner head, and there was a thrilling feeling on the wind knietled by ner ears, and spe seemed to be shouting as if she was a bird through space. It tills as well shouten, and it was no more activated that Jon de in her excitates to the peril should have for sorten several important viates, she was so far fan the neighbay, that she could not see whether the change that one from the neighbay, that she could not see whether the change in the sole in the shall in her ears shall out the solid nave been noticed, and and had gone so far and not a the to need the to linger so long by the tay that it should have seen at the true of the form of the solid nave been noticed, and and had gone so far and and the true of the form of the solid nave been not never the true of the research of the far shall have seen in the solid nave been as they even at the cross-constant line for nor one of the shall be shown in the solid nave been as they even at the true of a shall not sold nave been as they even the shall not not seen the solid nave been as they even the shall not shall be shall not shall no

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She had sat thus only a brief while, when her head began to droop her bright eyes give unli, them closed, a d leaning against a limb, anion put out from the fallen thee, she went had not now when dreamhes sleep of childhood and health, had she not been disturbed one would not have come out of her alsey will the not term disturbed one would not have only ten minutes, an involutary move, and of the nead, caused it to slip off the limb against thich is van where may the nead, caused it to slip off the limb against thich is van where may also not a shocking instantly her as an vice made a shock his was health and a shock his health year. The shock is the about her had been seen as a deep of the shock is a star a star as the shock is the decrease. It had come all about A sheet had a direct a very head as the shell from the steady thee she direct and information of chandle in the shock over the briane's and her and a company that is a star and in or a sheet in the shock over the briane's and her She had sat thus only a brief while, when her head began to droup

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of Almas and Aghe I round not lear hem so but, he had yet a long the advanted armond in zero. There was not one for each, in the alma of the good crave in the interest of the I armond almas as well as any other could one and any experiences from the solid a thirst harmonic hopomicals derive indeed was none distincted the pays, the point where he long this bridge squares are like ive,, it is never a less she was able in spice of

the despending placement and it close to the children, the mean of the man of Thin to the death if cornered. To nor the bridge seemed higher (an real, but that however was because of the circustances, which seemed ever different from any from thin she had teen placed, luncing around cautiously to see if any one were still shadowing her the brave little of the or tuge and had almost reached it, and has about to set her foot on the tep of the bunk,, when burve as she was she was frightened a last out of her wits by hearing a number anastering rour on the flooring of the bridge almost the came rat lin; your that is heard from angered flen, hillow mean Coretares, but it was approaching some point just alread of her fire sound was accompanied also by momenthing load y member metal 16.14 var a sound inaced that sound have startled the brayes and Jernie was regression for the moment, and it been a blong, hij some, anean and Jennic was transfixed for the momentaliad in been a klem palomenance of rearrange that tould more than anything plus mean her safty but the adversord full well obtained in landau valu vavarly of the mangerous largoylian Cardee. She at first did not turn and run, non-did she full to the fround in a stoon as might have supposed, but she stood just there she had stopped, whill be could find out which the cavarly vally vere. She knew full well then there is correction cavarly there is not added except just the norses hotse.

The vas not long in all ing either, for in less than a minute the cause vas far to close to another and she cavarly the form of a

notes was far to close to sait ner, and she caught the form of a hage syarm of the Glandelinian "Wheeler cavarly, and the fm formost of the Glandelinians were galloping flevely as if trandher Fortunately, she was not seen in the deep, loom but the saw them. They however were about the hundred feet off her. When it is remembered that these Glandelinians tould not to children which I would not agree even write it in this story and that the cavarly were proceeding at algor that the child it seemed imposed ble to have none anything to save hersolf to shoot at them could be cucide, and the sight was onough to deprive her of the power of motion and speach, sepecially for a the terrible gray gnostly form of miforms and headwar they had on. Fut it has he such a crisis as that the lead to be chosen that the course of Filest her confessor "Ood helps them nah prays for his help, and helps themselves." With scarcely a seconds plus she whiched on her heel and dashed down the stream ith the atmost speed at her command. The enemy uld for see any runing figure but they heard the sound, and the foremost of the column naiteu. The rest continued on.

The rest continued on.

"Who poses there friend or foe"shouted the commander.

There was no anaver, and a frightful crash of hundreds of rifles made the code in a three, and the Chandelinians fired in the right direction, the story about Jensie would have enaed right here, but they fired in another direction and the billets only rought down leaves of a free. Again the volley was repeated, and again, and still again, in fact a score of times in increasing numbers of rifles but with no affect. affect.

"Good the toods and see if we hit the fleeing fool"commanded the office".

The Clarke linians thoughthey had heard the fleeing childs footsteps had failed to see i her in the dark, and the men thought it a miracle to go locking for a dead or escaped faginize in each a dark for ear forest and they felt sure they nit no one either as if any one lettle nit the person at least would emit a gry. Of goard the following linking had not in the first place been letting gry. Of goard the colland boom a portion of those moving to storm the briefing rear. Furthermore had she really been seen she would have effillen a victim to the terrible clandelinians in an instant. But those who dismounted and seconed the roods went the wrong direction, and they didn't have even any lights to guide their way and were afraid to light pink to check the could be seen as for each of the collar property of the collar collars. It is not then the collars of the collars and cases all to perion. It required no track here that the collars there is not been affected to like the collars and t and they felt sure they hit no one either as if any one isther hit which she could enouge at all even teen, and that a to climbin in such them if hey did search them with the trivial it would be in win in such closm, hid there been a large one at hand she would have assume ascended that as soon as possible, but fortunately the first wome to which she flad was a leafless birch not even held as high as those she had climbed in flad was a leafless birch as even held so high as those she had climbed in flad was a leafless birch as the point a father before now and not not cold have necessal for the highest point a father before now the father in the princess leads of a single princess. Indeed as not show the weak of a major instead of a little princess. Jewise could not have seen doo must make to lish aslaction of a low in the sound and has a chosen of the way which a single leaf, and she was much lower hose than fifteen found places without a single leaf, and she was much lower has the middle found gloom saved her from being seen even here though the Glundelinians of no the been well as the their could be seen that once a carching in eveny time to have the deven loss how to opistols, here waste was almost form off of her as a few blue as for her, she in her mate had even loss how the opistols, here waste was almost form off of her as seen the bare and her dress was body to re. For saver, limit we which seemed is many yours to her she believed the clarded in any pours to her she believed the clarded in setting the triveless and then need her. If they did not be not here they did not be not the country of the waste which and then need her. If they did not be not here they are the set of the se with the first fraction and then one her. If they did she's no through the

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in which the good brave little girl was placed it would be thought by many of our renders would be enough to drive away for even a little or tried as the was all disposition to sleep but with Her at the end of less than half an hour after she had climbed on there the little head was nodding again, and forgetful of her extreme dangor, her consecs con left her. However it an bornid and underriood by the registro that Jornie's dangor was readered that more reater by her so suddenly without her being able to helv it of falling to a reater by her so suddenly without her whole body would falls in the more reater by her so suddenly without her whole body would falls and even if any of the collisions of manually ecquire the was certain to fall, and even if any of the collisions was successful to the fall and even if any of the collisions were but the Cood Elected Mother and O.r. pleased Lord in whom she and all abbieganian children so implicitly true od. watched ever the brave little Princess as He and She amage does, and she remained seated there as though the was part of the tree hyrdelfa.

There is a lowever was consultationed and startled but regaining her breath he left and carefully peered down among the lines. He however was consultationed and startled but regaining her models with the left and carefully peered down among the lines.

These Clandelinians are gone was her joyleus exclamation. It knew Our Blessed Mother vould as Our Blessed Lord to ma e those Glandelinians go away because I begged him to. girl thred as she was all disposition to sleep, but with her at the end go away because because I begged him to."

She was right. every one of the plandelinians had vanished and all danger from that source for the time had passed. The clandelinians had evidently given up the search, and see as many of these dandelinians had evidently given up the search, and see as many of these dandelinians had never been in these woods before it was responded to believe that they may have been a portion of dedde-de-garbee force going that way with his purpose to carry out the ageins of clacking against general has one rear with the hops that it suggests of clacking against general has one rear with the inops that it would appendly end in the defoat or destructing of the christian gray, depine did not see Supprised at all force it is well nown she has the faith to believe that all good prayers if worthy ones nown she has the faith to believe that all good prayers if worthy ones are always answered to cafe to go down to the ground no.2 now and start for shellow it is cafe to go down to the ground no.2 now and start for shellow it is cafe to go down to the ground no.2 now and start for shellow it is a start of the ground in the woods. In a first it is a start of the ground in the ground it is a start of the ground it is a start of the ground in the ground it is a start of the ground it is a start of the up uniform without on the ground in the ground it is a land to the ground it is a ground it is a ground it is a ground in the ground it is a ground it is a ground in the g "I suppose I was so segred or excited that I forgot to look out" she said bittorly to herself, after examining the ammount of damage done to her clething. But I guess adelide-de-20 b will mays to lend me his cont as I cannot return into the christian lines this way, I would live to settle with some of the Ulandelinians to for causing me to be in this fix. The next of the Ulandelinians to for causing me to be in this the new set out resolutely for the bridges determined not to loss any more that in finding her may to the sisters. As it the case after all the very short time she had passed in sleep account many time as long as was actually the case, ,, and she began to feel, and even dread that it was near actually the case,, and one began to rest, and even dead that I was no morning. If it was then it'll soon become daylight and the Glandel historial the there are any more in the woods, would be able to see her now easily. The had gene but a short distance, when she stopped again being again almost startled out of her wite. "My practice, but can that be are the Glandelinians now scotting the wards with flashlights or lantrone."

A number of lights or lantrone."

A number of lights appeared between her and the bridge, flic in flickring about lie a number of ignise-feture or lack-element or apparently as if they were the will-enthe-wisp,... Jonnie felt as if she should night to a higher tree this time, but these were no close she would net have the time to even reach on and therefore the bravely stocood her ground mytill she could satisfy her curiousity as to the nature of these lights. If they were Glandelinians t then she would get benind a big steme and if they were Chandelinians t thou she would got behind a big steme and fight to the last... pin watched these lights very closely, and not ebserved shadery figures flitting around the lights in a curious and gretseque ways in ewas in greater doubt then ever when she heard veloce. It is given a stream whose the western the last his way, from that tree we just in spected, and in positive sure. Jennie sure crows too much te try and cross a stream whose the woods are surrounded by Clandelinians. She is here near by at these as, but my heart misgives me serely She's appured I'm afraid because we surrelyes had to him so longue these hardes of free lepasses of the spitch too insign to him on the she bardes of free lepasses the tage the too insign to him of the first sphe is isself or my ether at least receiver."

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"Why she cante through or into these weeds is more thank? I can make such the spitch of the strength of the strength of the last of the strength of the stre

and in teed pour livite Je nie on, like the even along the shore of the viver. I taket, and her other sisters personne first to recognize the voice, and Joice bushing for each she enveloped her sister in her gree

"My dear sinter, sy dear sictor , God and His Dear Blossed Mother be praised."

prised."
"My dear Jennie worled her other sictors. Our it be you, "?
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Ownersh lany lancy before this time at nometime after six in the afternoon saw the Glandellnians flying from Ste Mare before two long atm formations of adverting christian troops who were greatly victoriated there is applied who was sobted upon a heree with his arm in a sling was weeping bitterly at the sight of the disactor. The terrible dram came here to Churcy and his consistent tarry tith equal results Clancy saw inst Lafty's cyst were his aing...

"We will have be not general theorems army away from his losition before he's caught between two fires, "he maid with battle sure is lest new."

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it is."
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What to right Bimoep. It is woolens..."
"Then what are we kning to do about It. Buy in the first place did they come to bur arm fore, no burn are they there darn shinesman Frinceeses, datations of paperer vivince if they are I'll."

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Rimers blue spec glared se he brole short in his speech.

Re was sold acquainted with the Vivien skile indeed; He was also well acquainted with general hander vivien, and understood the great stringth birength of that thristian general, that lanses could much his great army against any Blandelinian army with no exception whatever, and Hansens explicit upon over general Federal ence had a great restraining effect when his the come and rainly to have a wish of the citiation nonwant descriptions.

"Well you see how it is not general. What do you think of it now sir."

retarted the glandelines general. Whather you like to plan semething now on?"

'I believe the citation is just what I suspected it mas going to be"

and glancy." I hear general Hamone main any is spening a terrific counter.

drigg upon our right and had full possession of gt Buniface Oresreads."

At the other efficers began to dog thout those Centiment while running All the there efficers began to edge about them centiment and the running strengly about the situation yet was not alterative discouragingly. The efficiency of the order to cooled general dealed against sould be at himself eachest general linears in his great well blanned that the 'christians would be wissted a storage life the bettle, and that the 'christians would be winsted a storage life to the bettle, and that the 'christian would be winsted a storage life and and Haksen lose his repulation of great general general camey saw among them the face of Sheemannia's younger brother Hopnicalear him was lobbanc with a grin on his minister logiumes one fixed seeming by upon the receiling demonstrian tropy while the other was root between the christian like of advence and the discator impending. Control Hansen Pierrie was not present knyting been manung the washed.

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"We lien't. I wish I was wrong though end Clancy. "If I were right I we wild run denn there to view the mitation of I this gement and have the tide turn right off the real. But I nee the whele thing in a nurshell new and if Hanson runs a ferce through the region south of St Beniface's

Crestived we are furrer as present understeed his exact maning, but an eminous great shoot that the declaration was appreciated at more or less, its correct whee, it was seen short sections of the Cartetian like began to save formed and wells were coming from them with the less its correct while all two seeks there coming from them with the size of a territo with this will and will were coming from them with the size of a territo with this winded with a very coming from them with the size of a territo with this winded with a contract of the size of a territo with the winder with the size of the si

angale could werethis arm, in battle.

"But I guess we sin't going to defeat as that general Clancy" centin used general guess. "I make a first we have to de schething new you are goingts stand your ground at Lebanen shi?"

One can't Clancy Leughed out leis.

Since platted his here right in front of Ulancy.

Since platted his here right in front of Ulancy.

"I make it see by the same we are defeated?" he departed thuculently.

"I make it see by restating here as a small tree resists a gate of wind, but see it cannot restain the full streeth of the assault of wind, but see it cannot restain the full streeth of the assault of these purples ceated egg any lenger they desired here they are received.

Same of the efficient checkying this scene owere. The christian trees had but their way through the high heavy line of recieting the Canadah in the first with investible force, and came during forward twent the very Bend Jenesal Shooth twinted unity is give sudown for him on troops to be in west, and the others except buffy did the same, at once in the displace the whole scene was disclosed. The same the selection of the came and the others of the came and the same the species of the same and the same that the same that the same and the same that held the mislo acame was distinct the first and the name at once in the dip take in the others except brity and the name at once in the dip take in the others except brity and the name at once in grat numbers in the grain the party but real the way and that, at the first is entire in the party but real the way and that, at the effect in the party but real the way and that, at the effect is entire to be now a but real thing from this, it is below a but real thing from the thing is the trained and the common of the trained the trained and the trained and the trained the trained and trained and trained and trained and trained and the trained and trained and trained and trained and the trained and the trained and trained and trained and the The time that breight connot to be a least a state of the control The Games in ince being record to a delicate the but hit no excess errelisions at the rear of serre should all the but hit no excess errelisions at the rear of serre should all the less expessed than here to not the rear of serre should be and the series of the series at the send of my living but it lid on an according. It is a series than the send of my living but it lid on an according.

Valet the was close to him nadded, and they all set out on their way, an endeally Jenic alightly gebbed and held bool for a mement enying it his imaginal him.

A quit investigation showed the wound was not series and they serve series. The dresces of all wars angula and draggled with seal for written finder arry, their hats gone except demile's and they lee'ed that it had not engaged with the should be feat a great wreth realized and according to the standard in the warse being the blove. Addit do to feat a start was in the should intense worm that below, they were elicated to feat a start when he was they had been engaged with the christian soldiers under show he was allowed the warded considerable long and wars therefore sauthous.

John Brann and warmeded hawayer, and was lying astrice a hereo, and a glance to the tran, and now new that the Chandelinians was not fellowing the many mere and had allowed the end and one himbarded wounded. As allowed early and the search of the start of the search and they are searched from the start the Chandelinians were a trade to precess.

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"I guest we'd better have some of the soldiers on the watch outsides 167 "I guent we'd better have now of the moldiors on the watch outsides" ""Yee we have had our largest the moldiors on the watch outsides" "The we have had our largest the moldiors. I've now and you have all I do that star again without a guide. I've now and your through enough this we will also all y again that he was a to so want watched I didn't injure my watch him it is only again thirty aclad. It was gets dark early early at a said him it is only again that there also so want watched so with enough to continue there is not now that there also so want watched so with enough to continue the can be continued to continue the can be a dark early by it is early to call the first abbidous did discrete the any of these shift evening when they gathered tegether and redurined trajectured that he was that evening when they gathered tegether and redurined trajectured that the said that the said the said that he was that the said the said that in all they prayed that portion of the him departs of the best of the said of the in each arm while they prayed the best of him departs three her arms are well as they prayed the budger in Thus griving and then when in grateful here to him form the result of the said that he was a to him for list element to him departs the war and the said th trame without looking out or yourself. We sure were moured."

If you it seld John is the weld Dirty or the mount of the woeds like a movement of the seld of the the thirty who in the word in the woeds like a movement of an army upon inheads rearr! We carry for them not innershapen has no self a army upon inheads rearr! We carry for them not innershapen has no self a army upon inheads rearr! We carry for them not innershapen has no self a army upon inheads of the word of the battle in that lecation, addidgarbe is expanding to disance."

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"The are can be no question about that doclared Notice. "But it would require a great deal of training of or me and dy sinters to bring up the beyong if recoint of our many various organizations to that point, even when they are either under or double the years of the aldest of cure. They here went through the well bloody adventures we had and if we can help it they never that it with the well bloody adventures we had not it was not a right with us and believe me though they were an good to us as any one should be had to toe the mar with the work at the street with they were an good to us as any one should be had to toe the mar with the research with the when we had not to the war were the after they were an good to us as any one should be the but to toe the mar with the releast they started with us when we were while and believe me though they were me good to use as my case should be
we had to toe the mar's with the rules. They otanted with us when we were
so annul that we did not know much, which is why we how so much now.

Ureat as was the interest excited by the adventure of Jewnie I was
however hown in the shade by another fact which was brought to light by tha
that same experience; that was the existance of the advancing armies of
Clandsinians index ide ideologate moving through the forest to move
upon the rear of pairwise army which rear was supposed to lay to the east
and west of the road leading to Lebanon. This forest make be and
and west of the road leading to Lebanon. This forest make been already
desdribed dowlred a very hargestract of country, in which a few years
before the war, animals of all sorts had been reasing but the noises of
the war had deared them al and mostly all more timed birds out of the
feets harge introdes had been made on portions of the woodernd by some
sections of the Southeastern Calverinia forest fixes. There were clearings
satisfied ing over exertal miles or see, while again any man may may ander
for a mouth without ar ermining from the heavy timber, which included
mostly notifies but pine hut there were compositely to be set with such
trees as found even the United States too many to name here and estiers
of far less importance.

The pine recembed his pine of the Pooly Mountainregions and predmainted...

Where there was much a large arm covered with finher shout every variety of such surface was income. In many places streams can the limit forest such as Canbrallist. In the Tarana, the limit learny, the Wiligor, and the grawbings pur too, the side river being the Sania ware connecting with the Osbojan Turner, giving the woods the Sania ware Osbotas. Also is many places there were high weeds, big stones dangerous makines, cavene, believe gless, and gulving the other there were marshy sample through which any army would find it hard told and immende. If itselfly to force lie way appointly side angagenes book were to be encountered. Vantura giver ofte ed from the northwest and whest river of all, while elsewhere it widened into broad and almalos expansions where gulvieshed might be found it vound the way through the min nest immende forest, in the sinuous course aways taken by afrequent and rivers and ordering the road where it was opanied by a long bridge it continued onward for many miles, when it reached the Marie forming a branch for this estil, will the road where it was opanied by a long bridge it continued solde shelter from the eyes of scouting christian officers the movement of to the road and, higher from the eyes of scouting christian officers the movement of 1,0 Annelling typora and hyperfore, it was the best reason to belief Wiere there was such a large area covered with finher-about every From that it can be easily it could be each that the immense forest soils shelter from the syse of scouting obtained figure the movement of alandalising troops and therefore it was the best reason to belief belief that it the alandalising were going through these woods tay obtained that it the alandalising were going through these woods tay obtained but the action of the action was that general adaldes now were in the moods the attention that the control of that if the onesy was that the forests and were left alone they would add to that degree that the product ally force from all nections of the forest near the hand of the fact century and carry death and terrible deet intivition of Indians of the last century and carry death and terrible deet intivity to fore the control of the forest health of the forest health of the last century and carry death and terrible deet intivity to fore the last century and carry death and terrible deet intivity to fore carry death and the result of the forest lebanon tibe deet intivity to fore carry death and the forest concerning, that all dedeceded to be due to the forest lebanons. The concerning the death of the product of the forest lebanons that the control of the c

deline-de-fob while he sat there with Johnse on his times said to them all!

In hear man a dispecter one day when I was progued by the enemy.

I had found in an old building an old Mushet held I emposed before
The Country of America became free from Implant. I thought of using it
on the enemy and when I themselve down that desty throat, not
proving that one had been venting there for souther, and pulled the trigger
It hung fire for a long time. The forecome glandelinian van up to me
thing fire for a long time. The forecome glandelinian van up to me
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marging the phone of the up who dictayred it? However it was the first
line in my life I ever handled such in the
I had been so so anables to san a ket of that cout tiest I result
mynelf one, and the gun I bught viso a brouch louded north with four double
barvets. It was a sort of truly chot, to of counts but best for matter
hunters I had practiced with this piece however only a few days after my
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years before my mother died and under the tubelage of my tholes he was

years before my mother died, and under the tribelage of my thele who was disabled in the battle of Jennie whom and who is now lib living pon a pension of 10,000 a year, and over y one east I have been very good and swillful for my age. If I had one of the goldlers wifles I ould prove it.

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and plated. Adelde fob was deposited of singlify for the chylation lines that vory late evening but the conclide Vivian Girl Ervinconous Exre a tose of their heads.

The Adala-Actor that reads.

The Adala-Actor that would be doing winner it would be directions.

For use but Blangd bond inself downst one file of the in and help the rections and cavelens enes, we now bite ones and that there that seek danger shall find it. Of churse we are all tandy at the requirement the weapons do us little good in such ploon so re docide to remain here all the rest of the night until the danger is over and lamon had on has whitped general Clancy's grow to a frazzle. Of course in the day time we never mise a shot, while it would be no during the night off to sorrow morning will be remained at of the broke. I den't believe the Clandelinians will see here.

A though a lasty lad adalaciob found the ottentin will quite a burden, and he therefore preferred to vernin in though he believe if the enemy would come thard the house they rould be betiled a up and that every one would have to ply all their energies to escape. Violat and her sisters were very food of the bright and good natured hope out, who had so often

were very fond of the bright and good natured boyecout, who had so often helped then in all their efforts. By the tire they had gotten out of the words and teached the house the evening had been well advanced and de-do-fub had therefore graded up the pecularities of the ways of the Clands in any and said he was affeld the glandelinians who were to assume that rear may have gone in the wrong direction and would never reach their destination.

"I don't believe be could dave no forth again till the situation near Lebunon Bet's notified "and Adalated fob, who to no frame over me more between the frame of the Sisters and despite all their experiences and even if we did go out by mid night when all in still, are my encounter force of their either the lose we may have to go for they may come in treat numbers for reflect here and if they need as they ill, entround the place and if we do defend curve we me fine of that they ill entround the place and if we do defend curve when me fine of that they could not get at us will being up artillery and there are the place and they have not artillery they ill the fire. If we can they find out was through the forcest to some sheltering care it is all right out if we have to that be forcest to some sheltering care it is all right out if we have to that if you and the anemy would still be in this neighborhood, wo do in will greater danker."

dangers, "they be on a retreat after the battle most of them will come "they if they re on a retreat after the battle most of them will come "they if they re on a retreat after the battle re. Frobushy "When the street of the lattle most of them will come to shelter thouselves in these toods, and you do know yourselves prince one will whom the total the lattle defeated they are, touchy disatiffed and also fie room than the fieldest wild beart, and then if we were in the woods by day we had better lace gut fibers can be so many Clandesinians in the woods too that that if it is day we would not know this way to tank, and if the, ever got bold of us;" At this violet and her distore an interest with the rememberance of the hornitie parts."

"We are in danger hare too until a new line.

"We are in danger here too "onld angedline.
"The Clandelinian may and can do everything which we cannot even bear to imagine. "s.id Fobby." ut I don't hellove they can make much of trying to come to the woods during a not eat. The Christian troops knows the head outs of the woods during a not eat. The Christian troops knows the head outs of the woods fetter than they do. "Well they can do it anyway, there is no much woods around, and you under stand declared good declared for that "That if the wind if off from them than

"Well they can do it anyway, there's no much woods around, and you under stand declared Adeldo-do-fob that "That if the wind if off from them tayed the present of pristinan they'll set fire the forest to save themselves. Yet lifthe christian they'll set fire the forest to save themselves. Yet lifthe christian they had not part to possible for the woods in that situation, they might not be sawtifed by the enemy. The enemy are just as fore and afterwhed by the christian personnes. The enemy are just as fore of the woods and never show themselves during the retreat they might get through without the every one of the Angelinian selders are acquainted with all the woods. I'll bed adeldo-de-garben gill not be able to get on Hansons rear for every one of the officers who went with him were coposed to the woods and so was plancy (again, it would be a blundering failure. I Guess he will soon give up all hoje of defeating themen, and I shouldn't wonder I adeldo-do-garben will do themselved in their much firing again. I beliave it! I soon he year.

But the ther dom was the wealt of to be the result or not remined to be soon in the chapter further on, yot Viclot, and her elsters though it even has even more dangerous to tengin in the house too long; and denyerous to go out into the night yet believed it was safer than by day, though deldo-de-for and boby and even his wire thind slater Sally or ware sure of plenty of danger in the gill night forced ramble through the dead of the state of the form account to the might yet believed it was safer than by day, though deldo-de-for and boby and even his wire thind slater Sally or ware some of plenty of danger in the gill night forced ramble through the dead of the state of the form account they had always mind mintained nore than their places in their studies and no one had yet ever surpseed them in the excellence of their own account they had always mind mintained nore than their places in their studies and their early norning elseps always rose as early as it was possible for th

Pangerous as it was they decided to deput no no one liched to be besieged in the house by the fierce Clandelinians should they really approach the place. Maide-de-to his rifle along over his shoulder had rose up at attention. There aid not seem to be to cound of battle anythere now that rould have indicated that Adaldo-de-garbon assault upon

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However his eye beamed more infly upon the trave Vivian Girls who he row was to watch an af if he was their guardian. He however said to Sobby and his sletch, and as stelled an ever.

However his eye beamed more infly upon the trave Vivian Girls who he row was to watch an af if he was their guardian. He however said to Sobby and his sletch, and are not a row, are acquisited with the section of the woods. The trave of the stelled of the section of the woods. The trave is a country of the section of the woods. The trave is a country of the section of the woods. The country is a country of the section of the woods. The country is a country of the section of the woods. The proving lost of the landling are carrilled fally. The brother, who was in the act of leaning over his niter to kies her drew back with a reproving lost. Annything tichout saying aful in every sort of the first travel of the landling of the country of the section of the woods. The history is a section of the section of the

line. They had reached and manded the trees in which Jennie had refused herself the first time, when Adalds deleb suidenly hexclaimed in a whise periods of the first time. Adalds deleb suidenly hexclaimed in a seniod with flash sights.

Behind the ladge of roots quick. If they see us and thatge spen fire. They provided and first said that see the said that see the first will be added in the first of thands intended the second of the second see that the second see that see tha

ment scanned the denotations with interest. Into description of units.

"I wouldn't call the Glandelinians of kinks. "said Adeldefob."

"A nd why not" demanded Jennie a little pertly.

"I wouldn' insult a poor animal of that sort by calling the Glandelin insultine one. There's no animal or insect in the world, no serpent nor fielt that is as bad de they are. It's better they're called human fiends."

"I them something alse if it wasn't a sime?" said obby, and Itemps "" "I'd on Il them something class if it wasp't a sim.2" said nobby, and all looked at him sort of reprovingly:

The fact that the brave children had been unconsciously following in the footsters of the very Chindelln land who were still a arching for Jennie finally raised the aggestion, that perhaps the Olandelinians were exiged in securing the whole weds as if on business or sport as it might be termed and it was therefore believed it was best to go by way of the bridge effer all 17sey could easily annihilate these thirty Olandelinians, but the noise of the firing would bring down upon them such overshelming numbers of the enemy that estage to lid them be utterly impossible. After being sure they were not see the brave party of beautiful children slipped from their hiding place and hurried their pace so as

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to reach the bridge.

However they were seen by another party of Glandelinians for some one suddenly shouted;

"In I'm there you children in gray. Hold out. Whit a minute. Are ye christ

lan dogs in dieguise."

"He live is detected."

"In dogs in disquite."

However the children dien preared so abruptly from their view, but in their vetrat Violet had turned her face to see who it had been that the her and her companions, and an she did so she gave a low utterance to an expression of great feur and actonishment.

"They were some of those whom I yorkinized made up that avful slaughter of children at andrope and who add so the play there pens a mong the dead and tangled children and developed made up that avful slaughter of children at andrope and who had us in the clauded needed and tangled children and developed. "The one who had challenged them was general Jacob Deldon, the one who had challenged them was general Jacob Deldon, the one who had challenged them was general Jacob Deldon, the one who had challenged them was general Jacob Deldon, the one who had seen the life of the force of State himself and a builded combined. He was a well known by Violet and her slotters. When she shad gotten the glimes of him she noticed he was arrayed in a most gorgeous uniform of landellnian gray-green with all the paraphersalia which seems high Ghindblinian commissioned general believes necessary when he honors the shrul devilies country of andelinian with a stramp after more children for whose body is he deliced to tear or part for to Satisfy his entaged a furty against the christian base. The scanter of was now seen by the others, from their hiding place, and they can challenge he was or probably an dangerous. However he was more of as a litel as a child slave dealer than anything class. He had been a substantian the was reflected out in fine style, and they was nothing he was or probably an dangerous. However he was more face and they are independent of a child slave dealer than anything class. He had been anything through the was a child as a child slave dealer than anything class. He had been was not for any in the word of the finest of troech loading rifes a child slave dealer the cognized the diagonal probably and energy of t

"It certainly wish it." gid Jennic stit enid it very bitterly indeed.

defor.

"Yes "answered Jennic I alming her with "I would wish he'd come and within range. He wouldn't to bester us and other cillifera any more. I had my sleters have plenty of soors to settle with him. Any "Be carefulthough "armed her slater who was nonrest." If you fire it'll attract the others. "If he come my close we can elash chub him down. It's better. Then we can get away in the confinion caused by his death."

I while with a rife wan a bountful weaper and a long range creedmore. It was rife and a bount full weaper and a long range creedmore. It was an into the highly in blace, and coor more than two hadved and antity dolling, with a highly in blace, and cour more than two hadved and antity dolling, with a highly in blace, and cour more than two hadved and inty dolling, in the highly in blace, and course, with the warder grant of the winds of poper on a enemy soldier in defonce of her all a titter when the stock which is raised from it's fat wat the winds and it were when the angulants are at an algebry orbity eight cartridge and it went when the angulants are at an algebry orbity eight cartridge. "And to live home the wild more than four or five pounds but the cartridge is an explosive one and would report so loud but we'd be surrounded in a moment."

"It's just the thing to bring that far. I could maffle the cartridge. "It's just the title wanger!" can calculate to bring him down a half mile away if he happened to by that far. I could maffle the cartridge. The major is not a surrounded in the gloom do have to chance it if you can muffle the cartridge. The can be seen."

"It's just the title wall stand will stand still and you can eight the exact distance in the gloom do have to chance it if you an muffle the cartridge."

"It an tell that by my sye easily enough."

"It are the limb you way he is in the sense tariness."

"That remains to be seen."

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Our experiences are enough to give us wild eightmares for life. If you saw the horrible seems De Feb you'd have mover forgetten the m. our experiences are small to give the state of the many of saw the hearthle seemed by pob you'd have some formetain the many of the seemed of it. "And Adulda-tefob. That 's in And I'd almost wish to see all those who did it burning in hell right towwo'd be willing to forthe them all if they'd repent."

"Yes if they'd repentrald Adolhofob anreastically. "Let a snake first bits you, sim' his fange deep in, and then repent."

Violet, and her sisters glanted significantly at each other as adolde-fob continued. "That is the nort of Slandelinians that may be in these words now. I believe though that you main enemy and his band is one now. Bull we go off from our widing place now."

Instead of responding promptly Jound said:

"We'll ident the way the transport of the provided of the first object of the provided of the provided of the state of the state of the provided of the transport of the transport of the stream followed by Jour Evans and his strong swaddron of soldiers. "May the Claudelinian solaiers get lant in the provided of the stream followed by Jour Evans and his strong swaddron of soldiers."

asked Bobby of Adelho-do-fob.

asked Bobby of Adeldo-do-fob.

"I hope not," at maybe they would only he a bother in the woods to

"If they only have a common ordinary dog it don't believe they would be of much help to them, except to find the footprints of a bear or of our own but if they were blood hounds we'd be trailed and then -- -2-2-2-"

but if they were block houses word be trailed and then --- -2-2-"
"There did you hear the fifth """ or Violet.
At that mouth to ame a sound of a strange far away hearne resounding bay which sounded as if though the attenge voice had also changed, it seemed too the sound was that of half dog and something older mighty areany too, and the cry ended into a strange spacefully how that resounded it and when the trange serie school that made all shiver as brave as though

"I wonder if tint's the "g o Chest of " of a clandelinian bloodhound on our trail"said Adoldc-defed in his excitament.
"It's not a dogkhost I'm mane even though the sound was terrible" remarked pobly with a strange look "But don' you have whit!"
"A dog whose sound is brought to us that way by distance I'm sure."
said yielst almost jo'lingly.
"That sound is no joie. I'm If I'm not mistaken it's a maddog."

"That sound is no jobo. I'm If I'm not mistaken it's a maddog."
All of them started off at a rapid speed at this, which occassionally changed into a trot, and lid enting to the strange haping of what they believe believed to be a red house, they turned to the right before reaching the big stretch of mator, and to avoid what might happened went into the very heart of the woods. Adeldedofor was so much taller and lighter than his best companions that he accidentally drow anay from them once or twice but was obliging encough to halt and wait for them to come up. Hurry ing along in this headlon; faction they noon stopped, all pretty badly out of treath. A though adeldofor was somewhat stronger than any of them he nerortheless had exerted himself more than they did, and was the most sphast dand the first one to wish to rest.

All this time the strange baying far away continued, but now the sounds showed that whatever it came from had circu circled and was approaching their way and coming nearer, and they were not astonished at the

hing their way and coming nearer, and they were not astenished at the meximeted turn of the iffair.

"There's a pretty strange warming in that sound. "said gdelde-defob."
"It's ether a modes or comeone is trying to show as foods before
the whole world."

"There is no need of that so far as any one is concerned. "said Jennie losing patience with the situation. "We had better whit and find out what it man n ma means. If it's a mad dog we can dispatch him in a hurry. If not we can get up the trees till he passes."

"deddefob made no answer, for the sound was now so I close that the interest of all was centered on what it reallly was to be.

Interest of all was contered on what it really was to be.
"My gracious what a terrible racket it is asking exclaimed anguline
"There me must something here unusual that from a mad dog, a wonder if
Glantelin inne ain't trailing us with some cruzy hound.":

The dog was now not heard for ecveral min utes minutes, but now there
was a scashing through the underbrish sounding nearer, and nearer, and
showed that where the animal was it must have steamed up and if not
after them was going for something else, guidenly the bushes parted
orly a short ways from where the wondering party stood, and a big blood
hound came tward them on a dead run, followed by more than a dezen
clandelinians. The group were too amaded to thin of the guns they even held
and only stared from their hidden class in mute wonder. Them they and only stared from their hiding place in mute wonder. Then they whirled away at right angles and plunged away as fast as they could. The Glandelinians a seing them persued without openening fire, and the The Glandellnians G. seing them persued without openentify fire, and the dog same crashing after them, a nd as he did so he exposed his flank to the tie young fugitives who could not have been given a better opportunity to bring him down, for the throwing forward of the fereign opened his most vulnerable part to the bullets indeed not only at the dog but at the nearest Glandelinians the bullets came. The dog and sight Glandelinians fell at once, and the survivors of the Glandelinians after only giving a ineffective such or two turned and retreated as fast as they could a increase in the course of the country of th The two-boys themselves were astonianed that viewer and her slatter could fire on mapidly without even seeming to aim and not miss a single shot, even when, they did not dare believe any more glandelinians were anythere in this neighborhood, and then they should appear with a blood hourd in front. Before the two toys could give utterning to the amazement cau sed by the markem anship of glolet, and her sisters, another dog far

away began to bay hoarsely and the nound neemed to come fibb the ground. Then more Alandellnians appeared at a distance, and Aleldudefob raised his ciffe to his choulder and fired point blant at his bringing the nearest classical hisan to the ground doad, and wounded three others behind him with the same shot.

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"I wonder why they've coming after us that way for!"demanded Bobby. "Do

they believe we are noldiers."
"Why I---I declare. They're after us just as well"excluded the boys abashed sister. "I never dreamed they would do such things in a woods." Violet, and her sisters cooling the Clandolinians retreating in the gloom was not lisposed to retreat themselves now no matter what the peril

and were strongly in lined to force the meany, but Adelde-d-fob compelled the angry Princesses to hugh by saying;
"Let's not be rad now, girls for the Glandelin lans are only fools and me are safe as long at the Glandelin lans are only fools and They answered our first to-rifically but no see none of us are fitting. Clandelinian soldier did nit one of is you can make up your mind it is an accident. They're good shots in lay time but at hight-pools.

Y iolst or her sistems did not find nords to answer to this for they

Sampled in Lang soldier did nit one of it you can make up your mind it is an accident They we good short in lay time but at thint--pools."

Violet or her showed his to find words, to under to this for they saw new ritheless that the Chandle in any done in way of redicable thing, "Make we was the best the Chandle in any done in way of redicable thing, "Make would have the ght of the done turn by the conversation," "Make would have the ght of the done turn by the conversation on the time of the conversation of the conversation on the time of the conversation of the

us the chance. I'd give anythint to plug that Deldon. "
"Well"""added Angeline with a sigh"The Clandelinians seem to be chosing the same route which we are going in theur but for us, so we may as well traims along before they come too close again, we may get a glimps of real demone yet. You understand I'm not saying this merely for saying but it can be true, as demons help the Candellinkes in this war, and inner of many of the passessed belies in this country of the enemy war and soless my eleters Ain't I right is severe."?

when sertainly are."

The bayess taying of the Glandelinian hound had ceased by this time, and though the whole party had stopped and listened,,,,,, they heard rotting hore of it.

"I believe the Glandelinians have given up the persuit agid Violet.

"Den't be too sure declared Adelde-defob. "If they are persensing the vary you say they may be up to any achome. They may be decideing to vait till day before they scour the woods progerly."

Fut Catherine shock her head.

Ene understood the fierce glandelinians too nell to bolieve them to to be so patient as that.
"I don't believe they'd ever sive up a heat artill we are too near etrong mafty for them to go on and we are not capable of such an exploit as to charce the angers of the floo by othering them upto much. We are as good as captured if we do not reach the christian lines before the

morning and by my wrist match, it is only nine in the night now or nine thirty lamban.

"I don't believe those crazy Chindelinians have ever ran down anything with great success ye unless it was more helpless children than we are, and mandal miles in was more helpless children than we

are, who are not parties a trace at was more neighbor children than we are, shown and this moment the subject of their convergation appeared by the scene approaching as stealthily and de quietly as if though the oblidren were shown that they wished to surprise. They seemed to cresp along as if to show upon the hind those trees warned delde-defob. They dawn behind those trees warned delde-defob, and awaited the approach of file foe.

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They can be added to builting help! daving children, only helpless ones and probably don't know much whether we've children they are persusing or soldiers. They can't see us because of the color of our uniforms but their gray nhows cut good despite the gloom."

They they don't know anything the devillarwar the truthul observation of Atelde-de-fob! "gut they'll learn sometying if they come lo closer."

"It's my chiron that it's best to give up our flight through the woods intill we get a little more right of way about the set all Bobby. The woods intill we get a little more right of way about the real we can be till the till be the promise of file thirty in the

By this time it really was close to the time of hire thirty in the evening or early raight, and the revealed ones indeed were beginning to feel towibly tired, and sleepy, and also were hungry for they had not none of them eater since the night before. They had not towing any lanch with them for they had not time oven to imagine to bring any lanch with them for they had not time oven to imagine revisions, though they had their own ability to provide food for trem had scared all the game away, herever they had their water canteer, and in their little mean had seened with which to seeson their meal with as soon as it should have been measured, so done to see to need to need to need to need to need to the woods now was accided. Deen the mixed with which to seemon their meal with as soon as it should have becomed. To dare to go to sleep in the woods now was coulde. Dren the comed ned squiryels were not any more in the woods, though they had been so plentiful that they had been nearly always in sight but now not leng was seen but even as they were hoping for game yield described the Charlette has a company and the charlette has a second or the state of the charlette has a second or the charlette has a second or the state of the charlette has a second or the state of the charlette has a second or the state of the second or the state of the state of the second or the second or the state of the second or the second o

the Clandelin is no now coming closer.

"They 're with in ran pe" naid yielet.

"Thet each of as shoot one then. "said Adelde-defob taking aim at a Clandelin ian moving a long ta fallen true. He slowly brought his gun to his shoulder, aimed most carefully, and the Clandelin ian soldier. who had percieved the mevenent had risen and aimed simultaneously. Both shots care as one, but the Chandelinian case tumbling down his head purctured by the "cruel" bullet.

The other gandelinians case exclamations of surprise, and started to

Punctured by the "crupl" bullet.

The other dandedin has cane exclamanations of surbrise, and started to rish forward.

"I will now bring that one down "said odd pobby indicating a moving object in gray that was nearer than the others. The others watched his actions with home doubt but interest as he raised the handsome breach loaded He aimed dulberately but short and the glandelinian gave a reliable the stillness of the woods. The other Clandelinians acaptered broke the stillness of the woods. The other Clandelinians campered broke the stillness of the woods. The other Clandelinians campered sets despite their peril of the stillness clandelinians acaptered "Mell I'll be the followed line aimed dedde-do-fobil den't understand how "Hell I'll be the Clandelinian den't seem to understand it still results."

"The bet the Clandelinian den't seem to understand it still results to me about. They don't seem to be very brave clandelinian soldiers."

"There is one Glandelinian on a tree no doubt trying to see us if the more worse Cirls."

"There is one Glandelinian on a tree no doubt trying to see us if see the seal angeline Viylan. The soing light the period of the could be sure of her aim the Clandelinian started by the fore discould be sure of her aim the Clandelinian started by the fore of the could be sure of her aim the Clandelinian started by the movement of the gray figure to clandelinian raised his own watching the movement of the gray figure to other aim to the sure watching the movement of the gray figure to clandelinian raised his own watching the movement of the gray figure to read a clandelinian was a could have done that better than you."

"That ours was a good shot "Exclaimed delde-defob admiringly "No hunter in the world could have done that better than you."

"Yes there are "she answered primary, proudly. My sisters can. They've done." of the min princess by bar ling a mony, "as ed Bobby, who had never seen day thing of the sort before.

"It's easy enough, all you have to do in out the here tight under

of him." is the way I'm going to try to put them cut of the way after his."
"It is best to practice hitting them with the ball first."" Violet

Folly solemnly remo of removed the shell of the cartridge from his own iffle and replaced it with a fresh one, as he unevered;
"I'll try my best to learns"
The other Candolinians had gone off and as the boys takeselves edged forward they accured the canteen bargs of the dond men and found plenty to wat indeed for all his owner inch and placeff, The sight of this food so slarpened the appetites of the good children that they sure at their

"The unsually warm air, the vigorious air or exercise, and the rugged health of the children as a zero them appetites scarcely less that forceful than that of volves, and so hundry word they that they were attended than that of volves, and so hundry word they that they were sure they had never instead such a dealth a dollicious dinner in all their lives.

Ever violet and her sisters accuston a so they were to the delica cles and refinements of a princely life admitted there has constiling about the meal which washed down even with warm where had a flavor surpassing anything of the sort they had ever eaten before. The cause why it fasted thus was because they have teen so long without food.

The poor brave children were so timed from their severe flight and the rest was so grateful after finishing their surper, that they stayed where they were for an hour len or Then realizing that eather sould be done by idlences, and that if they rayed there too long they might fall asleep and her captured and realizing that finish values in their ray in history fall they will be they might fall asleep and he captured they had been realized friles? The very view along their leaded riftes or their ware forced their their ray to history account of their ray to history account of their ray to history account of their their ray to history account of the realization.

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"That we will be more lively "avoid being a prized by the enemy if
we separate for a "ime All of 10 are acquairted with wood life and therefore
cannot get lost;"

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"He reperated for how long" asled Ameeline.

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"To see the see as few pour or well to be excitement dies down."

"I there are no first early chough, if necessary we understand various sorts of signals, and we can thoughout a signal see ach atter, or we can secure for ourselves none landary ting can be seen a long ways off even at the gloomiest right, and study by arroach that he dister from the battle first car even limit of the battle first car even limit of the battle first car even limit of the proposition in such a danger one of the sense of hills of great else antions also active to the woods you in a series of hills of great else antions advantions, but among them were a mercus large rocks of limestone formation some of them of such a bright white color that they could be seen a very long distance even in the thickest darphasm.

"Over yorder" and Adels actors, to think they the long of the one of the most into the complete of the constant of the cons

each other reform morning. A don't continue to the more for the any more for the many and the rest and the continue to spend the rest of the night together, and we call feel safer by knowing that we all close together in case the rascals do assail

pleasant to spord the rant of the night together, and we cillifed safer by knowing that to also all close operator in case the rescale de assail to the world the class of the rescale of a state of the rescale of a state of the rescale of the resc

the rebels there was no confusion of vision for that cause,

The atmosphere too was perfectly clear, thile there was not the least broath of air stirring there was a cheef for her to spoil her aim even by haste exactly fore eye, she squinted through her nights carefully but het nity, lowering or raising the barrel edges to affit her nim to try to get three or four at one shot, and the explosion cames.

Three men fell, the other attered or quantities of surprise and terror at they saw this and heard the shots.

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afrighted half energed. What a splendid coal showler you'd be for the Devil down bolow."

The words were yet in his mouth, when the report came again, and chere followed as adden whirring sound through the air; and some distance behind there came a stuning orman is it he woods was going to pieces before an eruption; and a number of fragments flew as if arrows below the principal is be and about them but fortunkely no one was attact.

Adelde-derbb had deen the flush of the distant tills and hoping he's get the sniper the hurled that grenade he raised his circle, named as best as he could, and fired. Even the grenade he raised his circle, named as best as he could, and fired. Even the grenade he raised his circle misting the hidden sheem, Probably he rascal had superted a return fire for he too might have been saftly hidden behind at tree. That man or bey who hand less the rife must be wonderfully stillful to bring down one, of those hidden sheem, Probably the rascal had superted a return fire so could be given to such a countrel, who hidde behind trees and surely to conscibus of the fact that he is eniging at little boye;; andgirls. There are planty w I will haigt that I shill have called the sort of Clandellinian 4 word which is not in a Prayer book, but no mater matter how ticked they sie it may be a sin to do so, though one may feel life doing so, addicedefob would indeed have been gigd if he could have he that a landellinian sniper, but there was little proceed of doing so in ouch a gloomy night, but as long as he and Jenne also rehalmed b hind behind the tree; there was no chance of the stiper getting them of there is no hance of the stiper getting them of the could have been gloomy night, but as long as he and Jenne also rehalmed b hind behind the tree; there was no chance of the stiper getting them of the raise was no chance of the stiper getting them of the raise.

Accordingly before trying to five again he threw out the car ridge shell from his long rifle and replaced it with a new one. Just as he did so he heard the report of a gun only a short distance to the left, at a point where some of the Vivian Girls should have been.

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"Your road a disasterous isnault --- Hillo jimnie what's the matter of "I'm bit by something "she said "It's het serious though bidn't you hear that rifle report"

"Note didn'th "something she said "It's het serious though bidn't you dearly from something can be seen that the said that the stomething repeated the stomething of a nervous galloy indeed the two west consectors that comething or something was circumnarizeting them in the opposite direction. All this time the strange dog continued his distributing. The two children watched the teens with amusement and interest in the said Jennie."

"May?"

"I cannot understand why I want to do this, but stimething momenting tell me all is not right."

"The boy studied the strange maneuvers of the distant objects, the boy being outleded that something was amiss. They they were christian If they were christians creeping upon him from believing he was of the foe, he understood the signals that round cause them to doe their error and come up in a friendly manner instead;

"Jennie your signal a he hand.

Jeunia did so, but therewas an no answer. Both became more and more excited every minute, adoldeded slowly tone from the said from hits lead in the reason and interest in the said that he had been a been as the said that he had been an interest in the said that he had a said the said that the said that the said the said that the said the said that the said the

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Violet, Joice on & Angeline Vivin when they sepensted from their nisters and two or threets commenters on that directful bloody evening a demonstration of results which was his from gentules. It fact they were no in-

Violeb, Joice and Ampeline Vivian mann they separated from their statement and key or the passes of seasons proved the transfer of the transfe

her rifle for it told the truth she and her two sisters were a little nor velor over this lensly trip through the words so fall of partle. They linkweed and heard the answering should of some one that sounded as if it was added by and compoundation being thus antablished, vielet and her two sloters he hit her peace and hardened forward as best as it was penults in the dense gloom'(the beam)

"I have we wen't meet with any new sare Clandslinians new said Angeline. For I am in a hurry to join our commades——"""

Guid they believe their processor of the wish, when a number of gray fightes leased up to sight directly ahead of them.

"They're a big swarm of Clandslinians as sure as I'm alive said angeline stands he and her sisters threw themselves behind trees as hattily p no pennible possible. "They must have heard my shoulding and the chees there's ne getting away from that number unless we should ear and straightlis Heaven mave us from missing, for if our guess fail us new it is all ever These dirty.

one file. "They wast have heard my shouting and the olers. There is no getting away from that number unless we shoot clear and straight. He leaves no getting away from that number unless we shoot clear and straight. He leaves no getting away from the number unless we shoot clear and straight. He rese dirty gray control devile went; give us time to climb out of eight in a trees and was must sheet as we never hid sheet the test of hid out of eight in a trees and was must sheet as we never hid sheet the test of the interpolation of the congressor in their powers. The Clands inland opened a peppering from a long of the amount of the time of the congressor in their powers. The Clands inland opened a peppering from the down on the and control of the tree by the notified from the comparison of the control of the congressor in their powers. The Clands inland the tree viylan of the did the down of the number of the congressor in the control of th

"The rath makes a sort of bend here, right there"said Joice. "If we can seem by drawling on all flo fours we'll be all right. They'll be firingst wight when and not down tward the ground. They may be only then waisting their lead, it's a desperate change but they'll have if us if we don't do it. Our friends will near the liring and come to our assistance..."

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porder nose place. Se tel believe legation for the others to come in."

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"Then lets yo. "anid Violet."

Alloys those Clandelinians don't follow us. "said Joics.

Violet, and her two nisters were invious to be rejoined to the other party once sore, for the fact that they had been fire' in an often was no proof that they were safe yet, and that the Glandelinians were not still in the neighborhood. As the path which they were able to retain without difficulty led by the limestome lodge, where the two separated parties were to meet the und in three little girls had not gone far when they caught the glarre of a flash light which told them they were not far when they caught the glarre of a flash light which told them they were not far when the enot.

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"He were attacked too often and couldn't get book find with the as he and not sletter and follow of the state of the contract of t

one of the battlers.

Every fav minutes they all halloed and whietled, after their favorite manner of military signalling, and then they all bent their heads and littened of for the amend, which came not, except all the distant firing the broised food remained untasted for their hader was now gone and all of them refused to eat while the other party was now gone and all "There's no use in tall in thanks of exclasional sides amable to represe her measure as the limit of the control of the out what it is.

It will be resembered when Catherine, Hettie and Daisy left their circles with Bally and Boodie it was with the resolution to find but whether they could locate an outlet from the woods stand the christian lines by the route of the bridge across the streammer when Jennie had been treed by Clandelmares! This forced them to make a man, longer detour than did Abelde'ob and Jennie, and as the five aure obliged to cove with great caution they found no time to sit down and rest, the more they reflected on the exploit the more did they would trat they dever get out of the forest.

The more they reflected on the exploit which they thought of the more did they doubt they'd over succeed. The Clarke links were note langerous and folicht far note victors by than was even their nature, and perils were far

they doubt they do over facebod the Samed thriat were and pertis were for the teath far nore victors by than was even their nature, and pertis were far greater for any one every tay.

"I couptes those clanded intan rifles could hit a target more than three miles off as delided to to do "but that is when they realize the exact distance" side of the rine.

"I doubt that more than anything," said mettle.

"With you moke me! so to reen can hit an onemy a quarter of a mile away we have tood range rifles and that in all the distance they hit hey must be long range rifles even if we'd hit are object over a mile by chance. Those Olandedinkens have proved unconsciously to be tremmedies that they an't shoot anything class to them even in this right darkened woods and it isn't probably he'd hit one of us over year to don't want to nart. They re good cracken by hit his darkens for such many fact of the probably he do not one of too for our control, but in the gloom, woods you would not be a strong too food for our control, but in the place of the carbon with the bayoner."

Whether is true or too and the in accordance with their disposition to due at it it is possible and they were near a greated and throw with good aim we'll be rough later half blow, to pleces."

I ettle and Catherine realized this was a facts and also realized

with good aim we'll be round later half blow; to pieces."
In ettie and Catherine realized this was a fact, and also realized that if any plandeliniane of the Grenatier type were in the healthourhood it was necessary to proceed with extreme caution not to surprise them or a namerical by teams he wonder was that none of these had yet been in the forest of if they had they had not yet met with, themak't all.

The not highly weather was woll advanced when these three Vian Girl Princesses with Nowly and his visiter, saw from their surroundings that they were close to the upon there the Clandelinian pic et shood when Yoluta and Jernia fired at them withholds how make rifles. There were the Violet and Jennie fired at them withtheir long, range rifles. There were the todies of the Glande linears but as greats came from them it was evicent unit that three of them were alive and seriously if not mortally wounded. There were however no other glandelinians visible. Just beyond was a

The live started thand it but had moved only a new yards, when a significant in proceeding in the undergrowth arrested their attention. Stopping short in come alarm they planted about them, and with dam adaptated which can had did not been alarmed the stopping of underbrush, and evicently didn't see the three V iving Cirbs, but the little girl Sally had a white access and sellow which on the dauly shows in the gloc mand they evicently see that. Their position

eastly shows in the gloom and they ovicently sew that. Their position Was unen that they were dan, erosally close to the children, and it was a remar able thing that they had to attent the four others desilte the fact that they saw the white figure.

The sight was so weapected however for both sides that they were all taken aback and had a space of that nervice feeling thich sometimes solzes the inexperienced nonters when they both meet a dampered game and have left their rifles benind and only had short range pictobs. Each and have left their tiles central and only had here targe partons even sides opened fire at ence and unfortunately both poor sally and bobbdy rocteved their death wounds from six bullets apiece, while the dlandslinians lost ten of their number before the non-satur, firing coased, nowing that energed at their loss the Clandelinians would read forwing that energed at their loss the Clandelinians would read forwing fixed and opened five again. Catherine shock as if she had a citil, it was impossible to control again dather the shock as if she mad a chill, it was injustable to control her nerves, but aiming as best as one could ale fired the lest cartridge from her rifle. Bud the Chinds theirs been able to him as well as they could in the gloom the story about listil, hasy and Carnerine would end right here. Of course a bullet carried dway dather here had, and another bord a hole through her dress tellow the kneed without dong any injury and he isy recleved a slight scratter in the mandaline Samulakin has were and the isy recleved a slight ocraton in the madeline slindshilds were hitten often as the little girls first, but one ellect as not that they most artently desired as there were to many grandelinians. The remainder of the Clandelinians reglizeing the merring aim of their sussess enemies in the gloom and realizing their miforms because of gray were easily seen took reflect behind trees or stumps, such and first when the three Vivian dirls sucped firing because of this the result was amain, to see The Clandelinians were dare devil fellows and they charged for the three children at full speed firing as they are and shouting.

run and shouting;

ran and shouting;

"Sarrander who ever you christian dogs are."

This seemed a rost unusual d thing for Clandelinians to do in a gloomy woods when more dangerously expect than their mendes though many wonds when more dangerously expect to death by Clandelinians in the same situation, who have turned pen and assaulted them with the fury of entaged lions and other wild beasts. Catherine Hettic and Delay indeed thoughthit it very singular, but indeed (you are in need) they thought it very alarming also and without taiting to watch matters any further—and feeling pure the enemy couldn't hit them in the dark they fired ence more and then turned on their heel and ran with might and main for the fallent to set tree...2

The last plasty youngeters, were good runners, but the enemy being long lythe men made three times as much speed as they went for them still shouting "Stop you christian dog as and surrender whe ever you are.

still shouting Stop you christian do s and surrender who ever you are.
Otherwise we life no quarter.
Catherine was about to answer when she stopped herself by realizing one

Latherine was about to answer when one stopped herself by realizing one signal word would enable the enemy to find out her location and bring ner deem with shots as they did Bobby and his sister, and too his and her two sisters and to think fast, but as fast as they thought they couldn't see how the fallen pine tree was to offer them refuse against the fury of these many produced intens, and also it did so, they were in a bad precidement.

It was impossible to reach any tree in time to climb out of reach and sint, eight, as Jennie did when persued twice by clandelinians, and the highest portion of the prostrate trees would not protect them from the bayonsts of the savage scoundrels. Had there been only a dozen there might be some wany show but there seemed to be scores. There was no use for the empty rilles as it seemed, and the three Princeses were on the point of trying to stock that sheath pulves into it to use like bayonets, then it occured to them that their rilles might still serve us weapons

, then it occursed to them that their rilles magnic sells here by "mayne of defense.

They ded decided to all when their rilles and see what can be done. Catherine glanced over, her shoulder to keep intermed of the movements of her fiere foes who were certainly carrying things with a "hurricans rush." Finding that there was no occurs was from the foremed of them Catherine and her two disters just at the received the fallen treeses Catherine and her two disters just at they reached the faller treesee whilled around, and graceplary their rifles by the Larel barrels awang the gun over their shoulders and reised thems themselves for the tlo., thich they believed must decide their own fate. The threese girls made formidable pictures but it was all lost on the landelinians who however failed even then to see that their enemies flad stopped on the degeneive, but who nevertheless did not slacken their pace but still to continued to demand the "christian dogs" to surrender in the name of glandelinians..... It was a tr terrifying sight as the foremost of them plunged tward the three brave little soils, with fixed tayoners, and three of the Glandelinians were exceptionally large and powerful man who could lift a hundred pounds in weight with one hund, and they seamt to slay the hidden christians that had slain no many of their command. It may be easily the hidden christians that had slain no many of their command. It may be easily the limits of the first that the first spire in longer doubted the fasture of Clande limits of the first that any one no effort the two larges and the impurited children drew deep breaths posses, the limits and the impurited children drew deep breaths posses, the first the same of the charges in the first the state of the charges in the first trief of the little state that the same of the charges in the first little strength which they could command upon the nearest of the langing gray figures and crashed in the skin-se of three and down they fell dead. On the ring to them again descended with given powers to far act the ring the strength of the first tree of the could be supplied to the first tree that the tree of the force state of the first tree of the state of the first tree of the first tr through opace. Poor Gatherine and her two singers hall restered their bones were amanded, and that they sere mortally hart but the result of the strong mans flow mas host extreardinary, go the fact of the enemy rifle hit Catherine's the was mrown against nor side on as if one was a limb during with her cisters traid the falsen tree, and in reality their greater perial was therefore, and then deep with fall force ugainst the solid truck they would have been given with fall force ugainst the lightning stroke.

In their flight through the air their feet also were entangled in some . In their flight the ough the air their feet also were extended in some way or other together with one anothers and they fell headlong together simultaneously, Catherines head being a few inches of the tark and though her sinters flex over the tree and landes on the other size Catherine's negligible was driven ander the tree which at that point was over a foost above the ground instinctively the nearly senseless little girl did the only thing that could save her. See Inductately forced her way under the trees so that it was as a roof' (do boof) over her. Her head fortunately was thand the bare and she pushed along artill the lessening space would not be senit her to go for theer.

permit her to go farther...
Thus sae lay thurefore, parallel with the aprooted tree, her feet at a Thus see lay thursfore, parallel with the uprocted tree, her feet at a point where the barkalmo at touched her heels, the space growing less and less tward her shoulders artil the back of her head rested against the many tark and her hose touched the leaves..... She had carcely fone this when she heard the thad of they orets at her slows, and the curses and improctions of the subliers. The nobiners were trying to locate their for christian enemies by prodding with with their againsts and they brought or forced them down near the tree with such force that had they turk the body of the child, as was intended they would have gone through her as if they were coorder... As it was not only did have gone through her true prevent it, but the Clandelinians couldn't see where she or her easy is sisters had gone in the dark and sometimes grazing the bark the bayoners were driven into the selding earth a foot deep.

"They must have secaped...said one of the Clandelinians."

"They did not "said another." It was the null of "MR, STRONG MA! "over there has be furth if wait any wine."

"Who were the furth furthers any whow."

here He had to thrust them away with a slow of his gum."

"Who were the futiti futitives an yhow."

"Christian dog soldiers I suppose. They only do that. They must have had an escaped child slave with them."

Ontherine head the last of these words, and then her head seemed to spin, so though she had been thirled round and round with inconcievable speed, so whough she had been thirled round and round with inconcievable speed, so whough she had been thirled round and round with inconcievable speed, so whitese stars assend to a daince before her eyes, and set let us if if shooting, inrough apage then possible had they from the of them was under the tree she would have been necessed satisfy enough and all in. They continued their ownsh increase one of them within a search light on their flared in their saurch wither me of them searched with failed to find any while one of them searched allong the tree but failed to find any the ligre invited they saw there vas no use. Then they faited in their search, while one of them searched along the tree but faited to find any oner all this time Catherine, who had user so hady brised as well as her slaters wasoblivious to the efforts against her life, and that of her two sisters had been possessed her ences, she could not have done any thing more for her prosection protection tran saw aid by lying motionises as exe extended along and below the trank of the tree. But the Last, rugged nature of the little girl soon accepted itself, and she began to mally from the shock... Then a reaction out and the last her armost returned.

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The Clandeliniana even to me a sure prodded with the bayonet under the The Gamme-Annand even to the same produced with the dayonet when the very tree, but their not doing it in the proper place prevented success which could have placed Catharine just where they could finish here the barred their progress, and they even placed the spot under where she vas lying. They searched and searched everywhere within the same apot trying all manner of maneuvers which their shrewd military means suggested

but Thanks he to Ged none of them successed.
It was waster a considerable time however before Catherine realized whore she was, and what had befallen here head was still ringing where the age, the what had being for hereast need were sounding in her cars and when she draw a deep breath, a newere pain and the but it had by thre was in her side. She wondered how badly wounded she was. Then she listened but heard nothing of her enemies. Then with a great labor and silver and silv Turning her face she peered out on her left, no gray figure was visible

Then she did the same tward thevright, her enemies were invisible on that side also.

side also.
"I believe they're gone "said she to herself, still afraid to venture from the wheliding tree that had been the means of eaving her from the fury of the enraged Clandelinians. However she still believed the Clandelinians werr still close at hand, waiting for her to make a "move that would give give another chance to get at her with the bayonet or riddle her with bullets. After several more minutes, Catherine, litched farther to the rear set that the was able to valed her head a few inches. This extended her field of observation, and with a feeling of inexpressible relief, she still failed to catch might of the mandulmian colders."

"I believe they got discouraged and left. "said Catherine, startled at the evidence of the wrath of the Glandelinians. Firally the little Princess blacked clear out from the tree under out, and climbed the fer several minutes, and still feerful that ahe had been seriously if not mortally injured, she examined herself as beet as she coulds. A few minutes convinced her that none of her bones were broken athough she after wards declared that she quaspected her had hed not fractured. The out searched about for her rifls and found it within a short distance but it was useless having been shattered. Then the sexthed for her sisters and found then still lying on the ground and just beginning to come to day managed to pope then from their stupo, and finally

sisters and found them still lying on the ground and just beginning to come to die managed to yourse them from their stupper and finally after they had recovered sufficiently the threst shouldering the two weapons they found uninjured started in the direction of the appointed render your, and as they did so, observed that it was now darfor them usual in the woods and that the atmosphere was quite scented of sanke. Oatherine standing therwrist watch and found it was unbarrand but it was see gloomy to see what time it was levertheless they had a long distance to

the "woods and that the atmosphere was quite scenered of sance. Atherine examined herewrist with and found it was unbarmed but it was too gloomy to see what time it was, levertheless they had a long distance to gloomy to see what time it was, levertheless they had a long distance to gloomy to see what time it was, levertheless they had a long distance to gloomy the levertheless they have been a long out their town of the levertheless they had been the seem that was a long out their town of the levertheless they had been they seem that was a long out the levertheless they found the corporate and citifiness leaving them and they straightened up with "e concething or their they ferred they found the corporate and citifiness leaving them and they straightened up with "e concething or their them." There's one thingcortain Daisy "Catherine said" to didn't have any one to habe also out of that scrape scope four they was a did to didn't have any one to habe also out of that scrape scope four they have less of lost whe heirs these who call mean for that the prine you crucked unfortes, to take us would be less and laisy that less prine you crucked unfortes, to take us would be less that laisy that less prine you crucked unfortes, to take us would be less that laisy that the prine you crucked unfortes, to take us would be less that the less that laisy the their thing the late of the late of the late of the worth was a good does not it deal, a then some strong man hitse your rifle with his ed and from the force of the blow raises us high into the air, and after this engage the condess of the late of

where Laisy and Hettie lay was because it was so dary said wisits in was a mighty man to have forced the three of you to go flying up into the air the way you enid he did, and that was very unusual make

angeline(go out and dine) who couldn't understand how such an incident

angeline(ge out and d'une) who couldn't understand hew such an incident seuld have happened.

"It's lusy he struct your gun and net you and jot you than a shiver.
"But it seems strange how he raised you three that way by hitting your gun seut of your hands. He must have been a herculed. an Everette True."

Tessibly se answered Catherine butbut it sure did happen. I landed by the tree almost underneath head first, while my sisters Hattle and Laisy wants to lar ever on the sther raise. They were uncerted under sever the land of the tree almost underneath head first, while my sisters Hattle and Laisy wants and it me unresearch the land of the land of the search for Rally and pubby the tree almost the deced burnal Arabed Jenne's Tor I believe we gave in the search deced burnal Arabed Jenne's Tor I believe we gave in the search deced burnal Arabed Jenne's Tor I believe the tree in the search for the land of the lattle way the lattle way the lattle with the lattle way the

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the 11ttle blaze out. The fact was they had gone more than a hundred feet from the camp fire, when adeldefol began to feel that he had not show monoghears in selecting his torch, for the blac was feeble and in spite of continued nursing showed a tendency to collapse altogether. " esp close to me Princesses"he said waiting for riclot, and her sisters to come nearer "For I do not like the way this torch is behaving I believe it is going out altogether and I believe I'll get a bottor---"
"Leave out there are a number of the Glandelinians new." exclaimed

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Violet in no little excitement. "Look out they're coming."

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As she uttered the warming words a shot came from some hidden spot and out across yielet's shoulder, and the force of the bullet at it hit her caused her to turn aquarely about and then she for the moment dropped to this graind on her knee maining with path.

"Ise I guess I am confound it. It's those misself indus."

"Ise I guess I am confound it. It's those misself in the force of the hoofs of horses, and some uncoon object in the glock charged at yield; while glocketh was whirling his half expired torch arbeind around this heid with such swiftness that it made a ring of fire similar to the decimal at his heid with all how delicht to see during the unreferred display

around his head with such swifteness that it made a ring of fire similar to thisse which all boys delight to see during the protectic display on the frouth of they acknow who see impressed with the moortance of this action that he threw all his energy in it, stooping down and rising on his try week with the mition motion of the torch and grunting hard and with much require thy as he always did when exerting himself with mustal wigor. He bright him sho have of holes at the same instant.

"Which him shoot him before the darn thing rides her down who shouted to her sisters for he had dropped life rills in his excitement at her injury and whe could not the the view of the optiming for noncessary to get in a pittel shat to stoop it. The vielar darks at once opened life view of the posters that the forest that the lense, though relieved of the view of the optiming for noncessary to get in a pittel shat to stoop it. The vielar darks at once opened life view of the lense, though relieved of the view of the proteined on in the wide harm of her dear the horse, though relieved of the view of the protein who still knissing was net wanted and is safe for vielat full speed, who still knissing was net wanted by the class of alelefob fired his pittel and the horse fall mixed up in brigh and bright in great confusion while as another wan and horse appeared they two wars fired on and the horse in tumbling down the man rolled of rearward turning a full comercust and landing solidly on his head his gus of fire one once distance off a blace of rills fire dominate but no one further fertunately were hit, and angeline prepared to use her rille function where we would say the rill and the total of the chance to short the third gus going off in the confusion and adding to it. As angeline threw down her brown one distance off a blanc of fills fire domenced but no one further fertunately work hit, and angeline propared to use her rifle the state of the confusion of a delegation, which she stated with gan partly missed and hand on the trigger, adelegate while she stated with gan partly missed and hand on the trigger, adelegate fired his pistel and the Gandelinian assistant who had been about to cut tolet with is with his sales was shot in the head he relied off, but angeline had not time to catch the fact, when from some where a long lance shot between her legs with such speed that he was thrown off her test her gus going off as the fell, and then coming down on top of her breat buttified, withing her a bad blow that kneed the breath out of her.

Joines terch was burning brightly and lighted up the whols come . he was track in a stooping position had ing her financy brand so that she could see everything, and she was veriling the danger beyond measure. A clandelinian s rode at her with a lance but she brough him down with a shot between the eyes. She had recognized the demollinians which they had held in such terror as the Turneyannian type. Those were quite a lamb of the man and no doubtbpesses and dubtobly causes, and we seem is the gloom only rego recognising the purple uniform couldn't see any thing else until they were upon them, but he regime couldn't see any thing else until they were upon them, but he regime couldn't see any thing else until they were upon them, but he regime couldn't see any thing else until they were upon them, but he regime couldn't see any thing else until they were upon them, but he regime couldn't see any thing else until they were upon them, but he regime couldn't see any thing else until the proper of the man and the firm of the man and the firm of the ma

At that initiant Joice folt hereelf suddenly lifted into the air and found herelev herless on the back of a horse in freatof a grayented soldier, whe was trying to grab her by the threat to strange her while with the other hand to use his platel to dash her brains sut. The action less strangled dropped her rills and torn, and tried to soratch the mans, eyes out with her lest hand while one grasped at his uniform to such the man still strangling her tried with the other hand he dould hardly guess. The man still strangling her tried with the other hand helding the rifle the strike her in the front of her head, and as she was seated in risewerse position on the hereou back, he couldn't gut to do it while despits his sta strangle hold one struggled with the fury of a wild interesting a horse. The object which she grasped was the dagger holt excepted was the dagger holt of the man, but before she could get that dagger holt are to do was heard, and which hit he alical, and it seemed to high into the air that both were thrown, the wan laying her head were the lang and he hand any gagines a house of any to man grayed were heard.

respect to high into the air that both were thrown, the isan laying her head had been heel, as and one landing egainst a tree ab and banging her head as intitio trunk hard enough to see a million stars.

Her bedy any hete where was not injured to one half the extent her feelings feelings were with the other Glandelinians were rearing with their devillen should loud enough to be heard half a mile, and Joice hastily clambering upon hor foot, and booking the came Clandelinian who had recovered his feet langing for her with his cabre drawn drew her pistel and brought him down with a shot in the head.

The other glandelinians seeing that who ever the party was they were

assalling were getting the botter of them deeplie their big numbers rede eff his life into the woods, as soon as the Principace found their rifles and restored two of the torches to a blaze, they loo ed at each other and gave way to their unroute included the action of the torches to a blaze, they loo ed at each other and gave way to their unroute included the total act and despite the experience for several minutes before they can be a total despite.

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speech. Never had a pompous expedition of several minutes however en ded more ignobly, they had started out to trail a few dandelinians, and unexpectedly were everturned by some of the dandelinian cavarty. It is admetimes thought that as ornel and savage as they are many of the Olandeliniane no matter what oor the way are poseess a sense of the most more himbigues, and it seemed as if some of the wounded Clandelinians which the strangeness of this engounter, as much as did Atlebrich and the strangeness but they when recovered by their commandes did not

refive the assault.

Tidlet had had her wound examined by Adeldefob hidselfwho was well addinted with dottoring, but he pronounced it a mere no account a scratch though it was a painful and deep one, and after binding it up they pro

ceeded about their business.
These Glandelinians al de almost put it over on us that time girls said

"Ade and I tell you there is a good deal more in the heads of those or the dread ful Glandelinians than any of us may imagine said Joice, after she had examined her rifle!" believe those Olandelinians wantempts we followed wenter to believe these was used ful to believe these or against the results of the said that the believe these or against the results of the said that the believe these was sort of game out there so as to play the the rook with us ."

wants in to believe there was some sort of gams out there so has to hay to the fool with we."

"No you believe they forms the scheme of the Squadron of Clandelinian care lift wants have been impossible I me sureflor we could not have forseen it curselves if we had arranged the scheme; they shoply meant to misload us into a trap, and then we acted the scheme; they shoply meant to misload us into a trap, and then we acted the fools for their amucents. They'd give into a trap, and then we acted the fools for their amucents. They'd give into a trap, and then we acted the fools for their amucents. They'd give into a trap, and then we acted the chance. Our desort destruction is said to see the downfall of the Cause, trat is if it is only a mere withing. The offendal interse only only over more than the velicity of the clandelinians only only over more than the velicity of the second of the words who may be sheltered in the suppose there are big forces of them going through the roods. "said notification to capture all of the trough the velicity of the count deserved in the woods or retreating through it."

"It's business to capture all only so much running that they may be parts of Aslagarbeo army added laisy and if Adologarbee does assault if I of Hansons rear there will be trouble, for it downs doesn't take the parts of the sound doesn't take the standard the trap was it they were able to dean at us so sudden by 'm sure these was it they were able to dean at us so sudden by 'm beever'd the standard was the sounded the beauty was all the lighted to rehas said.

This for a rearriguard action to become manage."

The in district that set those Cannel with mans long who attacked us I'm sure the content of the was it they were able to dash at us as making the content of the was it they were able to dash at us as making the content of the was it they were able to dash at us as making the content of the content o

slowly forward till she got behind a tree, without moving her gaze, and attentively acrumtinized the distant part of the woods. Then without sying a o word she turned and booffened to the others to approach.

"lolet and her sisters did an directed and also say in the clutance a very large force of Glandelinians moving forward, all agreed that it was that much expected divisions of Glandelinians under the vest of deldegarbes army, and being under such an able general could be considered the most dangerous and dreaded Glandelinians of all, and that they were moving slowly and contributely to the southward, so that in point of fact violet and her sisters suspected that the christian and glandelinian traines must be sisters asspected that the christian and glandelinian traines must be changing relative positions, and train they dreaded by the new notane of things and by the still further off sound of battle that the snewy were on the upper hand, also chalefold directed the at attention of violet in on the upper hand. Also Alelderob directed the at attention of violet in particular to the long wave of fees, and wondered what she thought of the

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"I'm afraid general Hansen is already whipped or being worsted. "said a hag." I have such a feeling anyhow."
"He wouldn't stand count any nonsonse as that, "said Jennie, g rasping a eventanging branch to lift herealf up to see better."
They then trotted off taying a direction leading algost directly back over the lath they had followed the day before with the purpose to try

Some of the Christian gunners day movements however behindthy his tree two guns were first, a should expladed in the brunches and a solid shot that the bark, chowering them with aplinters of bark and branches besides a "clouburest of pine noddlos."

"Goodnight what a sin, "sold Violet."
"Go an lived on by friends too, gald Jonnio,
"Good thing the tree is so big."
An examination of the bark itself however failed to bring to view
any seretching or abrasion that would have been made by a solid shot, and

any seratching or abrassion that would have been made by a solid shot, and the betieved the durage was in the upper section of the trees done by. The shell shell a full branch as was down. The shell the bretty high but too high to do any harm.

"They the but too high to do any harm."

"They thouse a protty good hitters aim't they. "c. claimed Adelefob. "Tes we'd better be going on we'll get hit sure."

They thousefer wheeled abound, and going the trail again, trotted to the northward, he shote followed that however as they were seen by the gunners who couldn't dare fire on any one so small and sepecially when they did see their mistave and reglized they had fried on children in purple. They even recognized them and had a hover of this lang what if this chall had hit and killed V ions and how anylors.

"Now 'They had he and killed V ions and how anylors."

"Now 'This 'the rese not far off, you can age up your hind to hat said Hattie still it all excitement if we remain close together we'll find our way o t of the woods very soon."

Thich is a good thing??.?.?.?..

"As soon as she catches sight of the Clandolinians she will turn about as soon as she catches sight of the Clandolinians she will turn about and true back with might and main to varm us. Maybe that is her tuttes o sure she could have the change to do that "declared Jennie" in not so sure she could have the changer for violets rath move than they could have even suspected. The enemy is up to at times that she does't see the danger the is running into. The fight you had Catherine with the storm of the country of the country with the storm of the country of the country of the country with the storm of the country of

"ut violet will be sure to wait till we come up to her if hee if she

which he turns to fights his unvnown asadilants.

"Let violet will be sure to wait till we come up to her if see if she
seed any quencial hand advancing her vay."

"There is no tolling what she will do, of course the innet the sort of
Eir I to lose her head, but nevertheless she is only a fittle girlan
eit I to lose her head, but nevertheless she is only a fittle girlan
be are and she wi would be opposed to a bunch of men and therefore the only
chance for her is that we may be close enough so that we can true and
lond our aid to her."

"There we had better hurry."

"There we not could not be so far off heresic.

"If we come upon any classfeliniane trying to do her harm we could to be so far off heresic.

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"If we come upon any classfeliniane trying to do her harm we could to be able to hold her enamics at hay until her can come to us without be able to hold her enamics at hay until her can come to we without much danger to ourselves—that is if we use any sort of our in aiming at the classfeliniane."

"Mist must try and do that—my heavens better."

At that instant they were startled by the unusual report of countless in wome of rifles at a nearer distance being cancered by a greater fire and somethins is a foothy of her or came over time at the deathy pale and somethins is a foothy of her or came over time at the deathy pale and somethins is a foothy of her or came over time at the world deathy pale and somethins is a foothy of her or came over time at the first of the violet man and countries is a foothy of the report of the first of the sort we have a second of the countries of the first of the sort was a support of a countries of the countries of the first of the sort was a support of a countries of the outless of the sort was an angelinian of for which the pale of the wester of the sort was an angeli

conting heaver foll to the ground whinning and meaning. We are also officer, the heave head and another, who noticed that he was bleeding from a wound in the log head and thoulder where not bullate but the sabre of some enemy caverly men had struck him with bad results. Whether his we and were mottal or not they couldn't tell.

"How did you came to got hitten ad Jaco according ever the fallen and trying to giving him a southing daught of brandy.
"It see done by a Jandedinian coverly manued he between gasps." and he hit me a hard bled indeed. I shouldn't wender if I'll sign."

"You are tadly hurt sir but I den't believe you' regions to die."

They were still trying to confort the man when this table and a little the din they heard a report which they well new way were still this the din they heard a report which they well new way were still this

"Help please help outereand has got me help purry up sisters the fools drove me into a bog and man away to leave me die purry up or I m a

gener."
Addlefob and Violate sisters dashed forward encited and fearful they would be too late. The voice of the imperized Princess rang out again. "Quick quick the quick and his stime sure, Hurry Sisters Hurry Addlefob for pitys sakeli'm soling down fast; is sisters came upon an stroar dimary scene. Before this visible had been set upon by a huge party of the enemy and as she had run with right and high neroes a little stroam for a large and high tree but in going into the stream where the water had been less than two inches deep she had got caught into a yellow sandy quagnire and the lands in anno believing she would perish anyow and hoping so didn't either bother to capture her or rescue her but went away to join their convades who wave on the senth. Had she went away to join their comrades who were on the march. Ind she went only a few steps further she would have got across the stream madity, but she did not had time to think of that. Glandolinians were shill within sight and while delegate and two of the Vivian Girls wont forth with the ropes

and while deleted and two of the Vivlen Girls what forth with the ropes they always carry in their napac o, the others went behind trees to driver them in case they were attacked. Violet not seeding them come still emitted her ringing ories for help which had a cry of degrair in the sound this time, but they went with great hadto to her rescus. Exting to a tree close to the dan gerous quagmire of and, and opposite that where Violet was already in beyond her waist, deleted each her a line celling to her to great if firmly while joice threw her mother do that the help two reges by which in nearly a half a minutes time they had her saitly on land again but dripping wet and covered with the aliny cose.

The glandelinians had seen the rescue and though they might have admired the some in one way or regretted it it is hard to tell it was determined however by them that the party would not be able to escape, and they unshed forward with such speed that there can be littly doubt that they would have been so prompt to rush to their rescue. They word no impressed by the danger, that they missed their rifles together and cordinated the stand the rifles was desired their street while the reflect of the carry with pietols while the three readed the rifles together and cordinated that such a streety fire was continued that the forement of the Glandelinians appalsed appalled by their awful loss so enddenly rusled and recoiled. But a though the sit was deliberate as it should have been yet they had brought down appaired by their awall loss as authorny reales and recolled gut although the size was deliberate as at should have been, yet they had brought down a Clandelinian for every shot, and had not missed a che after recoiling the Clandelinians rallied and stopped short relied and then in greater numbers made etraight for those behind the trees trying to circle so as to get around their rear, and firing heavily as they did so.

"Soutter and o limb a 'ree." called out Adeleto, who saw they had no chance to relead.

"Spectror and climb a 'ree." called out Accision, who saw they had no chartes to relead.

"Yow was the time for " islet to recover, and relead her gum, and ta e shot at the leader of the Glandelinians, so as to cause deniusion and driw the rest of the foe off from their het perauti of Accision and the others, and indeed from begind another tree she centimed her chots so steadily, that the paris stricken Gkundelinians could not realize where the new danger came from, but while some retricated in while famile where there continued no after 'Velste sisters, thise Accision brought down a Clandelinian captian. Join he while some retricated in while famile the others continued on after 'Velste sisters, thise Accision brought down a Clandelinian captian. Join he while some corrected in while famile the others could not appelling were so alarmed that they stopped to help the run while the root of the girls recorded fire with pistols."

"But her sisters could not desert the her, until heavy debe was not mangled by the fall and by that time the Glandelinians were too close to them so that they would not have the time to becape by climbing a tree.

"It sure did seem as it it would go ill with them all for no gum of the party was loaded, and the Clandelinians were almost upon them, when most providentially but weakpiectedly, Adolefob had found a great upon them, when most tooked and this he threw and it expladed with torrific force among the Clandelinians find gone every one of them who were so close to Vilet's stora while Vilet hervell nose her rifle again and again firing on the other Glandelinians, and so great was the bayous ever from the firing or one girl and the explading of the grounds that the remainder of the Olandelinians find penicetricted from the scene and to sover.

"Are any of my cloter hurth to a scene hands followed by Adeleofob alongelide her. Then a general explanation followed.

Although Violest couldn't have shown by Adeleofob are not be seen the when the are there where had which the own her had enor too place on near the cabin home of the lady one of them had witnessed or whe had wisited with her children that the too had heard the cries for help but had come up just when it was all ever for new at this pot there were no more glandelinlans in sight.

Mind you a goodly everm of well armed Glandelinians routed by a more handful of little girls, and one boy, adelefed and her sisters everwhelmed Y lolet with thanks, and though she modestly discislined her right for all the oriential-expressing her belief that so, had as much to reach them as as much a right to give them the credit for reaching her as she they had for her reaching them, yet they would not listen to it; and ealefed said he was with the greatest little hereines the world ever head of.

"We better by going though said Joice These are not the only Glandelin in a beliefer in the woods and they II soom owns to revenue what we did to them in this terrific fight to eave you Violet so let's get going."

"The thought so too, and shouldering their titles they started on for the main road, adelefed proposed that they should go by a short cut to examine the battle situation, but they when time decline to do so until they were out of the dangerous forest.

they were out of the dangerous forest.

The tale of the great battle of Lebanon as repited in the foregoing chapter is necessarily as est best at it could have been written. Yet it is sind a birds eye view of one of the most destructive, if indeed not the most terrible battle calculates that hit both sides simultaneously that both trailes tottured each other with and that had ever g raged since the war commenced, as the battle is still raging though on its conclusion it is hard to be a reast it so utdown is untill we go through a portion of the following chapter, but it must needs be said lancy, so far has the upper bad hand has the four goes. The actual lass of life will never be given, The most conservative estimates of the destruction of the armies wrently in territy four hours tire which followed during the whole of the greate the mast conservative settimates of the destruction of the armies wrought in twenty four hours time, which followed during the whole of the threes, of bloody hattle especially along the whole of the christian line assaulted by generals Peggio and Moosinia, and the positions on the Ste Marie, and St Boninge Groceroads, where it raged the hottest, stagger the human mind to compresent it is a catastrophe for both sides combined before which all civilization will stand aghant when the news comes out.

"It can be cald that general Hanson in this diensterous and viccus

The san be call that general minute in the allowance and victors battle lost more of his men in dead and wounded, then the allies and Central powers combined in the four years of battles in the shole for the fall far-the most deadly contest in true modern history Coneral far Franchicos loss of life in his own troops, when christian downter assaulis and artillery fire met his one laught was ines nifteent in com parison to general Handone lose on his Central line, where the Alandelinian artillery fire devastated the U grden appt of Len Labanon town during

the evening burror of the great and herculent battle.
The destruction of dendelinian troops at Cedemine and Evangeline St
dars but together was hardly one hundredth mart as great in the sacrifice
of hundrillie as was talk dreadin battle cataclymentich will soon in this

of human lite as was this dreading battle ontaclynaminic will soon in this stery because of its outcome fill the whole mitten with sorroult is to be a plature of tragio mithos before which all civiaminic mount and at the first tragio of the dreading highs oquabbles came in to general Hanson, the tidings of the dreading highs oquabbles came in to general Hanson, the fidings of the dreading highs oquabbles came in to general Hanson, the fidings of the dreading highs oquabbles came in to general Hanson, the fidings of the dreading high open and we thin his reported to him that terrible midbal change hid been made within his reported to him that terrible midbal change hid been made within his reported to him that the problem of general Adelagation unallaght, the line of hittle was demolished in some places, and shattered to fragments in others and that at a pdint of the void where, lott and her siters were having their advertise) from distributions force was a few the mode of the condition of the dreading their advertises. It was also reported they would have a line had greatly changed. An language red of the train were along to one of the generals todo up to him all axisted and said.

"Your Excellence The best of a current is any well. I happened to be

"Wolf Excellency The best to nour rear is and awful. I happened to be present to at this overing at the names of the proof "Your Excellanov The battle on our rear is anti awful, I happened to be respect the corrections to the rear. Then I and the main thing happen Just safety eight in the evening or night the Glandolinians succeeded in capturaling another position, as I watched the common there came suddenly the noise of a most terrific explosion, as if all the name in the whole world fired shots at one time. The carth owned and vibrated, a mine had exploded under the charatis enemy, but nevertheless the curvivers only maddened by their loss pre-second, and the christian line which had withstood the shoet of the account twice foll back mid-s great crash of rifles and the ring of steel against steel and then the soldiers dropped that we account field. their waspone and fied in terror. The position remained deserted for a few moments untill the savage efforts of two or three generals and many of the officers rallied the shafefaced troops.

Had the shoot of the congult come a for minutes earlier the phole rear

Wad the shoot of the angulat come a few minutes carlier the whole vor would have been stept out of shape and driven into parie."

He again and all his general and arched the density neces. Over the positions in or on the christian reason that the density neces over the positions in or on the christian reason. The density neces are supported in the christian forces had esemble to burst through all shattales now, and "sound the christian forces had esemble to burst through all shattales now, and "sound the christian bursen before it as seen would burl a sugar of logs into a terrest the whole battlefield gray and purple with the aful number of dead and wounded fallen on both sides. Seneral Manson reached the waste place beside (symmans ull). A group of disconcerest Angolinian officers on horse reaghied there import importably watching the ruln of the christian rear. Seneral Frazz Perry winkle stags almost to frenzy, raved at them for not dalar amenting to stop the disastor but nonedy sensed to understant a. Single over the said or what he was trying to say, General Hisry stanck resked up to the scene within sight of Henson but fell mortally wounded. Ann Haisen arrived upon the scene general Meldon's Greatheaut who had been the one, to bring been dismounted. The tears were streaming down his lack he itseld to say a capture of the disastor, and tward the christian positions in the rear over which the clandelinians were now pressing on in a long were, followed by a caverly force moving in nonedrone, and their horses hoofs unking as confusion of sound.

These apparently could be no hope of recovering the lost positions in the confusion of sound.

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It eas indeed to their idea the demolition and wreef of everything.

There apparently could be no hope of recovering the lost positions in the rag face of that irrestable Jamadainian advance until the onlystical bat teries near Ste Harie could be brought to bear on the semilants to tear their wayes to pieces, and long before that the they whole of Hemsons rear would be volted up in the frightfullest confusion. Homeon looked on in embittered eighness that the they wave to be an in embittered eighness that with a determination never seen the face, before. Some believed it might as tell be for them to give up now and start the whole army on a retreat, The Gandainian general Advisory and even liature had united to theart Hahson and that glancy was his overmatch in every way.

"I guess said general Greatheart at Lest with a way smile and the faint gleam of cynical humor in his blazing eyes "I guess this means that we'll be all on the retreat pretty secu."

"No it doesn't said Hanson with Irony. "I'm not a retreating man, we oldn't retreat for pien and wis host let alone that chary Irishmuns i'll restore that the army of control of the second of the like to see who's going to stop me even row."

"It are you going to do then?" Said Greatheart Increduliously.

"It all make a record outing through the many line this very evening" general Hanson gave anever and keep thinks going by main force mill have stopped the enemy. I know general an allegation and I juck how to play the checkers with him. "Then he wondered may be seemed to be talking non gare and seemen and allegation and I juck how to play the checkers with him." Then he wondered may be about to be talking non gare and seemen and the new ordered may be about to be talking non gare and seemen and seemen and seemen and the seemen and the seemen and the seemen and seemen an

play the checkerswith him." then he wondered why he seemed to be talking non sensor.

With the Help of Our Blessed Lord, and His slolly Mother", attered general Gentheart and gripped his hand hard "lil stand by you to the end. Hr. Albert is going to be no end until I we whipped that I rish fool said Handon "He saddegrade to His own Mation to light in the wide of such a Devilsh foe...""AZZ and they had look their hadden to the scene when thome wint Englished and one we and they had look their hadde handon would be the sensor of the sensor would done to the scene

when the as can strophe occured. It they had both their hades fance in the scene of the state of the scene of the state of

said. "Then your Excellency.?"

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"When I spoke to you about a record out through the enemys lines, and drawing things to a finish for adelegarbe. This affair coming on the top of my big reverses along at Boniface's Roads and Ste Maris had ended me if no not already. I'm nestively cure I'm going to get the worst of it. Yet I hate to retreat. Do you believe I could signal for help from general I will be a signal for help from general in the chin but only from the morrow."

Oreatheart scratched his chin but end nothing to this.

"To You see" "said general Manson" according to my own reasoning we shall not be able I'm afraid to cut down the conslaught of this here general De Gartel may be able to hold out till to morrow morning, but if I'd continue on then I'd be up against it. We need another general.

if I'd continue on then I'd be up against it. We need enother general division of reinforcements to carry us through the morning if not the whole day till semathing comes for our best and we can cut through the

army on both sides of m inc. No other army is near enough to rouse of and aid me in such a citation or retain no in my record as an enhanced general. There is sevention million non, coming to us from one of the ar miss but its too far to some up on time. Well may fifty million would carry in through this frightful rangingle, but shore's it coming from if my brother in really energy at vantum or it Etholdroda as I've heard he'll need all the troops he's got also. "We have sixteen million reserves on our left and could get them up on time to out General Adolegarbos army to ploces." and Greatheast. "Perhaps so but how long would it be before we could not them here. It's

"We have dixten million removes on our left and could get them up on time to out General Modegathes are, to place ". "Jaid Orestheart.

"Perhaps so but how long would it be before we could not them here. It's quite a ways."

"The Mod might as well give up the battle, write a note to glancy we're licted and run away from him. "and Green them."

"As far as I can so. "Greetheart butted out'you're about ten million shy you."

"As far as I can so. "Greetheart butted out'you're about ten million shy you see got the reputation of a general nover beaten by any fee. If you can retain that reputation of a general nover beaten by any fee. If you can retain that reputation non you'll be prefit you as claury is you're equal it is always the saying you've got to bill an Iristage and it's him him in a fight. But you i see its this ways. I've got they divisions they're still fresh, ou can use that division to cruch adelegables burybes, still fresh, ou can use that division to cruch adelegables burybes, it deeps mighty woresonable to me but now in Eddal and a second as I've got the toops into action yet. Here ou more in Eddal and a second as I've got the toops into action yet. Here ou more in Eddal and a second as I've got the toops into action yet. Here ou more in Eddal and a second as I've got the toops into action yet. Here ou more in Eddal and a second as I've got the toops into action yet. Here ou more in the suppose I'm was necessary we could send it in 'o the aboutten we can do wondere. I at first was not our whether wo'd meet that division, and eyen if it was not are the art'end known "General Greeth eart'end known "The you orang someth to suppose I'm going to care to be supposed I'm to put to a forth and the provide a suppose I'm while here is to be a suppose I'm to put to a forth known we have lost the whole hattle onttreaty a treaty i read yet will not to your service your move the provide and t

"Nuy it was you who made me see straight said general Hanson... "Now general we'll gen things hard from this very minuse. Se'il gtart in cutting the enemy through these woods, and we'll drive the 'landelinians through the woods get upon Adelgarbes rear, and we'll resp augent and his control of the control and general Winte will soon inderstand when he gets the plans.
He stopped suidenly, and there we two generals hit by the same thought looved at each other. "I wonder how in the world did general Adelegarbe get around to our

rear!"raid Hanson.

The two dea rises and were looking each other squarely in the open.

Bome ery must have given him the mintor the lay of the land said Great heart.

"I wasn't reflecting on him getting information that way Greatheart.

Though with regard to that you ild mention in on the day we were going
to move against the second of the second the most dangerous of the -"

the most dangerous of hit..."

"I understand one to whem Your Excellency." I said general Alelarbe was the main one to watch out in any battle game for So I was. My shouldn't we be who " going to frustrate his offert when that Glandelinian general studies in mistory every manusover of a general sound against if r know lane diandelinian generals don't get to sense against if r know lane diandelinian generals don't say herestly he's the best general the Glandelinian armies has but one of the best. He's a Coorge Vachington on the glandelinian cide str, he fights the vay he's turned, and he's a fierde fighter through and through."

General Hanson felt somewhat ashamed of his suspicious Yot remombering the day that Gertrade hageline and Violet and her sisten had had some trouble with a lad called Ned Frarjer he could not wholly red likesif of them, and only that lad understands how delgarbe or Adeledegarbe could move accord to ashamble for the real Creatert'he said what was it you reard when the Vivian Cirlar rebuight a certain boyscout called Ned Farrer any after he was discharged. You canted."

"Why I guess that "gan't nothing general. "You know things are go

"Thy I guess that "ann't nothing general. "You know things are so bad that even the poor Trincesses are a pt to get excited over trifles. But the lad did not nightly bad when one of them shaded him for some north of a minimanor."

"Must vas it ceneral."

"Just someone attack the translating, the mail that the tay it was founded not had been in some correlating with second additioning and planed some edges or the witten that headen desiry file Eattle."

"Then for the first time the wards of Jennio someone came back to general Hangons Look to your restable to your way. Yet struggle as he would her last words haunted himly accomed impossible to a secondate that treachery with fled Parper. He decided to have that boyscout captured at all costs.

As he stood this making over his result and most grand success of his whole career in battle and has he had the christian left flank on the most disgraceful defeat and rout on all yer record in all battles of whole career in matthe and has no has the children and lift land, on the most disgraceful defeat and rout on all terrecord in all battles of history and was on the point of which is treated in the tattles of the war for cleancy, general Adelegations at tention during the firs glared late evening was attracted by the actions of his gueron is some distance in front of him. He saw thom looking tward the woods and following the direction of their type with his rear an uniteristing eight that fairly made his eyes blue, bulzd, gone one must have notified one of its lieutenant generals at the same time for the care riding forward, and looked long and searchingly at the woods. In his loud voice this general Bellowedcommands and his staff rode fast to their respective commands as fast as hores could go while one of the advancing claredinian army was righted about face and throw into restrict, while confirmed the grant they are righted about face and throw into restrict, while confirmed were of captured the critisian artiflery, and the example of all the commanders were of them acts which moving objects and now it was increasing in size and coming a piddly neaver. No longer was it as ribbon form that had at first attracted their attention, but a great wave sequence formation ominious and black in the even teapening floom. The wind that had been blowed to stand ground. The glandel into army fell off from its advance and turned to stand ground. The steems of the research is a different and safer location to stand ground. The steems of the research is a different and safer location of the stand of the research and safer location.

A last of the glandolirian army fell off from its advance and turned to stand ground. The silence that followed cast a spall of terror over some of the others. Vicibt and her ainters in a different and safer location also saw this charge, it is the gardy morning. If there clandolinian fools blanched before the inequal of the great moving more of the order location must be great indead. Alabedegather army were of the observed vicibit and her clatter who saw this with Adelerob endorated at first listle of what this was. The algebraic was first a great single from the case of the observed vanishing on the case of the observed vanishing of the observed vanishing as were counting.

when that the passes that a vote on langerons rear and and to their respecte be and alolet, and her sisters xsaw Jennis arms locked looking twind to the forest.

"You do not seem to be afraid of staying so close to this diagorous location, who said to them."
"Her you"replied Adolotob. "Why should we be afraid. Christians are

"Nor you'replied Adolofob. "Why should we be afraid. Christians are afraid of withing but si n." Is a standard linian somewals. They do not seem to be afraid. They do not refear. "Jennie __armot told him.

"They try told trequested.
"They are overconfident that that now wave of christians will be repulsed and swept wity." Adolefob replied epocity.

"We are all sure of the opposite opens. "enid Jennie __urmor.

"It efect to everything. Scald Adolofob.
"Him are journd whilet, and hor electers not afraid?" Jennie demanded. "Am you so much braver than other Christians. "There were no sarcaum in her thes.

"I am very much afraid of what will happen there. "replied Adolofob.
"Those are Openhearte twoofs! can one by the banner. Adologathes trought little of Greatheart or hie ways." the banner. Adologathes
"Lut you or yield et, and her cistors do not show any fear. "insisted
"Jenie warmer."

Jennie urmer.

"That is the result of heredity and good training. "Violet repiled.

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The plande in in officers seem to show their few whiches they fight or not the massed. The officers seem to show their few whiches they fight or not the massed train hereoff. I now ditty diamedin in hereoff but when we not admind hereoff. I now ditty diameding the continued as though saying this to hereoff but when veinforcements exceed against them extend when they were victorious they show fear. They rere willow committee the charge. He heavens listen to the desired walls."

when they were victorious they have the test to the charge. By heavens listen in her voice. "Esses" she cried. "They're coming at the charge. By heavens listen to their derisive yells."

The big wave of things thinked. Abbleanning was tearing tward the army of Adolegarbechor they they have been derived they chrode of cloud from a noise also came as if a sea was backed to fury. Chrode of cloud from bursting shrepred whiched and whisted above the analytic and any fifts, and then the "Biorn'otruck the clandelinians from the order of the impact. That ensued then was appalling to even from the buddeness of the impact which were even used to the sights of the bid of tattles, even the chases of was takeny mountains tunbling upon the cy shore couldn't have made as much noise as the rolling drum fire of artillery and risles as the christians of the single as wallowing chip, the christing yolls, the live an angly see a special a wallowing chip, the three risks of landelinians at striving in rain to resist to longer emaggering bullies as they usually were beling, staggering, and then dwindling away into many deed and wounded the clandelinian force with n view recolled. They could easily see general adoledgarbe. Be nearly cloud to the mount of the general was ashen. He passed by on horse as any as the saming could gallop-leyond them two other landelinian generals soreming orders that no one could hear, and four of them fell wounded or dead. Tward them adoledgarbe and life way, above the battle notom the Vivian dirl.

Princesses and the two others heard Adelegar Adeldegarbe screaming at the Princeses and the two others heard Adelegar Adelegarbe screaming at the officers

"Bave our left. Bave our left." The cried. "The Hangaboo divisions. Send them to repell the one laught. Send them. Or the battle is lost it's that crazy

general Greatheart and his army."

It was afface, to all of the litle gills gills and the boy tlat no size of a Glandshirlon division yald cave the arm from defeat or garyive in facing such an sensiti even if ter ctud have been harded cryaid. General in facing such an account of giverior years cave and army from colest of convive of facing such an account even if the club have been harded formand. General C id most forward with a livision of Zimmannanians, and while he was putting theme men is to action and harling cornarde he fell shot through the head, and his torong tweetled he confecton. Consult Cain tried to rally them but also fell. Soon the "Stom "was harled has but after a fifteen sinused bull a "mighty sea" of thristian troops rose suidenly on a dangerous turning meyenent, it seemed in the still gloomy atmosphere of the buttlefield to heary theme for an instant as if in heatition, and then with yells more frightful than flowerly as many demons colled in upon the position from that quarter-countless numbers of rushing bayoneting shabing and clubbing men against clude clubbing enemies as if it was a pittless inserence on actualling upon the glandelinian army in the position. Bugsh but a long line of Clandlinian machine gu hattowies and field attillbry and the victure income restance of the landelinians chowed

artillery and the victive induce resistance of the landshining showed that this second account of the only waves of human beings was too dangerous to withstand too long and just for too minutes the glandshining should depented, and the whole line was like a chip straining and shidden is and battling for life.

rought desperately, and the whole line was like a chip straining and shide in and baitling for life. "It is a constituent on if he was a dumb brute in the agony of death. Violet and her cinters action a state in the agony of death. Violet and her cinters actood wat sate ing fascinated by the townstyleng might of the christian and only the life saw the Clandelinian wave of resistance shrink to insignificance before that while analysis, and a slow smile crossed Accledator face, powers the resistance was as inputy raddoned in its attributers it finally the christian wave receised, and the clandelinian army opened fire ances but were not do ing to counter charge. The smile left Adeledators face as his eyes but the receicing of the assault. The score of woods from which the christians issued was almost empty now. Entither that the had raged too many cent to be counted lay dead or wounded. It was clowly beginning to be daylight row. Jann's Turner clung tightly to adcladeator. "I did not thing the Chandelinian army moor Adeledagarba could live through that." she said.
"Not I could adeledator that if worded the Alandelinians on a retreat would come the way. "You seem the only one who was not afraid. The faces of Violet and her eighted work white."

would come this way, for some the only one who was not arraid. The faces of Violet and her circus wore white. "
"Of what use was general by Garbos fruntic efforts "all Adelerob." id
it save his army from the blows of the general Greatheart. He'n a sledge
hammar banging on a piece of read we have "Then you were affaid it'd happen but you hid it.?"
"Then you were affaid it'd happen but you hid it.?"

he districted. The ideas and anot understand what you mean by fear. I did not want to be involved in the confusion that might ensue if that is what you

"Here comes another wave attack, "cried , jolet shuddering, and pressing closer to n in. "I wonder what this will dot"

closer to n in. "I wonder what this will do!"

Ade ledefobe arm tightened about the figure of the little girl. It was an unconscious genture of the protective inethnot of the male.

"Do not be afraid yields, he ended in the figure of the male."

"I am not, "she veriled, "put I do not like it if the enemy would retreat our way, Up in the trees would be our only out; then."

At that instant the mighty christlan wave of the third assault engulfed the diandelinian columns in a titan three, the assault game suddenly with renewed fury structure in a tian three, the assault game suddenly with renewed fury structure in a tian three, the assault game suddenly with renewed fury structure in a tian three the minimum of reserves that had been necessary to give the landelle has troops good support and help them to readet the wild "human atoms" fave vay in great confusion. The left of the landelinian wave fell bad and volled tward the rear but this section did not head trayed where violet and her sisters and the two phers were.

two others were. It has portion of the Clandelinian army was in the same situation as a ship becoming a hopeless detellet, above the uprear of the terrible confictness; conflict rose general Adelegarbes screamed of the terrible confictness.

"Send the cavarly to stop the routs. The repeated like a trained partot gone mad from torror. As though sated for the moment and worn out by their own exertions by mosting with uninforcements and the cavarly now opposed to them the christian angulants abated the apequit, the fury of conflict died, the defeated Glandolinians were valled, but she the "great Bean" of christian troops note and "rone and fell" against the Glandelinian position, and the Glandelinian troops under general Candon seemed as if engulied by the according to the observation Candon seemed as if engulied by the according to the because the din Yad so wild and terrific rode closer to the Bears dangerous as his move move appeared to be he found regiments by some minute still dinging to move appeared to be he found regiments by some minute still dinging to the dead dearly bought positions. By Aint of curses and the threat of his ristly his fathered together some confused companies of Glandslipien troops, and forced them to defend a battery estill hard pressed by the Abblegamian troops, this spot there were still hard pressed by the Abblegamian troops, this spot there were still hard pressed by the Abblegamian troops, and got the spot there were christian wave charaking upon the artillery, and got the region clear of christian soldiers without the loss of a man's General Bolar murmer christian moldiers without the loss of a man's General Bolar murmer christian soldiers at the soldiers in his front from a mound of sayth bellowing orders at the soldiers in his front from a mound of sayth and as he node forward to enforce his command a solid shot stattered had as he node forward to enforce his command a solid shot stattered his leg. The murmer minimal division under general Overcoater arived too "Bend the cavarly to stop the route. "he repeated like a trained

This general on his horse comined starting obelievingly at the small

This general on his borse remained signing substitutingly at the small number of twops trying to save rescal Turns battery from the small number of twops trying to save rescal Turns battery from the savey seas of christian twops in somalize security, while the disheld disabled glandslinian division under Turps possible to a heavy artillery fire from some under spot somed to destruction as it was a perfect walled up curtain of artillery fire. From other sections where they had been brought up came the childness of curns brigades, and when they saw Turns battery threatened trey went in to action so fiscally that a mad panic followed among the childness and allance of among and when they saw Turns battery threatened trey went in to action so fiscally that a mad panic followed among the childness and lands as the man mad slands limin bruites fought with a fury that would have routed a number of well brigades of demons.

"Come gried violet. We must havey and get closer to see that will happen now. They're recolling to the bridge."

She started to move tward the bridge road, but as a shell burst there with an earsplitting crach Jone in Turner restrained her.

Thock at them till you, "the said. We are safer at the marcy of a storm at sea then going out there. It's sucide pure and simple."

Violet came then closer to Adelected. She she countless number of men engaged in a san man hand to hand fight or shooting each other at close rang range or stabiling one another. He says an officer plate in Angelinian solder who tried to beyone tilm, she saw an officer plate in Angelinian solder who tried to beyone tilm, she saw an officer plate in the conflict and drive the christian of the line in and effort to be in the conflict and drive the christian from the territory, the and her friends saw then the christian coming forward from seemingly numbers and of the christian though a coming forward from the conflict from the position. They have one brigade overwall and over whelmed the christian though to the history of the christia

of the battle and the abouts if the christian combatants as the christians sinforced by other troops began to return to the account as though fearing the Glandelinkus might occase their fury.

"The end in darker if react, here much longer said Videt. "The enemy may be worsted yet and may come this ray on their vetrat."

"They won't be not so son'sgal Jennie Lumper." I never seen men fight so stubbornly before. But let then come, I would not allow them to see us. There are many trees handy."

"But if they retreat this way there can be no hope for us." said anie viyian.

"There is no more for them. "caplied Jennie Turmer" and at least we can climb up if that army of putthroats do come."

"You are more affrid of our side than of the enemy. "said gasledefob. "For one yearn yee."

"For one reason yea."
"For one reason yea."
"May should you four them? Mineralled yielet. "They are not our enemy."
"May should you four them? Mineralled yielet. "They are not our enemy."
"No but they might believe re are showled in aiding and they'd get us more than the enemy could with this fire."
"Askedefor turned his eye gaid by upon her and they were filled with auricles."
"That is some and "But comehow I had forgotten iti? I did not believe they could believe we were enemies it don't seem to be possible."
Indiang to the stump Addictorious III years alose to Violate ear as he sought to make himself heard above the buttles roars as a sea of troops struck the dien staggering Chandelinian front a their exploded close to the little party and its consused on three Addictor both forward so that it is cheek touched here. Buch realized that it was an accident but did not regret it though the offset was none the lane surprising Adeladoro also felt the little little body against its and connected none of contact refered it though the offect was none the libra surprissing Adeledator also feat the little girls body against his and consciousness of contact must have been reflected in his eyes as if he had been in contact with some little celestial being come down from heaven to watch the but he Adelededo any excitement in her eyes but it gave him no plecaure his lumagined the treatement he and the little girls would reciove if captured by the enemy But whatever thoughts were 'roubling his war' gubmerged by the grim tragedy of the succeeding live minutes as another tremendous wave of christian troops the most gigantit that had yot used had the army under Adeledgarbe hul harded like countless numbers against the Glandelinian front with the most savage of firry, fury. To all it seemed indeed that this must tell the end since it was beyond concloving that the torn up Clandelinian divisions could retain position much longer against such a furious assault that surged completely over the position almost to the very rear of them in one grand ruch driving the enemy out in some confusion. But as the abbleanian way valided on, they were soon again hurled out of the works by reinforcing enemy troops which struggled depended yaginstyle invited hilly of ruch for and had the directions going once more on airs repulse and defeat, as the troops of the snewy slowly regained the positions from the roceding intesting the object that the left winf wing of the enemy had been out up and a column of troops was extreating tward them. That at this point the enemy must have been realisting overwhelm in a numbers, and that sech second again the best than the understanding of the fact that it was beneath thissection of the battle line that the whole danger threatened. Desite Despite 1 the meanance of the lamber had added to the numbers affect begin to the seather. The transition of the battle line that the whole danger threatened. Desite also felt the little girls body against his and consciousness of contact trops t troops "weather the storn" he could continue his regard action, but there was danger of that section of the beaten christian line rallying at the sudden delay, and that cltogether they might place his army between two fires, and fight their way through his army with savade fury, and therefore with the disasterous assaults upon his

own rear and the almost covidin conclusion to be dynam from it he realized that it would indeed be a miracle of he could held out against these christing agont hard such long of in the meanthis Violet and her slaters watched the progress of the have avoight by the christian attack, and violet unced her face translated in the service of the have a violet in the christian attack, and violet unced her face translated in the service of the serv

For some time they watched the gridl scene in eilence each occupied with For some time they watched the arrive access in ellence each occupied with their own thoughts. The situation was such among the glandelinian troops that it aid not seem possed ble they might be railised sufficiently enough to avert the disaster of the next assault, yet each time the enemys frost staggered only to successfully oppose a strong front to the fierce one lughts.

"I believe the christian assaults are spending themselves" said

Adoles by the regret.

"The firing firing has died down and there has been no assignly as the great one that tore up the enemys left wing said viciot also regretfully." I'm afraid Hanson is not going to win our out in this battle."

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"But poor general Greatheart he got a beryshe, defeat.

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"Indo't general Create dreatheart propose to assault adeldingarbe."

"Not that we ever heard of as we were in these woods all night. He
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been begaged in this carry of the battle, but my this should be he
did not rhow nor did he perhaps to give ways to his feelings.

"For our own eafty here I'm glad it waen't he. "he said again.

"But why! Jenie Turner demanded.

"Bo can watch here as long as possible and see what hext move the onemy
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"We did not observe anything before and its getting lighter now."

His hesitated and then he laughed: find out anything or not "le sald
"I was not sure whether we dould find out anything or not "se sald
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"It has been a habit of all to deviating girl apies to find out that the enemy has alt always been doing before or during, and even after a bartle explained V load."Although that I understand the paril of much adventures especially from such a shown as that I folt he fear in any thing I a attempted to accomplish."

"Materor we may have a been doing we must of necessar accounts, see the greatest caution, no told her.

"That will depend per what the situation is "she told him.

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"Then we can do no move but our best he said with conscious superiorty of one wie left the danger move than they

"Perhaps Perhaps we can expaid such an encounter by going tward the advancial christians from tree to tree." "suggested dennis Turmer.
"It wouldn't be a wice move either "anis Adeldefob. "They'll believe we are some of the chismy. Here approaches a neouting party in gray. Shell

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He node forward a few rods, then forced his horse at to a stop. Again he night to horse forward.

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wi vities [James] inches callied a portion of his army or whether a new one has come to it is it.

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Toban They we too fresh with use the land army confronting to general to be and they too fresh with use the land anyhow. The whole of Cland links to be a start they be the the they to be anyhouse they get many armies."

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"The particle of the start of the start particle day to other one we get a bad deal one.

"Out and within however ignored this suggestion, and faced the general winding fearlessly into his eyem."

"There has been a 160 of ruff stuff palled off by those clandelinian general so there general have been unably to head these glandelinian generals at buy, and now it seems we curselven have not been able to travel forward through Abbienm territory without remains foul of them or their stonies. Therefore purely by accident we have had the missorume of forward through Abbienm territory without remains foul of them or their stonies. Therefore purely by accident we have had the missorume of forward through Abbienm territory without remains foul of them or their stonies. Therefore purely by accident we have had the missorume of forward through Abbienm territory without remains foul of them or the forward through abbienm territory without remains foul of the more for a that hands a general trains, depoined has the will remain here for a the thing the other.

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returned the other.

*Burest thing I'll eay gritted general Virian. *W 'all stop them for we all have a the chan ce if we use the apporturity. I don't suppose without more men tian we have we could haddled the whole three of them a put together, but if there's only one of them present we'll try to sweep tage there, and is there so in ay one at them present managery to see a tage a saids whether he be beppo Brane Nyletse by Chinon ha. If we do that re'll give landeldria a good neare us thanded into the lieves there is a caneral of the christians who can return by to by letse or his important in a good fight. If he store me then landeviling must escape the car to are one the term of the persittone of you pick out a man to represent you, this you so to Etheldreds and bring on the rest as they night be no ded. If we worse one of those glandelinian armies, they'll have to gill up states and stay are, from this section. Is that fair.?"

A general exclusionation of surprise went up around the group of generals A nonstat exchanges from or surprise were up around the group of genomic factifies offer, for they believed that ponently ivide a only bloffing and the proposition to angage Myletze of the others appared so wideled a part they could not at all at first believe general Vivian would could real Myletze and he generally expectally in the person of the three were confronting him at himmer man and were overwhelming in numbers. But then they prealized too general Vivian was game enough to

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join use might need them."

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On the mornor general vivia a decided to act freeditively.

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"however an once of general Virian hos welly "I'm going the lie take in whole alandelinkapper with very day by the aid of god if it takes in the whole of letter Maletzes coming to help the energy desertal from the whole of letter in Jetzes coming to help the energy desertal from the whole of letter in the contained one and letter by got as so hoper division in your commands, too then one and letter by the got a so hoper division in your commands, too then and all the pet this retailing to the one can advance again."

"I'm I push to y whole force for forward to all once Ale year all the curring to your follows to go forward to at once Ale year all "You bet" airly replied the others. "I saw a one on, yet our though and go for and. Tell gain some honore by bestim, an any news beaten before."

And one considered that them on. It is a wainlowind they moved their stronger markers of traces against the glassellitan front with a faptual view at a pear bittle rat was again or the rate. South one of the glassellitan per titions of section and continuous desperator inhing was again or the continuous desperator inhing was appeted but not without heavy loses, while along the glandelinian left wing distaterous repulses indicated share

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of the C landelinians that they were being steadily worn down, and that they did not have the orderace of the Athlean land. However frobably sensing comething of this themselves they now reducibled 'eir most desperate eff onto the meetres they now not desperate eff onto and the sample of the stack and the campaint of the sample of the stack of the many ime, general Quirble discovered a value able spot at which to alm the blows.

Sr Striking for the weekest smot of the Glandelinian any the christian general moved a bridage around the enemy reatr rear by accident,, and at the impact of the blow light as it was th Clandelinians gave way in some confusion, and fell back instinctivel retreating for such a surprise attack, and therefore general quishie directed all his efforts tward hurling heavier bodies of troops upon the rear of the Glandelinian fores. He even struck again and hurld a heavier body of troops upon the left flank of the assailant also aided by a large squadron of cavarly. With yells of terror the Gland linians broke into a t-rrific b panic.

A section of the hattle raged close to Hangar Station, and here too the Glandelinians gave vent to a horrid yell and charged the christi line stationed there with all the hedious ferocity that they could gather/. Indeed itseemed us though the Glandelinians here had musters mustered all their remaining vitality and thrown it into this

The Christian generals their minds coordinating perfectly and quick to see ovenings and tak e advantage of them and equally mi k quick to realize the advantage of retreat began to recoil bac to their strongest position to a avoid closing with the mad chargin charming column of troops and the bristling wall of bayonets but as the line broam to recail and as they did so, an a new column of Glandelinian tree s cameupon their right flank. Tur a moment this battle line was helpless, and in that brief moment the awful line of battle in front could be upon them with those horrid bayonets. General Tanar Banson knew it and saw it ensuring and so quickly did he act that the christian line had scarcely started to recoil in another direction fighting desperately as it did so he launched forward his own troops from a secure hidden mot upon the two sections of the charging columns and struck both of them on the flank//.

on the Hank/.
These Glandelinian assailants were almost enviroled by the new force of christians with their other enemies between them, and they struggled must desparately to free themselves from their three lines of christian assailants. There the three lines clung to the fully of the wildest attack they had ever made, and the enemy lunged formard to struggle and fight their way to safty and to rend the line of chris isn attack/. But that brief instant of delay had been sufficient to enable the christian line that had been firs attacked to regain their forestion and ere the Glandelinian troops could make a gap in the n entireling lines, these troops was upon the enemy from front and rear, and at lest the Glandellnian were helpless. It was useless to structle any longer. Tacape was out off, and finally after the lusses had become unbearable the th the chief Glandelinian general surrendered the remainder of the whole Glandelinlan column in this locality,

In the maintime one of the couriers had been sent by general Vivian even while this terrifif betale was in progresseto give warning at the child scout camp that a battle was in progress. Therefore he hastened back to that portion of the comp at St Ttheldreds and without attempting to make himself presentable teck the fastest horse to the town. On the way he was fiercely assailed by some Clandelinian cavarly men who overtook him in the chace but shough in jured he managed to kill then all.

Put well nigh exhausted from his severe struggle the officer reaching the camp, and then Gertrudes headquarters staggered un the stairs, burst into the room and announced that the battle was raging furiously and that general Vivian was winning the victory.

"Get our horses out as quickly as you can Harry"suggested Angeline Jannings to her orderly, "Gorge help me wash up this injured soldier and we'll puthin to bed and then hump out there. Things are moving pretty his t to day. It was only a few days he was in table here. Now it's over to Hongar Run only ten miles from here. When next I wonderf He more must

Despite a stronge wakness in his kness, the soldier was already on bis feet. With a protesting hand raised to decline that the assignment he said unsteadily for the washiven ... He would not abid defery unuone

"No you don't my little girl friend "he announced. "You don't put my be had while you and your hoystout fri nds go out and have alot of fun watching a great big fattle ... I'm going with you."

"But you are in a horribly messed up state. what ha pendi" "I was sent by general Vivian to tell you of this and a bunch of

sixteen Glandelinians persued me and gained on me and I had to fight my way through them. "he asnwered.

"Get cut that new mans uniform from from my locker"Angeline Jennings urged"And I'll b s on hand in a jiffy. Give it to the soldier. I believe h

is all wight."

After a questioning glance at Jean, which was answered with a mod, Deleres dashed for the locker and produced a clean uniform. Willingly the tw boyaccuts themselves assisted the soldier to remove as much as possible the marks of his recent encounter with the Glandel intens//. Quickly divesting himself of his soiled and blood stained garrents, the soldier put on his new uniform, and dashed down the stairs fastening buttons as he went. Rehind him clattered the others, Penrod suying he was going elsewhere.

"I'm going too if you have room for me "said Gladys Wenthworth

and Joy St Claire/.../

"Hop upon your horse then"Invited Fred, "Rut you'll have to hang onto your teeth, for we are upt to be persued by Glandel iniansouselves and will have to rideour horseslike a runaway. Glandelinianslike s to do more

harm to children than any one else you know."

Not a second was lost by the party in mounting their fastest horses and they started at once in the direction of the battlefield// where even now they could hear the sound of the conflict. Then just as they s started down the Ventura Road a large squadron of Glandelh ian horsenen which shopened to be the swift fleeted "Wheelers" appre appeared in sight. A fierce persuit and race began. Across the Reconstruction bridg bridge they began to demonstrate the value of the girls advice. The Glandelinians opened fire, but the bullets went wide of their mark. The fugitives returned the fire with the same result. In the speed of the persuit the Glandelinians in the foremost caught up with them, and two of them lances at the ready were so close that they dashed right in front of the fugitives in a way that threatened collision but they were cutwitted and the fut fugitives without aloss on either side got through, and by their during and skill avoided even an accident.

"They're the most pesky sort of girl and hoyacouts I ever seen"growle

growl done of the Glandelinians.

"Awe let them go"said another. "We can't get them. They'll upset the whole of us yet."

Nothing doing. They're headed for general Vivianslines endmust he turned off from that direction if not captured or stopped."

During the time that the persuit and race required a moderate pe pace, nothing unusual occured, though each of the little riders showed their ability and skill as good horseriders even in dangerous

Jean glanding back saw the Glandelinians coming coming clower again. They knew the way the Glandelinians were ridne now, that if they cought them theywould suraly be goners, and so they urged their own horses again at real breakneck speed. They went so fast that they couldn't see any thing at all of the lin decape. In theur mad dean they ran down a good number of chickens. They were easily keeping the Glandelinians at some distance behind, and asone of them fired. Angeline Jennings having a stone in her pocket threw it with straight aim and brucked the fellows teeth right down his throat. In spite of the nervious tens o tension under which they all were laboring, they joined in the leugh which Jean started at the sight of the man spitting out some of his teeth-

"You're rook done a good deed all! right Angeline" laughingly laughed remarked Angeline Richee. "And for speed both sides of us have certainly

made a record."

"Heng on your horses good and keep your heads down. "worned Henry over his shoulder. "We're go ing to getout of this mess if we can." Wor a few mine miles conversation was impossible. Their expert manipultations of their horses a produced a burst of speed that wo I woul would have been positively dangerous in less whilful skillful child scouts and they began to leave the persueing Glandelinians quite some distance behind. The boy and circlecont a always book great wide in keeping everyone of their horses in perfect order all the time in preparation for an emergency suho such as the present, and therefore felt no less confidence in the horses than they did of their meethod of riding. To the Glandelinians to try and catch up with them was unything but lplease pleasant and they were glad when their fugitives abrustly slackened wace

At once the reason for this sudden change of smead was superent. A Column ofpurple coated troopers was in front and the leader had his hand upriserd. Looking back, the pergued saw not a single clandelinian in

"What's the trouble officerf"demended Angeline Jennings.

"You are speeding the among direction if you wish to find the christian army und r und r v under general Wivian"Was the response at most orbity delivered.

"Where is the christian lines !"

"About ten miles shead."Was the reply.

"Will you wish to occompany us as a guarding patrolf"asked Angeline

"Yes. I'd rather. T like your company."

"Maybe because so many of us are good looking?"laughed Angeline A Jennings.

"Yes forone thing. Another thing because what you and we are ." "Oh T see. Well come on" heartily invited Dolores Mic-Hollester Jennings."Y u'd batter surround - us though as if we were your prisoners forthere is no telling when the flandelinians may come back in greater numbers"she added. "Hurry up. We are deleyed already. """ WS

Scarcely had the officer and his fifty men and other officers surrounded the calvacade of boy and girl sourts and the escur ting soldier, when around the hend of the road came another big party of Clandelinian horsemen almost suddenly and just narrowings is sing the chance of riding down upon the others. The girls and the soldiers urged their horses to a high speed in spite of the yells of derision from the Glandelinians, who had come upon their very heels as it were.

"They're going to open fire" one need Henry. "If all of us keep ourselveslow on o r our horses they won't be oble to hit am of us." Regardless of the firing of the pursuers, they were not hit and maintai mainteined a vicerious pace, and soon outdistanced the persuans without loss/// and after twentyminutes or so of hard riding were easily within sight of the betile field, and within easy hearing of the severe firing. Scarcely had the holted their horses to take in the view. then an explusion occurred close by. The miniscouts themselves losped to the ground. Anceline Jennings - trendy had her pictol in her hand so that they would not be surprised in case Glandelinians would appear from an unexpected direction. Dashing tward the little Greek near by the girl and howecouts were surprised to observe a body of troops on what appeared to be a retreat, and also saw on a small rise of ground a group of officers, and an unber of strange boy and girlscout s about their own age who were inspecting a partly shottered section of the christian line in front of them. At once these girl and boyscouts were recog nized as members of the bands of Rangers and Flamingoes which had been encountered in the plain by the three buyscouts earlier in the morning.

Angeline Richee paused a moment, swung her hand to herhip o pindkat pocket where she carried an automatic pistol, and then remounting her horse, and followed by the rest, advanced tward the crowd of officers, and child scouts.

"What in the world does this mean? Who's the Glandelinian commander attacking general Vivian now!Has Tak Tamerline rallied?" she inquired brusquely of one of the officers, who seated on his horse,, was wiping

the sweat from his forehead.

"Why Miss Jennings, "replied theofficier whose n ame was Colonel Padro Nesturis"General Vivian in his sawance yesterday found that a new Glandel inian army confronted us, and he was determined to push on and so thismorning early he attacked, and though we had beenherd hit four times the enemy is getting decidedly the worst of it. But & aportion of the line now is in danger. I was sitting i on my horse alittle wave back there by the ferm gate younder(no inting) not thinkin g of denger when I happened to look in that direction, and saw a column of Glandelinians coming up from behind that little hillyonder. I telegraphed to general Vivian Right away, and then cameout here with our own commands, and so did the otherss. Just as we did so and met the enemy we almost surrounding surrounded the would be floakcatte kers attackers, who by desperate fichting managed as if by miduals to squeeze through our enclireling lines. I guess we would have got the best of the fools even then if it hadn't been for reinforcements coming to their help. But too the enem; if they had conscious r would have got the best of us if 15 hadn't been for these young boy and dr lawuts who signalled warnings to general Kindernine, who helped by throwing for ward his antilleng. They saved thisportion of our own; from disaster

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and caused the flankers to get almost captured too. They have done bravely indeed. I'm sure we'll be master of the field before the day

Releasing hi her gresp on the sutomatic(tick) Angeline Jennings dissourdismounted the horse, and stepped forward with hand outstrotched th to the foremost leader of the group of child scouts. A leader a girl at that with hadly bruised lips and a blockened eye confus dly extended her hand to grasp Angelines proffered palm. Angeline's shake wasindard a hearty one.

"T ment to thank you on behalf of the Rangers boy and girlscouts" he began Tou have given us valuable service, and we we willnot be out to forget it. We names Angeline Jean Jennings. I want you to meet my friends and courades. "she added turning tward her followers and chums, who had followed her closely.

"We met them earlier in the day. "smiled the girl. "But hour efforts to worn the general of what was toing to take takenines we mat with the Glandelinians twice. I remember the second meeting well. One of the Glandel inians almost had me and because I fought him eff he harded n me this, and this"indicating her injured eye and lips. "Those Glands linions are sure some "fine scrappers all right" as a especially when it comes to fighting us kids, and therefore we're glad to frustrate them We are also glad to get acqueinted with you and your foolowers."

"Mildred Hensen thinks so too." offen announced another minber of the

With a shoepish grin the girlscout called Mildred Menson now steped forward, extending her hand first to the highest girlscout afficers and then to the rest.

"I'm oblif obliged to you all she stated, addressing Angeline Jennings herself."I guess it was just that trivalng that the Glandelinians needs that's coming to them. We have been talking things over since we came here and we have decide decided that we would wish to be an addition to your force if you'll have us. You look wratty good indeed to

"Harrah"Shouted Fred. "Misas Jennings here's a chance to fam an additi addition toour own to re-laceour loss at Yen Vantura Road. What do you

"Wo'll talk it over. "Angeline Jennings answered. "It monns a grant deal

to us all right."

"Wel general Vivian is out to do and dare again, and if he can get the other force of troops left behind at St Etheldreds instine he'll easily fix the Glandelinian away said one of the scouts. "Otherwise I don't believe he could worst the enemy throughout the whole day. But nevertheless you musn't forget to let us know about our addition to your fore of her and mirl scouts."

Having followedmore slowly, general Fredrick Nance now approuched the child secute.

"Well "he said" If you wish I willsond a messenger to the general in charge of thet division. But I warn you for your sakes no going too near the firing line. The battles too severe. "Then exemining the group more c, c closely he cried;

"Hello Angeline Riches. What brought you here. I thought you was with your fathers army who is supposed to be coposing Myletza in his advance on Angelinia Agathia. *"

"Hallo Your "xcallency"Rep led the girl. "I've been in general Viviens for quite a length of time now."

"Her did you get here anyhow?"Inquired the general, who proved to be non none other than the friend of violet, and her sisters.

Fx 1 Explanations of their long and many days adventure down the fleed waters on the huge raft so far as was remembered was given, where in they all reclaved full credit from Angaline Jennings and others. They dwelth at length on the corrage of all of them (not mentioning the two deserters) and shilling as well as their spirit of fairness.

"Well all I've got to say."d caded the general at the conclusion of the tale"Is that I'm sorry I never had the chance to ride with jos and your socuts on that huge raft. If you'll give ma a ride on that his raft some day. I'll be much obliged. Anyhor or girl that can go through adv entures like that without fl n flinching cen't be deemted or defeated by any glandelinian general or his troops."

"Thank you"realied Angeline Riches. "We don't ex cood anything during our adventures unless we know it is necessary. Just now we are puzzled, greatly puzzled about the identity of the one who might have wouned this Glandelinianarms and conted it to threw itself in general Viviens water

"Marte it's something like those two Mutt and Jeff Spine, who's some because they can't frustrate the attempts of Violet and her sisting to find clues as to the cause of the Abbisana flood"wentured Fred. "Some Glandelinians spice lay play snakes in the grass, aspecially if they are down on their luck a little "

"My consciouscence" interrupted Henry" says to look out for a tall man who resembles "r "futt" who is dark complexioned, and who is smooth shaven and wears small mustachoes, and black hair. I'll bet i he is in some way connected with the whole conditions of the war and hates chri christianslike " child hates easter oil. Tembaps ha's trying to stop general Wivian or something."

"A nost accurate description of "Mr Matt" laughed Hans. "I think I saw

him in my dreems last might......

Angeline Jennings planced quickly twordHenry.Often in the past she had discovered that Henrys insight andpowers of jumping at cunclis conculsions had been the means of leading them allout of puzzling si'us'ions, and now assumed that the boys jocular manner was simply a clouk for more x serious thoughts. Using the strange signal of girls cout means she signalled;;

"Come to one side. I wany want to talk to you...! !!... Therefore the lad walked slightly apart from the group now proceeding tward the christian lines, and she then asked him in a low tone;

"What do you know Jimmie! Did you see anything .!"

"I certainly did."declared the boy. "I just happened to have seen a man of his description early this morning near your camps I waid no ottention at first but them I remember now. That's all."

"That's f mmy. T was sure you had discovered a clue. Was there mmy

companion with him. ?"

"No. He was alone. It also seemed to me to be the only natural conclusion to be reached, and so I followed him. I have recognized him by the descriptions gi van to me of him by Penrod. Here we are getting ready to shadow the two spins andanagent them from frustrelling Gartrudes intentions. Also you just come in with a story about these six accomplices of theirs who has stolen the " Government plans. Then strongly this battle breaksout so shortly after the long emagement at St Etholdredn. At Lebanon Menley is taken down with a cold, and "Trishman" Clane lends the ermy at the hattle there and gets licked by Honson Tivian. Then a forest fire rages near Labenon and the Princesse have a narrow escape. Why should all this be the work of --- well some interested party if it wasn't him. ?"

"That's a good solution as good a one as any other we now have. "decide Angeline Jennings, drouping the subject on supreaching nearer the buttle lines. "Lat's not so ene further or we'll be in the range of fire. I have some important matters to discuss with the inlacout leaders . I must return to camp and meet Gertrude Angeline."

After instructing the toys and others to regard to what thepurpose is how to go on the spying trip and so forth, Angeline Jennings talked a few moments with the other group of child scouts who had expressed a desire to to an addition to them. Then giving final direction to the three boys and talling them to start at once she returned compound. The return journey of Angeline Jennings and her girl followers was completed without incident. Entering the room of Gertrades head marters, Angeline Jennings found this mesonge;

"Gell George Redeliffs on the secret phone line at once. He has toportant news/".f::M7

"Ill try and stop those two Professional Glandelinian spies if I can" uttered Penned to himself, and going to his tent he took an extra nevelver from his me uply of arms, loaded the twenty chambers, and thrust it into his holster. Then he clapped on his hot, changed his non . to : blacker one wentout mounted his horse and rode away. Itwes just tward no and he calculated to reach belanon soon after evening suprouched. But he had not gone a dozen pages when there same to him the sound of a trot ting horse, and presently from mong the trees he perclayed a girlscout In gray uniform with some thing I the the Confured of Gertanda Angel ine upon a feat horse. To a times he had not with a girleout runing nest him that looked like she was Gestrude Angelina. Pennod beitof bis horse company with great surprise. The four others had refused to seem's to him and he was suspicious. We had not forgotten the day a spy in the makeup of Gestrude Angeline had almos' tamped him, and the shought that some duplicates were stiding twend the comp, and the new anotherwise mus doing ce at no late in hour in thenorning with a bottle going on close by

grouped the compass of his old time suspicions, 'at with them has nowen; at Glandelinians could show such acts of brauthers. How you should the homes to the galloup as she neared him, and then halted his horse so suddenly that she threw the heast hack apon his haucher houndhes. Wir her she was another duplicate or not he couldn't tell, but never heless he had his hand on his holster with his left hand, while he roised his hat with the other and waited. She leaned over the horses shoulder and he sa that her fact was expressive and of great concern, and recognized that she was the original Gentrade Angeline for he could bell her voice his time comily, and her manner of spe change

"Where are for going Pannod. " " sh a askid. "I'm heading for tabanon to frustrate those two spies." "Bon't go to Tebanon to day. "sh warned.

"May Task why!"

"It is my wish, and my wornin w also Penrod. It's dangerous. Those spice know my intentions easily and are moused. They're dangerous. Weep maky. " The memory of his pret meetings once or twice probably three times with these two Professional International spies rushed through Penrods mind already unbalanced by the events of the past, and he became conscious of a great rush of range and anger that seemed to sweep through him like some impersonal force, and hold him against his will.

"D on't you know, Miss Archburg that without that you are entitled ti to express your wishes and warnings to me in the light ofour acquaintance, when four Gertrude Angulines's have passed me to day and either have entered the case or tried toff desanded Pourod.

"You are pleased to try tosurprise me appin "the entwered in a

"No I am not. Four duplicates of you have entered the camp or tried to. I sent varnings sheed to the camp to intercept them if they tried to enter."

"That doesn't matter so much. "she answered. "If you so to ben Telanon now you so at your peril."

"And ny sufty is your care and interest?"

"Yes, you are not to go."

"fiss Aronburg --- "

"I ask you not to go. T imploration than. The spice are onto us." "How come they know what we are u up to then?"cried Penrod angrily. "Have we strange socuts within our lines that have worked against you and me Gertrude since we came here in the army, are vounceitively sure that you are not mistaken in showing your good reason why I should head your advice, and not gofflow cour they known intentions."

"They know everything"she answered quietly. "But you wast not go where. please. Shofield Penrod T have none here to beg it of you."

"You have dome to me from the return of your scouting tour end now her me not to go forth into the energy lines to frustrate the two Professional spies. "said Penrod losing all his saif con rol. "Put then I have a better lan which we both can do. I met on my way this morning two and from the camp, some personages that resumbly myon a great deal, and who refused to salute me or even recognize me. I don't know who they are or what they were up to but The suspicious. that they may be even again mideit men or Glandelinian boy or sirlscome actively allied withour worst enemies, who seek for a paltry sun of money to ruin our countrys cause, and driven general Tivien and Mansons army out of the Pengell State. How they could dark some here it hinder me and you in taking any action we choose is a mysteryfand how are we to know that this too may not be some unusual scheme of those "Mut" and Jeff "spies! I nearly lost a regiment of buy and girlswate, when the troops was treacher leasly cabush d lest north. You know Gerbrude so lets no back curselves and if they're still in came, or hid caneged to alip through we'll trup them. They're your worst mentes Gartrude and if they're no apprehended in time they'll cause another disaster toour Child scort force and robably caused them all to be gived out this

She storted as if he had lashed her surpose the feed. The defid to one themer him, but could only sterrer incharge only, and her the which had blazed with wrath as he gooke of the threatening diseator, were fill ed with tours which she chacked wallendy

"You think four of my duplicates come in our comp to day. "che baran

and paused her voice choking. "You believe they be here to enruge in some plot of the "tutt and Jeff"spies! The is insufferable. Thre we couldn't be in such an swful situation as that. Ah surely Penrod you are traing to play a joke on me"she pleaded/.

Penrod looked at her stubbornly. He would not let himself be moved for he knew he was not joking. He could however see the quiver on her lips, her agitation.

"No T'm not joking"he said.

"So then it's true they have gove here and tried again to humiliate me by getting me believed as if I was traitor ugain. "she whimpared. "Come then. "she cried suddanly jerking the rains. "Gone Penrud. Let's gas back to camp. We must frustrate them before its too lute, that is if they not

She sourced her horse and gallopped wildly away, but Penrod follow followed as seen as he wheeled his horse. It was a mad thing to gallop like that along the stony roud issides the river but they were in an even awful hurry. He felt ashumed of the station, and yet now both he and the little gill were sustained how grimer detert is determination than any they had ever known. They we I would not let themselves he hoodwinked by any fors. Their wrath which made then doubt in any can who were strongers now, which had suffered then to shadow every stranger many times before kindled them to fighting heat/.

The reputation unter which they had chafed since the day Garbrude had been mistaken for being becoming truitor, should stand then in good stand that day. They had encountered nothing but host lity whener whenever they were within sight of strangers, and they had lost reason and ludgment now under the last of the many treacherlous blows. They minted to meet these four "Gertrude Angelines" face to face, p erhaps that chance would come, but nevertheless inlie lieu, they would exercise their rights against all Glandelinians whether men or boy and girlscoats together as all were equally as hed. They mean't to concurs them if possible, and they grew hotter as they rode swiftly slong the river read, realing off the ciles behind them, two lovely figures, their hearts rencerous age inst the injustice mated out to them so often, hitter assinst Glandelinian generals, bitter against all its course but fi funious in their resolution to show all Glandelinters its whether ilg orlittle that namer of girlsocuts they were.....

At least the tents of the telegont enga prients begon to show through the tr c. They therefore rode withit faster, fingering the revolvers in their bolsters. But then they reached the outskirts of the comp they halted their horses for a short while and considered. Their instinct was at first for physicial violence, such violence as alone coul could appear their rage. They I istened to the distant bubbab within the distant comp. They then mode past a Dem and approached the outlying tents of the englemments. As they neared the first line of guards who knowing then permitted then to p see wase, they produved ride one; them in a burns the minklast from and gray w harm of what arem d to be an old riest of fordern lifth sursoled by the lownward reflection. It have the effect of the painting of some hadiouspicture of some old worthy that belonged to the "Bountifu; "Infernal Regions. They did not know who the old GNore was, but the allusion escaped Penrod and Gerbrude, but there was something hornible about the smile lal naloce The two shild secute shiddered, and then they shook the renclication from them, and continued feeling a stronger resolve harden them as they nearled the comp. They turned into the little company street and saw the camp actir is all accute had returned. The chades of him own head marters were drawn too, and the lamblight from within as it waskind of

dark even in the day because of the fire smoke, threw the shadows of those within in grotesque attitudes. She and Penrod dycided to enter the Mess Hall. A group of Form chattering upon the porch, censed their conversation and stood at atten Add Genturie , C Pennod appended the threese sie s steps. Thin a smaller toy scout, led the way into the Mess Mall. The two followed mon his heels, and then steed surges d wi han the decreacy. The first perfection they saw was on of those who had the appearance at Gertrade Anteline, but instead of dressed as a girl she or he The over it was was dressed as a beginning impurple. Their against cross the heads of all the other divers before the pres man of Penrod and Gentrade were known-Roth Gentrade and Penned about of Ed. for a region to . taking in the gover. Gentrude was faintly conscious that Pannel had

closed the toon, but this name of ton a dame I area in apart are suwill the alone as she was with only Penced, the sale and by merciand

were absolute mosters of the same limits in a company of the same enterines the course of the seemed moneytardly consett, out were elected they are all started to rise as autention when she made a wastion for the to retain their scats. Were slowly they saw the 1 ks on the face of "Gor brude Angeline"humber T change from emobile to suppose and from species supprise to hatred, and yet the hand that held the out of some t men to shake with fear-Gentrude and Penrod strode up to the stranger, and pushing those the were in his may aside the stronger seleed a 1 late in his hands and threw 15 at Gertrude but it misced her and dashed to the floor into pieces. Hisacvement, and the ensuring action whre so swift that it was only after their completion that all the communwho had been too busy to notice the stranger at first or who had believed it was Gentrade were awakened to something strange of his presince presence/. Before five or six could intercept the strange Gentrule, he turned tward the plank table which had been notifed coross a recess for a serving counter. On this were all sorts of plates and other dishes. On the floor were two garbage cans. A in Ounnity of milk bottles still full of milk stood on a packing case mear by.

To make go good his ascape ifpossible the boy swent his arm oftene the clank, knocking off all the di shes with a great crash, all of them strewing to the floor into f broken tramments. A source of streets from the broken wilk bottles byen to filter between the addres of the beards uniting in the depressions. The smell of m 1 milkurgs, into the mir. In his from my he threw the gurbage cans over, besplat laring some of the scouts with the slop, and the contents were added on the floor. With another sween he struck down the kitchen utenisls utencils. Then more than a score of boy and girlsconts rished at him, inferinted. The formost hasitated as they came within reach of his archower, for the "Gertride"No I struck out with all his force, felling then or sending them staggering backwards against those behind , and clearing a passage ing twinkling tword an rear exit. Whoever this new Gertrud. Angeline was seemed to be partly a coward, perhaps because of so many against him, andknowing the fury of christian girl and toy scouts. As Gertrude grasped him by the shoulders, the duplicate who hade p in advoitness for what he lacked in respons, twisted like an ell est dived under the grasping sens of those shout his, and rished twend the rear entrance sou shouting a blaspheny as he ran. What it was Gertrude and Penrod did not know. They percieved that the boys and girls third to introop hibs and some who surved about him like a park of volves, snowling and by ing to thrust as at the say with the mives which they had drawn from their leather belt shouts. "Gentrudes dunliquite, fighting like a little and child, sent them masshing to the floor, cleared his way awain, and had reached the door and was about to open it, when Gertrid a and Penrod grasoed at him. But the spy was fust a second too quick. He darted through and the door thrown violently back, struck both Penrod and Gertrudeuso violentlyuponthe head at the same time as to lar them flat on their backs with a resounding crash. But they were upon their f t in an instant and not minding the pain caused by the collision, though almost crying from it passed through the doorway in parsuit. ! ? THB

The Kitchen hall of the Mess house was close by At the rear and contig continguous with it, had been or were stillsome of the officers house stables. Here were usually kept two or three down houses and this stable was as solidly constructed as the other buildings recently owned by the farmer Mear by new stables also were standing and the adjoining shanty being no longer needed for its crutimal purpose, was turned into a seri of house by the addition of windows a chimer ind en upper floor. The door connecting the two places had been mailed up but Penrod had opened it that morning in the course of using the lower part for horses.

As the spy dashed up into the stable, Angeline Riches also appeared and as the threece entered the stable, they closed the door behind them, and botted it shut. It was only then that Gertruden duplicate realized he had run into a trap. The stable indeed was disply lighted by two oil lamps, placed in the wooden window cabractures or crosses. On either side or the stables lengths, run the horse boxes with the horses in them, with horness and bridgles and saddles benefing above them on honcers hooks. There was a pressed of two feet or so down the domine. The stable contained "Gerbord's Angeline", who had coved bringelf within the stable wondard; coposite to the minimae, but Penned around at him define ly. We seed between Gerbude Angeline and Angeline Riches. Sented had botted to dor. The four executing effective and Angeline Riches distributed and line and the door, and Jun Coundons but on the other Gerbude Angeline and the door, and Jun Coundons but on the other

Which as yet spoke, but Angelin Piches removed her spectacles of quite methodically, folded them in their case, and officed it hack into hemociet pocket. Sunding with her tack close smouth to the willoff our of the horse stalls to be able to prevent an attack from behind the stranger watched the four contempatiously. They had got him there to fight for hisity liberty, and there was nothing he wanted more even against their of himself was Gerald Starring in discusse the even against their of the "livian Girls-He half regretted having forgotten hispistols, but he was conscious of no fear whatever though dangerous Abbhannians confronted himself keep this right headl ightly against the pocket in which his revolver lay however; itsight it might be useful for an energency or even for self defense.

"Well who ever you are, girl or boy we got you"Sneered Angeline Riches. "New T'm a good disguise reader sonny and I know you well. You are Gerald Starring, the archeremy of the Vivian Girls. Now you listen here. We have done our duty on our side, and even despite it all have never yet molested any of you Glandelinian boy and girlscut s that we can remember. There should at least have existed rouce between you and us, and we didn't see why war should go on between children of our side and children of yours. This is a mans war. We hate trouble. We don't want to hur t you if you go sway from out camp blindfolded. Wake up your mind to that or we'll have you face a firing squad as a spy. You tried to duplicate Gertrude aAngeline and that's a gravor offense than spying. It's treachery. I suppose the other three duplicates who may or may not now be in the camp were your Confederates. Go back to where you came from and never dare come lock here again to interfere with us. What do you say. You are alone here, no Glandelinians to help you, trapped in this barn, and everyone your enemies. If our force gets hold of you we cannot say you and they'll linch you. If we have to execute ou you as a spy its your own fault of rashness. What do you say!"

"I haven't come here to say but to give your boy companion there called Penrod a thrushing."answered the say seconfully. "The thrushing that I promished him many works ago."

"You spy on me in Marie Korman town ast year and bring Glandelinian officers. It almost cost no a heavy loss, you rotten Glandelinian kid spy.W- are scouts, not spies. You make up your mind to go from the Glandelinian army autogether and no home now she What do you say."

"Rut we haven't much time protested. Fred. "I'm even very hungry. Haven' have not had a hits to eat since yesterday afternoon. I'm n a nearly

"Gome to think of it just now I guess you and even every one of us have a right to feelt feel quite hungry and underfed." admined Honry him self. " ought to of cause got down to Radeliffes tent right away if not as quickly as we can, though He needs us. Buty is before your stomach you know."

"But a soldier cannot fight on an empty stomach"protested Hans.
"Yos, and if we would just wasto a few minutes for dinner." Fred
replied "We will go with Radollife as far as he likes, but right now
I feel so hungry that I can't tell whether I have a stomach left me or
an empty feeling. I'm hungry I tell you andour travel so far has made
me worst."

"That do you must in particular Fredrick." queried Angeline Jennings. Say the word and I'll get it for you if you don't want to go to the

"Mot so very mach"the boy stated, "But Spinsch will be the most. I like it better than anything else."

"Well bega"said Angoline Tennings "the work was go through have always made us hungry. If it were not for you and your strong appetite Fred I suppose me'd forge' to out."

"Means at the boy admitted,"But if that's the case, and wadid do a lot of work and were not hungry that would be a sign there's something wrong with us. Then we had better see a dector."

"That doctor do you suggest we sho ld visit. "

"Go see our fincus Doctor Castor Oll"shoulded Fred. "Nov there gots the magic for the Mess Call. Now T'm off for the Mess tent. The wishes to follow me.!"

They all decided to go, and in a short time the boy and girlscout officials were seated in one of the toy and girlscout these Palls the girls using one particularlong back, and the boys and other, and want as polying their badly as ded appetings without that they had

degired for dinner Spinach. To was just now aloves thirty.

"That did Gertrudes's ere I as an what did Radeliffe mry he mented Miss Jennings" asked Fred scross the table to Her um, while all the other were waiting for their orders to be filled. "Is it something more referring to the plot of those two International Spics to

"Hush" warned Henry. "Not so loud in hereplease. ""ust even be a secret mong our own cuarades!"

"Yes. Because who knows what some of them might be. There are two boys in here we know nothing of There's Gentrade back but she doesn't say nothing chargeons figidly about something and always 1 cokes at us.T wonder that's the matter."!

""xouse me Henry, T forgot that we have strangers emong us."

Angeline Jannings swap over to the boys.

"Yes "she said modding her acknowledgement to the three" "He soid that some new developments have been discovered, and he wants us to make haste. He asked how soon we can be ready to get there.

"Did to tell him right away or after digmer."

"I told him I'd do the best thingpossible replied Amodinat Stable "I Jonnings"I ere: Ahea that strange boy nearest us seems particular interested in us doesn't he"she added looking at him sherply, and Gertrude doesn't not like herself. I wonder she didn't empounce her return as she generally does. And where's Jean and Anguline Wichee! Well neversing, such depends on the efforts on our part, for I'm finally convinced, fromwhat Tive read of that ble long conflict going on somewhere for from here, and from what I have been rold of the recent Calverintan Government resultations throughout the contion of the country, that we will probably have to make some wick fumes in order to catchthose six fellows and interrupt them in their purpose and also it does not seem probable that we can epprehend the man and his followers before he gots acrossthe his Aronburgs Run river. and -- and -- ahem -- ahem) ---- say you lad over those why do you list in in to what Tim saying. Keep your eyes neeled the other way. Wa ch him hors he's suspicious, and that one looking like Gertrude T certainly don't like her actions. If it's a sov assuring her apparance T'11"

At these words the two turned their faces the other way and proceeded cating as if nothing happened. "Angeline continued in a shipper"The horses we need for the trip will be delivered to us to morrow. When our Spe Superintendent provides Enothing you had been the diswill come to usat the appointed time, --- ere what do you want tor!"

"Mething."

"W-11 then keep your head the other way"Finished Angeline Jourings with a snear.

"I believe they're either curlous or evendre ping"and Henry. "I'm

suspicious of them.

"I helieve ac boo"wh a Milabarad Prad. "There's going to be 1 to bf work shead of us if myunderstanding of this sort of matter is done to correct, and we count to feel extremely thankful to God and Hig Blessed "other that a rood start is assured and we get the better of unknown persons trying to shadow us."

"What's that shout a had beginning making a good anding!"queried Huns rousing himself from his I plate as he finished the Spinsch/. "T suppose you meen to say declared Angeline Jenings looking tward the two she had scolded "There's many a slip twixt the cup and the saucer.

"There's many an egg has quit playing the shill sume too. "retorted

unother of thegirlscouts who had everheard the remark.

"We quiet everyone now"here comes the waiter. "oried another of the girlscuts unfolding her napkin. "I am gl d to see we have at least some thing to eat."

"Straking ofslips"remarked polores"Jus | just take a look at that strange face of that men looking in thewind wells's evidently blood connections with a good square training since he entered the army. I shouldn't wonder if he isn't an eavesdropper tou."

"T've bon looking at him for the last sixty minites."d clared Angelian

'And "seld Henry"you felieved T was keeping a, eya on this name to order something also on hore, but I'm hom tempine no see on him over since he first appeared. At first I obsurbt he was I ok how in he cause he was a stranger and had not had anything to eat. But he is not as all hungra looking. He's been there ever since we had down, and he's been eye inc us all the time."

""had does he took like" asked Fred, who was si they sich his back tuned the window but now had whifted hismosition. "But I don't can to

turn unless it is necessary."

"He is of slight built, rather too white in comlexion to be one of us, has a fortegn look, is smooth sharen, with somethinglike a squint of one age, and a targe scar on his chin. Appears to be honest in ways, not wicked but yet some to be a sort of buigh character, and wearing a good uniform which must have been brand new, and yet he doesn't seem to be accustored to them. I should say's he must be a hagenr by profession if he isn't a foe. "replied Angeline Jennings.

"Maybe he thinks he's going to I overh an some information from us before we wo od of thisplace. "an mested Dolores. "hote of stron cors

among refugees do that."

"Forget him, here are the dinners." oried Fred. During the progress of the mest the conversation turnedupon ordinary subjects remote from enumilitary project. None of them now cared to discuss the matter envisors since three strangers were so suspicionally eyeing them and by mutual consent the talk finally had drifted to other topics. Then dinner was over they propered tours coad to Radoliffes tent, where the boy was awalting their coming. As they left the mass hall, they saw Gentrade Angeline enter the place with Penrod and two others whom they couldn't see in thee, and though they looked about for the man who they had recently observed at the window, he was nouwhere in sight. It took them fifteen minutes to reach Radeliffes he dtent, and soon they were scated in the tent discussing with that boyscout gentleman the details of their proposed journey. t appared that their experience on many other trips and adventures in the ters long before these would enable them to reduce their harmage and other impediments to a minimus.

"Mon compades"Proceeded Radoliffs, after containing the cities already known'y the informed by a private teleprophic latter sant by Jennie Tunner, that the men you are after left the town of Lebanan by means of a raft on the river. It appears he and his commendent inter have been escribed by a squalron of cavarly of the for, for he abandoned the raft on the western bank of the river. At first 1, was believed the find gone another direction. Later a captured Guarian prisoner, taken during the battle at Lebanon was grilled by general "ivian-He confessed trachfully to the general and his staff there, that a great squadron of Glandelinian cavarly escorted the six meaden, and This party had lately been transferred while fur harup the river, the prisoner said, to a short of train bound

for some section of the Glandelinian armies fighting that long basels something far in the northmat."

"Then the spice are well on their way by this time. "exclaimed Angeline tendines with a note of regret. Time will have to hurry up to catch them. "Tag Returned tanabatana Jennings returned Radoliffe"Rut remember that the train is running on the only rathroad line open. Probably the brain is londed with wounded Glandelinian soldiers, and becomes of the pain many of them may be in the train which is going southwest won's be objeto make its usual speed, which at heat is to be slow. On on! we ought to he able to beat them get ing there, by troing to golono of the faguer trains " from this section. We can set a brail forour model use called for I've heen locking up the trains somewhat and know with the

"If the distance proves to be over half what we expect, as to have agery resson to believe"Hens remarked", cught to be able to get there in two days. That he ing the case we could then transfer next---

houd voices from outside suddenly attracted the attention of the group. Dolores engry tones were he r heard.

"hat are you shooping around here for. "They head heard her had

"A muffled repl, from the other however double't be heard very plaints "I don't believe you offceme book her returt. "You was trying to smake a lock into the tent. " "Fut "isn---"

"You observed of this territory or Titl make you look like swish thouse. "ner Petorted the girl." Sellaws con the cither a may or an envesdro per . "cu lock like one anthow."

""hat's arong now I observationally But the rising.

mith flashing eyes the pirtscoup officer removed the bent-the had I to without attracting her descades.

"he man who had it on looking so long intoois "long that aindow was are included and the last the best "replied "older p. "T have done s within make and nesteed the sam door of testing in a grange more entry and T know there's no wind. T suspensed souther an eavendrouping

and I slipped from this tent, he means of the mean entransions. To each this trying to pake his head into the opening without forting a mailt was the some manufactor is a light to fixture a mono of the tent stake, but he mean's quick anoth. I should be not some Confederates of that Mutt and Jeff spine.

Quick clances of apprehension were exchanged by the remakers of the little group. They were recalling the numerous incidents of the earl, part of the day, not forgesting the hattle that was still raging at Bancar Run.

"what do youthink of thet six t situation now!"gamed Fred in spacement.

"I know that I think now for roud and sure. "anapped Dolomes. "I believe we are up against an originized gang of Glandelinian spiese, due some of those Glandelinians didn't so and stend those importantplans on any independent footing. Semanow there's even other a look in the service, or teach our own anales or else the sema tape sted to keep a good match on us to prevention taking a hand in the matter. They're not overlooking anything. They're as shrowd as we are."

Dolores I believe you are more than half right. I remainer Widlet herself told me those Muth and Jeff splad have Maj000 spins or agents under their service "stated Angeline Jennings her saster. "out I alsh we so id have had Gertrude on han d. That's to be done?"

"About searching for Gertrude!"

"Mc, about the o operation to our exudition, which seems to have developed"replied Angeline Jannings. "I'm leaving the rest to Gentrude when she returns."

"What do you surpest Redeliffet"neked Fred.

"If I recember a cre-ably, your Poy and Stilecons have different matchmonds and different skemsis." was Rodaliffes reply. " Sucress them!"

"On On of them is "Be prepared for all things."assured Delores.
"And T further suspent that your whole these make haster."

""hank you "acknow ldg d the girl.

"Now what do not say "asked Amedian Jennings to the right on ready to return?" ought to get Gentrade when she only be a mas."
"book around and see that there is no fines" warmed Fred.

"book you, Fred "replied Rapliffs.", and the correct contains me that I nearly overlooked giving you the platures of these six a key thems lives. They entired only to day. These chaps have used so many nones that his lastone is not even recordered. This is their from:"

The look like twin mice numbered Delores, as they all imaged the pictures of the splessAll observed the striking rescaltency. They soluted Radeliffs as they went outdone by one, and long after that departure Padeliffs and America Sandangs as to one for discussive the recture, the insule at stake, and their confuture in the three boys. This is naturally the three boys in a time they cannot be their own tents, where they found the murdhad representation to their own tents, where they found the murdhad representation of an exceptible. Soon as they had contained a warming to relate at the driver sounding his horn for attention-He driver to a pertition in front of the tent, adjusted a netrof skills and belief unload his burden. Find sinned a receipt and the driver the them under heads to depart last as the veson was leaving the ground Delores expensed, with fledges, and Juy.

""bon me honor as an expert"polorus cried""hab driver is ous our sweeden enerstew does it come he's out here driving a weeden?" "That's stronge "weed Pred.""here did the surely station get him."! "I don't know"seelking Dularus, "Bun he seems to be those the right."

"Wett the follow is gone now. Thems exclaimed top t impatiently. "Let's turn this has of new uniforms over. I'm getting enxious."
""his a thinterrupted For Fred. ""culdn't it has a good lies to insect the box first and see whether it's nextly delivered for ur or not.
""to be that men may have brought it to do something to us and it would'nt be what we hoped for Boxes delivered by strangers are not to be trusted you keen."

"Not an army box of this sort, "becated Houry, "This box is all right. I'm positive of it."

"Hetter rive it a locking over anyhow Fred"suggested Dolores. "Here's a prior. it's ever to reso we those boards. They're not nailed down vary tightig."

Shortly a startled dry came from fred, and which drow them and quite a number of others to the bix.

"hook Jolomes"he shouted. "hook fellows. Gome and see what's in the hox mann the uniforms."

" being fire annekers"scidene of the privates. "X Six big fire areckers in the box."

"Those are not fire sympkersone bit. "garmed Frad. "No one: there."
"Go oney for what.";

"Why they're dangerous."

"Giner you're right "admitted fred picking up one of the strenge objects."But they're about the size of hig firecrackers though. But it appure to be they're excepted in heavy oiled red wax paper. Bosides there isn't a now sicks or fuses. Why it bends like a guardroe "He exclaimed, manipulating the long object.

"For Hoav no rake, Product the thing down ener don't fool with it. Do you want to see us all blown to bits. That stuff is some sunt of depends of not a high explosive or T.M.T...."

"High T.N.T "snowned Fred. "The potting talking on if you dight know what it is Bolores. Howard T.N.T get in there into shape sof fire cracker s. That's high examples att right but not Nf T.N.T.It's

"Sure thing" acquiescend Glady's Wenthwor'h comingup andlooking at the lone wide atlaks.

"Are you sure Delores you remember who drove that wagon to this spot with this box on it. If so one of the spies was on the job all right."
"Well Brent beaping bizards."ejaculated F. Fred, gingouly holding the object at cross length. "If we over catch him we'll make him see smothe number world sure thing...::)('.'")

"They it down very gently. Non't drop it "d advised Henry.
"This case heral was cough, --- just like a great tig fire cracker wrapped in oily paper. "commented Fred depositing the burden on the ground zames gently as noughlin.

"If may one us had handled the hox a liste tto too roughly, the box, the tentend off us standing here would have been blun blown to bits if we had even tryled to carry the hox bits the tent(went) ith those dreadful things in the box. "advised Angelias Jannings approaching the soot.

"Thank God we turnedout so lucky, enddid not do it un 'ill we looked in it."Henry breathed."

"How shall we dispose of 15. "Suggested Hanna!"

"Int's throw it into the rivers" successful Doloros. "That is the h at may we goes not it of it."

"It wen't drewn. Glandelinians I suppose use these shings so blazt

lugitive boats in the weter."

"Then we'd bester expliced it at the stumps we had wished so dispure of vesterday. Inch's take it does so there the stumps are, put it at the tone, and shock at it. W. haven't on, fuses so that is the best to do." With the prospect of a little on get practice, this suggestion was excepted it all. They were shotly at the two stumps indicated.

"New hope I'll tell you what we may do "mooke up Delores."We 'll colond that we have cought the two Preferences Matter that the have cought the two Preferences Matter than 18 fer only in the three stuaps are they, said they have been sentenced to the chot of surrige. These two big "Fa ecrockers" will be the firing round. Are you ready for the gime of "Make believe."

"Plood blirsty as over after the energy as she ever was I see" loughed Glady's as Deloras became enthusiastic over the game. "Always toking for trouble with the "att And Jeff International Spies."

"We ought to put a black mask on her to cover her oy s." added Jey St Claire"Ail the her the first shot. "Anyhow exeduti exedu Executerneens in the older days were black masks."

"Yes I am one so they couldn't see what they dong Declared

"Me you mean so the spirit of the execut dexecutred one would not reception his killer. "put in Henry."

The cour mistaken "said Hans."They were make souther those when bend the executations could not recognize these."

wall I'm no "i ht Bud or prot sted Dolores indicasable. "Foop the masks for the Glandelinian Georgelian Kurds, "Mucleus or the jou cell them." "Lift s end up andplay fair, trues "that s

"But you surely will oblige us by taking the firs, shet, won't confutures insisted Glady's.

"fuch obliged"dryly responded the girlscout, writ wrinkling her nose. "Firing squad attention."Sung out Joy in an authoritative tone. " Tenshun.Ready.A im.Fire."

"Where's the fire"asked Dolores for the fun of it.

"In your pistol of course" chuckled Joy.

However at the command given the second than Nolores raised her automatic rife dkr directly tword the target. Then with the word"fire"she rapidly pullled the triger, sending all twenty shots hurtling tward the explosives, but with no result.

""ell Great Fros Fruzen Hut boxes aim T airing wrong. ?" he

gaened.

All the others looked surprised. They went to see. "No you hit the thing all right" said Fred.

"Well why didn' t it explode."

"I don't know. Haybe there only suge other way of exploding it. Maybe by throwing."

"Who will volunteer to throw it!"

"I'm the one --- out admitted polores. "It might explude in your hand.

"I'm going to try it"enid Frad.

"No you don't "said polores intervening as he was going to pick it up. "If it goes by throwing the very notion of your arm might set it off too soon. I'm going to set it in a different way and the try my pistol at it."

They then went at a respective distance and she firedo no shot at it. Mingled with the reverberations of her pistol shots a sharp thunder ous detonation was heard, and a great cloud of make cross where the stumps had been, and which told that again polores pistel aim had been thickn true. Piners of the stumps and great clouds(pouds) of earth and ground debris thrown high u up into the air by the explosion come 'w bling about them despite the distance they were in confusion causing them to scatter in different directions to social the full by g fremments. A lump of a stump not polores sank mank on top of the head. Then is everything settind down , the child acouts astunide doub of their wits examined the result.

"Just burgine where we would have been with that stare in the

boxe. "whimpered Dolores in an awa struck tous.

"Lat's set back to work and setout of thiswiner before suldiers come thinking a flent stimek is attempted. "microsted Gladys. "This makes me Bort of norvious, I want to get busy,"

Annual file the how and cirbouts hatened book to their damp to still the starm of their many comrades who had swemmed out and so the coing to come forward to find out what had noticed all the notice. They know by name of the Location where the best in that had been tar lasting for many months was rading, and therefore they exemined their big "debugt Globe of the world". Then the most had been properly located they pronounced their experience fit, and made a statch of the spot on paper. They were as quiet now and as busy as they would be in school, not a sound from their line. Dolores was the "Teacher"and though child ron they were were net alaying cohoolalthar. They worn jubilant at the result. Glady's robtun sot un to look at the glone for she had just forgotten something she had seen before. As she did so she now sumething attrance like a hand trying to great conothing from the tent opening she was there like a flash and she had crabbad the hand and had sank her nice "little" teath into it good and number while a sound outside did credit to a men dwine of Hadrophoble/.

Fisheins wildly and suddenly siving forth a kick a that I ended buto her stomach and knocked her down the man whilever he were well harew him hand, end was heard running down the company street. At the ary however a number of eirlecoute had ran out from tents near by. At Clandy's ery stistop him ha's a eng,"to of those girls draw their pistols and droved him into the road with well simul shots. Us was found dend when they ren up. Clady's searched the manage kets and found by the letters he was a shadownr sent by the "utt say to pevent the work of the mirlecouts.

"That's the way we settle mine. "said one of the stile. "Dun't my to have them persued. Just 1st them have it. They show us no marry, " "You did einthenid Gindule "I nonety lift his hand off though. Ha's

still set som thin a in it.

She mannead to force une onen the budly bitten bend and found it war onlyone of her plane."

This shows that to trifle with Abbieannian wirl and boygoouts is a minist sucided thing, especially when the spy is not crafty enough to do it without detection.

"Vall I muss we can be about ready to start as soon as we pack up our kits and Gertrude shows up. "announced Fred as "landy's entered. "Since they got that one scamp though, we had betterlook out for more soum of clandelinia. Comrades let's make things hum around here. We haven't got time. John"to the o e who was acting as sentinel"Were you not watching ! why L: som hill could be almost get away with out date t detection. If it hadn't been for "Clady's he's have gotten away with the letter from Jennie Turmer, andone ofounmost necessary plans."

"He must have slipped past me for I saw no one admitted the lad. "We 11 you certainly were not watching carefully enough then." said Dolores."Tt's a wonder he didn't take it into his mind to kill you. It's also to four safty to watch me boy. Be careful next time. Your the guard, and your danger is greater if you're not watching."

"bet's telephone Hadeliffe, that we are ready, and only am waltin g for Gertrude to come, and also ask him to arrange for the expedition also, "suggested Joy.

"Good idea Joy, get him on the wire for me willyou "said dlady's. "I would like to have Operator Four Six one City, Camp No

She got the number and told Radoliffe all about it, even about the spy who was killed. Radeliffs was indeedopleased at the announcemen t and surprised that one of the spies got it so quickly. Arrangements had been made, he sold to secure passage for them on the big raft unce more leaving first to the Abbieson territory two days later. They would thus have ample time for trials and a adjustments of their rew troops before the expdition started.

Accordingly the girl and buy scout officials worked in drilling

their newcome with a win that afternoon.

"I tell youwhat"Fred spoke up as the boys and girls all of them were outing a little afternoon lunch"We have been very fortunate Thank God and His Bleesed Mother, so far in avoiding serious trouble, and outwilling those trying to spy on us. I hope we start away on the trip all right. You know prayer is the real thing that helps us. The saying always always is "God helps those that helps themselves."

"Oh we're the regular child army of little side steppers"gleefully assented Dolores clapping her hands. "We always have hoodwinked the enemy."Then she added looking more solume now" "I wish weknew who the would benurderers were who seem to be trying to put usout of business or spy on us or rob us. What is that saying: Know about it shead of time and you've gotfour arms. !"

"Forear Forewarned, is forearmed, Dolores, corrected Glady's"You sure are a tomboy. You seem to only think of your boxing gloves and other things like that."

"Yes. Wall one thing I'll say. If I could get the book that put those twenty dynamite sticks in in that box of uniforms, who tried to burn down our compearly thismorning, and has been spying on us, he 'd think I had brass wings on "stoutly maintained the little girl. "Tho Thuse Glandelinians deserves it all right. "agreed Joy.

"Puthw willwa magemenage when we start down the river or ride out on the flood again if any of the flood is still loft op here. "asked Henry."And besides all territories north of usnight now be overrun by Glandelinians."

"Why we will Ak Ask God to help us."

"What will be our first move?"Dolores, inquited Fred.

"Pass the potatoes"put in polores(code words used by scouts) "We can't pass through that se stion you suggest"said Joy"Main thing we'll have to discover whether these spds have arived and if thye they're going tward that battlefield by the route of ruinred ruined Abbicann. If the they was not, we'll wait and learn what direction they're really goine going. Raduliffe has already stated that they were going to go on an armoured raft of some sort construct ed by Glandelinian min military construction engineers. Withour own raft we ought to beat them to Abbieann by at least two days."

"But we's he stopped even by strange christian troops wuldn't he wouldn't wef"naked Hans.

"I believe it could bepossible, but it's better than being stopped by the enemy . "admitted polores." If we are discovered we'd have to fight hard if its the enemy or we'd all be seized, and even if we escaped afterwardsour parent of the six spins would be delayed. But

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whatever the result wesust take the chance." ""

"But how could it bepossible wo'd be stopped by christischristian troops!"demanded Glady's."They sure can see we're christian bo and girlacouts Who' d make such waistake as that?"

"You forgot Glady's we are all going in disguise."

"Go on now. Why should we need to go in disguise. Do we have to

put on that hated Glandelinian uniform again!"

"Fact"asserted Dolores" (ou see the trip we need to make will be through territores where Glandelinian armies are rampant. Now they may good parts of the Abbieann ter i territory is in the possession of the enemy. If all Glandelinian armies were far away from this territory there could be no hinderence of any persons trying todiscover the Abbinan Explosion mystery, I understand."

"What else could any one do in trying to make such a discovery." "Well they could use all sorts od of detecting implements and so on. I don't know all the works. Each Scientist has a meas of his own. They were going to "Steam Shovel"the districts."

"Make labor to find clues. That's funny."

"Bollieve me"ennounced Evangeline St Claire forcefull," hen I get back on a trip from Abbicann I'm going to write up this subject for the encyclopedia" Abbieson blown up by girlscout Evangeline St Claire. Uncle Tom told her to do it and Steon Legree furnished me the explosive."

"Go shead"said Dlo polores. And you'll go to the Hoosecow."

"No to the bottomlesspit."said Eva.

"When we get backwith those six spice"announced Angeline Francis "We'll all have seen Abbieann enough to go through it again in our

"Hurry when we get back. Shall we decide which part of Allieunn we say we were at, or shall we say we'll leave that for later consideration." "Better wait. "Advised Dolores.

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"B w Bacause there is no telling what might happen."

Eded Indeed how true har words were soon to be proven. Could any of all of the how and girlscouts have enticipated the many incidents that were to occur, and the great dangers that confronted them parhaps their hear s hearts would not have been so light nowever care and all sorts of glouny forebodings had no place in their healthy young minds, and they discussed the future only with thoughts of success.

Half an hour later all of the boy and girlscout officers only were exemining the great raft boats every one of the old timers among the boy and girls were ve very familiar with the great raft constructed for Gertrude Angeline and her force by Abyesinkilian construction military n engineers at the beginning of one of her main trips down the flood, and all new comers had visited every place fromsten to stern

and had been favored by all the crew.

Theadditionto the scouts to had been welcomed, and the returning of so many of those who had been wounded in the Squabble on the Vantura road made the situation far more f avorable than it would have been otherwise. Although the rules of military laws forbid any p rson occupying the officers quarters of the big raft while the raft would be under way, Gertrude who is in main charge of the raft had long before laughingly promisshe promised to give as many of her friends as possible lessons in navigation as long as they were willing to learn. And to avoid any complications, she had often asked any new scholar to sign articles which would maken them members of the crew of the highest rank of scouts while on board, and thus permit them on the officers quarters under the direction of the officers. Accordingly not a few boys and girls had signed the papers though considering the matter a huge loke and had also speculated on various ways of spending their time. Engerly now the child scout officers themselves rehearsed every step of cleaning up and prepuring the huge boat for the trip. A special duty was assigned to each of the boys and girls so that no time whatever was to be lost when they were once on their way with all the R giment. Between their excitement over the proposed task, the coming wonders of the trip, and the prospects of the new adventures before them they were all has yell this time. As they were thus busy, imagine their surpri surprise when a great master of soldiers in purple from a far distant section not at all from the direction of general Vivians army v come abound the raft, and the child scouts recieved a susmons to the chief offe officer of these visitors, which one of the officers had delivered. Wonderingly the chief leadure of the boy and girlscouts obeyed the call, won't specialating on the cause.

they did not have to whit long bfore an officer in charge of the troops appeared. He held in his hand a yellow paper, which the girl and boyaccut officers at once recomized as a wireless telegraph slip.

The offder who appeared to be a general but who was a perfect stranger to them had a very serious look on his face, and this at first filled the boy and girlscout officers with suspicion and the apprenehsion that at first he end his followers may be Glandelinians in disguise with the purpose to trap and capture them all. Wonderingly they conjectured what might be in store, but nevertheless had their hands on their pistol holsters for Glandelinians have n ever yet been known to have captured boy and girlscouts alive.

"You are the boy and girls cotts of this command or the raft?"he asked.

"Yes. "answered Dolores herself.

"Well, are there among you any persons known ad Dolores Mic-Holl ster Jennings, Angoline Richee, and Glady's Wenthworth and Joy St Claire."! "Yes we're all here except Angeline Richec." "Where is she!"

"Wellsir who are you and why do you want to know. Why the questions?" demanded Dolores. "We don't tell whereour friends areunless we know the preons who addresses you."

"Well Ladies and it the Contlement" answered the general and his sorious looks deeponed"You should probably know that I too ma a subject of Abbicannia, and that war is raging frufurious/y between Abbicannia and Glandelinia!"he glanced at everyone who confronted him.

"How do we know for sure. You may be Glandelinians in disguise admitted Dolores actining as spokeman"We cannot understand whether such is the case or not, for you may be Glandelinians in disguise. If you are we order you ove this raft is mediately or you'll be prisoners and what we'll do to you if your men boards here will be something terril e." "Sorry you misunderstand me"said the general. "I am general Herdrude, Francis Herdrude of Abbieannia. I'm no Glandelinian and it pains me to state that I have information here"indicating the wireless message. "Which if true makes the situation a very delicate one for some of

Purzlod the boy and girlscout officers waited ani anxiously for the

general to continue.

"This message which if you don't believe me I'll even let you read, "Comes from some strange private individ al and of comes cannot be regarded by me as official. He claims to be one man who says he's the Original "Mutt" who caused those sot of funnies to be made in some For lagm papers. He states in this message, that some of you he doesn't mention any names except Dolores and Angeline Richee are very cl ver clever, dangerous and shrewd Glandelinian child scout spies operating as the girls mentioned. I know they're true to their cause, but hasays that there are two or three who doubles as Dolcres Angeline Richee and Gertrude Angeline for the sake of some dreaded accomplise of their's who is either original in apparance or diguises himself to look like Mutt, and has a leader known as some name I cannot prom pronounce here but who appears like "Jeff Jeff." If you here are the original ones then I'm sorry for themistake. But if not, then while I should dislike very much to do enything of the sort it will be my duty to hold you have as prisoners myself untill you can assure me you're not the ones that this message states of. It says a girl by the name of Dolores Mic-Hollester Jennings is an orginal v christian girl scout, but someone is doubling as her and I'm afraid you're the one. If you can prove you're the original then not only will I hop you can do so, but hope you'll understand the danger your facing by having a double in your comp."

"That's the Professional International Spies again"declared

Henry. "Oh the firing squad for those two!"

With a lock of wonder the general listened to Henry's outburst, and then turned to D 1 Dolores for explanation. It was indeed forthcoming without delay, the boys and girls realizing the strange blunder believed it better to be aba absolutely frank with their friend since it was general Herdrude and not a Glandelinian officer in disguise. Therefore they showed proov proofs who they were, and gave all the important features of their connection with the case, the adventures of Penrod with the strange spies, and every occurance taken Jum in their Duri s were laid before the general, together with thed commission papers, and other means of identification. As a final proof of the fact that they were not the duplicates, Dolores suggested that general Herdrude send an inquiry to general Vivian or to Angeline Jennings their main superior.

This the general did not consider necessary to do deckring

that he was setisfied that though the warning was a tracone, it was therefore for their own good, and that the real duplicates were some

"It seems how wer "he usid"That this party who is duplicating you child secut officers may be the accomplishes of those Professional spies, and that they are determined to cause you trouble or hinder the work you are set out to do, and in my estimation there is butone thing you can do to protect t yourselves again t against those while you intend to do your work of capturing those six spies ." "What is that?"asked Glady's eagerly.

"Bring your girl and boyscurt.regiments away from general Viviens army for the time toing, and either operate independently or join

general Concentinian Aronburgs army for the while. "SSWO

"Thank you general"Dolores replied after a short pause. "You have certainly treated us royally, and we should and willshow our utmost appreciation. We believe indeed that you mean well forour sake but it is a matter of the greatest importance, and we would like a little time in which to do consider the subject. Besides we'd have to consult our superiors on that subject especially Angeline Jennings my sister. She is our Matron scout. May we think it over !!!!

"Certainly"replied the general heartily. "You are right. Consider it well and remember that I shall h-lp you if I can . And general

Hansonia Vivianias army is not for away."

"We really are aportion of the child scouts that readily belong to Francis Vivianannas army"spoke up Joy. "We wouldn't want to complicate matters at all, but if we are forced to we'll go back to his command." "True indeed"rejoined the general"but remember you have a bold and desperate and of spies to deal with, and they're liable to operate in any christian section they can to try andcutwit yourpurpose. Judging the two Professionals, by what I now know, and what they did to Penrod in order to make himexpose the hidingplace of Jennie Turner I believe they will not stop at nothing trifling or big. Remander that if Angeline Jennings brings her boy and girls cout troop to general Vivianias army you have the protection of that army as well as others."

"While I or my friends don't want to underrate the ability of your army"put in Glady's "I feel that these fellows are men of ability and cunning and they would attempt to frustrate us just the same no matter what army we came to . We were once in Concentinian Aronburgs army and those spies even there sure made 10 hot for us."

"But think cfoll the glory and honor that will be your some day for assisting the good country in her time of need. You are always reworded alri already, and God has blessed all your undertakings." "We always think of that too. "agreed Dolores.

"But also we must remember"put in Jane Mellfort that we are the boy and girlscouts called the "RA NGERS" and that the Vivian Girl Princesses would not with us to beputting ownselves into the section of an army where there are different regiments of child scouts than our own. You have the Vivianites. We're the Rangers."

"I shall say no more. "declared the general. "You have all your own idea, ideas and your will is yours. But you must remember it was better if you had remained at general Vivianannas Richee's army. That is the main army for only Rangers and hundreds and hundreds of them are there ye Vet."

"We should have but the Princessespushed us on."said Fred. Withprotestations of their gratitude, the boys and girlscouts went to their cwn quarters invitin g the general and his officers to remain on their raft to their comfort as long as they wiked without interfering with their duty. They themselves sought the seclusion of their cwn headquarters on the raft. They at once held a oconference to consider the weighty such subject which had just been presented.

All felt indeed the anticipated step wasone of great moment and that more than their own personal safty or inclination was involved. They knew too from what they had learned from many accuts and by telegraph that after having moved off fromengaging Myletze and leaving general Nero Viviania to watch Myletze general Viviananna Riches by the orders of the Calverinian government was concen trated some where near Abbieann. They studied the facts too that three or four ofthen besides Dolores, Gertrude a Angeline, and Angeline Richee were being duplicated. After reviewing the facts, and studying the subject by writing down everything that was said, which they always do to make it out better, Dolor s Dolores stood up, removed her speciacles and B& id;;;;;;;;;;;

"Officer comades comrades you are the ones to decide this matter. "suid Dolores. "Shall we do as the general sugge sts; or remain with the array under general Vivian by communication even if we go abroad after those messengers."

"There isn't such a thing as remaining with gener I general Vivians army if we have to go from onepoint to another "declared Glady's . "If we have to go forth to chase after those mies, we just naturally seem to belong to whatever army we might conscupon, and that is all there is to it."

"Sure"Spoke up Jack himself"But we can of our own accord choose any army we wish if we have to do it can't we. If there are other kinds of boy and girlscout. Regiments there we don't have to mix in with them do we. We can remain a seperate regiment in some other locality of the or army and not butt in where we are not wantedd? . ::"

"If we go back to general viviania Richees army, we could do all sorts of secuting round there and try to find out clues as to the causes of the disasters at the city won't we?"asked wildred Maxwell?

"Why certainly"satated Dolores with some impatience. "We can find out what was the disaster. "Eruptions" or explosions, and if they were caused by mines try to go forth and find out where the clues as to to formations of theunderground galleries for themines were located. Then we could come back and tell our friends, where their remains are and they'll then blame Glandelinia and say she was the one who did scatter sucha big devastation storn of ruin and floods all over the landscapes. That would bemore important than on chasing after the six spies wouldn't?"

"Well no one has been able to prove yet that Glandelinia was

responsible, have they?"

"No. and the disaster has never harmed or made us orphans at any rate thanks be to God"put in Jack. "worone though I believe we'd better go shead as we are, and do as Miss Jennings wished. Our business is to either get the details of Abbieanns destruction or to try and intercept those six spy messengers, and prevent them if possible from seelingout theplans they have stolen. Where here as scouts anyhow and that is our only work. We do sometimes join battles but that is notour work."

"And I say we had better make clandelinia soon sue for pace peace even if we have to increase the war and fight in itomselves to get

her to do it !"declared Dolores seriously. !!..::

A general augh laugh greted greeted this announcement. Dolores desire for peare even at the expense of a desperate fight was well known by every one . Indeed every one knew well her sense of fair play in war as well as her readiness to settle the war by conflict and by forcible means. Not for nothing was her hair (strange for Abbicannians)

When their laughing fit was over she continued; "Our main predicement is that some one is always playing one or so of us of our double. Some one maybe a scout of the enemy side, or midget men would be able through some clever way to impersonate me. Glady's or others. Th at is the mea main thing that we are up against. It was not so long ago when Penrod thought Gertrude Angeline was turning traitor and trying to bey betra/ him to the enemy. When he discovered the deseption he shot the impersonator dead. What are we to do about the matter. They don't seem to be around and if they are able to pull thro gh through with their work they'll throw everyone of us into confusion. Shall we go to Viviania Richee's army or shall we go along with general Vivians still. Shall it be "On to Abbieann" or stay with general Vivian?"

"Let's take a vote or ballot. "suggested Fred. "Of course there are about only ten of us here, so there may be a dead lock."

"Not much of a chance for a deadlock with t'n ten votes cast one way. "quickly put in Glady's. "I know how you and the others stand." Laughingly Dolcres handed a slip of paper to each one.

"Fach one of you now put your sentiments on the paper, and drop the al slip into this hat. "she directed."

"All right. Here goes."

"Who will count the vote"! Asked Joy St Claire.

"Evangelino St Claire will"said polores.

Only a few moments were required for the ten of them to prepare the ballets. A hat was then passed, and into it the h slips were first folded and then dropped. Evangeline St Claire at once thrust in her hand and drew forth a folded ballot ... ? """

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"Number One ... """she announced. "Hear ye. Hear ye. The solemn word of Dolores, Chief girl leader of the Rangers. She says on this slip to head for Abbieann but to sent in the request first to either Angoline Richee or Angeline Jennings our two main superiors. Then this next one" sh she continued, reaching for another ballot has made apic ture of a po tato vine as her sentiments. That's surely some fine artist. That. picture almost makes w me wish I was back in the beautiful country."

"That's mine"declared Jane Malfort. "That's intended to be the branch

ofa tree."

"Thanks"dryl y responded Evangeline, reaching for unother ballot. "This third one" she went. on "Has made a pisture of the Abbie annian flag." "I'll take that "Cried Mildred. "Abbasannia Frever."

"Noble sentiments for a Flemingo leader"was Evangelines comment. "Now this fourth one has made a picture of a bird of some, a kind. I can't tell exactly what it is intended to represent."

The others had hiw however made the same thing, and soaxfrien dly argument resulted in which it was left as a matter of doubt whether they had intended to draw apicture of the Bove of Peace, a Hawk, Falcon or the American Eagle or some other big bid. Much good natured chaffing resulted , but it was finally decided that either bird would serve as a vote of "On to Abbieann ... : .. !! :.

"Now Delores it's up to you to inform general Hindernine or Herdrude who ever he is that we are much obliged for his kindness, but we'll head for Abbieann.General Richee is our goal and the six

"All right .Here goes. Come along with me commades."

The general recieved the announcement of the boy and girl scout officers pleasantly and with some surprise though he was a thilly disappointed, and took occassion to compliment them on their loyalty to their armies and principals, declaring that at the same time that he would be glad to aid them in any way possible.

With much lighter hearts now they had made up their decision, and they all repaired to the western side of the raft boat of Gertrudes to watch for the approach of the regiments of child scouts. Some of them were gazing at the scenes beyond the ruined harbor of St Ethel dreds and g were greatly interested in noting the still smouldering fires. And far away they could still hear the roar of the battle of Hangar Run and wondering how it was turning out. Soon the wirst Company of the girlscouts came the girl troop being first at this juncture, and due to the friendly assistance of the general and his men, their blongings were speedily passed across the water to the raft, and soon the company on of girls were all on board.

Boats hauled the boxes of well needed ammunition to the raft, and they were taken from the boats and brought to a spot favorable for their purpose, and I all of the girlscouts worked while while the girlscoute leaders superintended the work of loaif loading and lucing. By midafternoon, they viewed w t with satisfaction the company of girlscouts. Soon another batch of them came and soon the remainder of the whole force was on shore waiting to get to the raft boat, while an interested crowd of refugees hovered near to watch.

All this time thwy wondered where were Gertrude, Angeline R c Richee

Jean and Penrod, and some others.

Just as Dolores announced everything ready, a motor boat drew up near their raft, discharging Angeline Jennings as its only passen ger. She was greeted with enthusiasm by all and asked to inspect their work.

"mys and Girls couts of AbbianisAbbieannia Thy some good or some unusualaws for you." announced the girlscout leader and Matron after proclaiming her astonishment at the results so spendily and unknowingly obtained."

"If it's good news all right. "Sad her sister. "If it's bad news we don' don't like to hear it. Good news is always welcome."

"It : is not bad news though its quite exciting. "said Ageline Angeline Jennings. "First general Vivien is giving the enemy a good ls lesson in the art of fighting. The Glandelinian array is falling back in disgrace. Next a strange launch passed us just a little while ago. Thatever it was evidently made good the in it down the waters. If we could get him we'd be lucky. The Mutt spy was in it."

"And what about the man!"asked Dolores agerly while the others xrowded around her to hear the news. "Did he land in god shpe and did he have his companion with him, or did he leave the boat and swing

except with the man who drove the launch. The Spy left the vessel as they were passing the raft, and he swam ashere. He is no doubt on the enem enemy sde of the shore now."

"Then all of us had better lock out no? now"declared Jane melifo rt drawing her deepest breath. "The 'rascal is perhaps going to head for the six spies at once to warm warn them of our intention "

"According to the Officials"continued Angeline Jennings"he would if he got there even have a hard time to get into either army, as he has not been able to secure a pass for either. So if he is found therefore by either side he will be apprehended and required to explain his presence."

"That won't be any help to us at all I'm afraid. "Dolores ventured. "He is crafty enough to keep out of the way at least of the christian lines, and if he can't get in to the Glandelinian camps in that far direction he has some crafyy means tosend the word alone to his six cronies. I only hope he doesn't succeedin getting to Abbieann or to any other locality, before we find where he is. If we can 't caltar capture himwe'll at least kill him to save the nation from disaster at his hands. I know there's a tresendous reward for his cature dead or alive."""QA

"Now I must return to supertend the other work and of the moving of the tents so they can be brought on to the raft. "declared Angeline Jennings. "So far we have done all we could for the start and we'll have Masses and Novenas offered upforour success in the end exped ition. The only thing is that is delaying us, is the wait for Gertrude and the others. I heard they've come to camp, but have a nu a duplicate of Gertrudes cooped up somwhere but whre we do not know. Wht they won't do to him isplenty."

She saluted and then renetered the boat(not the goat.(() Turning their attention to the final adjustments of the work on board the raft, the boys and girls soon had everything completed. They were provisioned and prepared for a long and dan gerous trip. ?.

"What visthfirst move vto b done now A D. lores" Asked Fred stowing the last article implace. "Do you suppose those six Glandelinian mies will head for that most extensive battlefield."

"Poussibly we would be wise to tryout the movement of the raft a bot a bit to make sue overything is all right. "replied Jane Mellfort thoughtfully."Then if everythin g proves to be in good shape, we can ret rn and wait for the appearance of Gertrude and the others, and also try to learn what the other fellow did upon swim in g ashre:

In case he has not left the reason we will of course try to h get hold of him especially at som near spot, won't we!" inquired Jack. "I believe it would be n best to n nab him as soon as possible."

"Yes easy talking but not easy doing."said Joy.

A"and maybe he has already gotten to a place where he can hide the pl ns plans untill he finds a place to seel sell them to some chief Glandelinian general. "suggested Fred.

"All these Glandelinian spies are shrewd chaps all right"assented Mildred Maxwell"But hr is the most shrewd"and we cannot tellwhat he may attempt todo. I think we can find the boat thatput him ashee and induce theone who drove it to tell us where the Professional spy has gone."

"Unless he is a Glandelinian not even bribery will do it." said Jack himself. "Even if he is an Abbieannian he willnot tell us unless he roally knows the man is of a suspicious character. T^{n} on of cours ccur se hemight nab his himself and save us the work. Let's try out the raft and hurry back."

"Accordingly they got the whole thing in motion, and their engineers started the engines. After the first few puffs of the smoke stack, he touched the throttle and the huge raft began to move forward. Accelerating the speed of the engines, the raft moved down the big stream in a majostic manner. They all cheered as the raft began to move soswiftly. They however headed tward their own camp to be closer so as not todelay the rest and the removal of the camp.

"The river takes a bend near the camp"said Fred. Tets go around the bend. We sean get a pretty good view of the cumps that way, and do our best to help them in getting on board."

"I can get a good view of a big squadron of cavarly coming along the shore over th to the north."Dolores stated. "They're in purple but they're coming this way too. "she addedd !!! ...:

[&]quot;I am informed by som.couriers"replied the girl"That he was alone

It was as Dolores had said. A gaint column of cavarly inpurple, was rapidly approaching along the shore and but approaching tward or follow ing the raft.

"Let's give them a good race. "Nolures"Cried Fred excitedly.

"Sure" acquiesced Dolores.. "We'll show them that an engine can run faster than horses."

Accordingly the engineers were ordered to turn on full ower, and in a moment the raft was skinki skimming through the water at a great rate. "Good gon gosh they suremust have swift horses. "reported Jack.

"Why they're gaining."

"Gaining" ! Inquited Delores.

"You're right they are. "answered Mildred horseld. "They're even overhauling us. I didn't believe the christian cavarly have such swift

"Well let them come." Mildred suggested. "This is a trailtrip. But I never heard of horses gaining on the speed of an engine."

"How near is the caverly now!"asked Dolores.

"About one third of a mile behind down the share road I should

judge "said Jane Mellfort.

"After a bit we'll try and mae it a mile." spiled the engineer. "At that instant from half a hundred of the cavarly men there came a rattling noise as of rifles being fired. Puffs of white maoke showed from the nearest of the gallopping horsemen, but in the wind and by the papeed of the horses quickly disappeared.

"They must have spotted enemies. "said Jack.

"It must be .They're shooting at something. "Said Evangel ine St

Dolores glanced at her companions and then at the horsemen. Again the rattling report of rifles were heard and other clouds of smoke and bullets struck on objects on the raft.

"Leaping Liz r Lizards."cried Jane Mellfort. "They're shouitng at us. Are they Glandelinians in purple uniforms. ""? ?"

"I have nothing to say to mine enemies. "Said Gerald Starring. "I've c

come to frustrate your work in hindering those six spies."

"You may think you did."said Gertrude Angeline "But we'llprevent you if we can and willdo so if we have to kill byou to do it. Your outrages to the Vivian Girls so often, from you and your companions have never passedour notice and now we have you trapped just where we want you. It's too bad th my are not here to see you.

Starring wheeled upon Gertrude Angeline, and Angeline Richee."A "And all your dirtylittle devils in uniforms -- if they're not in the war what're they doing here!You girlcout she devils cannot do your work alone eh? What are allyour members doing here in the diabolical Christian camps. And you want three, helpers, a boy and two girls

to help you cature orkill me eh Miss Gertrude Angeline!" The desperate Glandelin ianhoyacout did not want to parley, but in spite of his eagerness his judgement told his that he was in the most perilous situation in his life so far. He didn't fear the Wivian Girls when they had him often, but these girls before him. An evil spirit for nothing would fear them. And Penrod. He must tount them untill they lost their heads from black rage, that would give him an advantage to fight his way to freedom

"You Gertrude Angeline, went to make me seek peace with the Vivian Girl Princeeses I supp se you little christian devil. What do you know about me and thon, my affairs and their's "he continued. "You Penrod didn't get enough of exertences with the Professional Spins those days they almost had you . There's another adventure coming to you in a minute or two.Angoline Richee, if I'd been a girlscout also devil of your sort I'd have picked some men soldiers who could help you fight a hoy scout like me if I was afraid, instead;;

He got no further however, for at that very moment taking the initiative he sprang like a enraged little tiger. Glandelinian by scouts will hit a girl wooner than he will any boy when rn enraged when the girl happons to be an girls out enemy, and his fists dashed full into Angeline's face right and left altogother or almost togother with as great a force as he could bring to hear. The force of the blows flung her backwards, her head struck the edge of the stall behind her, and recleveing a kick from him into her stomen she dropped meaning to the flooor and lay there! .: LK

Passing her with a glosthing look, B Gerald Starring leaped for Jean, but the agile little girl eluded him, banging him in the mouthwith her fist and darted down the middle of the stable screening at him furiously and threatening totear his eyes out with her finger nails if he'd dare come closer. Before he could quite recover himself, Penrod and Gertrude Angeline with a furious shot and screen sorang from behind like wild tigress es to the counter attack. As Gerald swung sideways he saw a lon- g dangerous looking knife glesming in Gertrude right hand and the looks in her eyes was anythin g but . pleasant. Good as she was she was a little Rattler whon aroused. She was Radeliffes sister and had her ways He thrust her arm up, and the blow diverted glanced, the knife ripping his sleave open from wrist to shoulder. Penrod alsowith a ki n knife was spring from the other side demanding;

"Surrender you fool or I'll jab you in the side." But Gerald seizedupon the situation with judgement for which he would never afterwards account. F Dashing his fist upward, he caught Gertrude Angeline under the chin, forcing her head back and getting , a good tight t strangle hold so tight that her tongue protruded at the same time he grasped the wrist which held the long gleaning will and swung so as to interpose the girls couts body between himself and Penrods blow. As Penrod struck age in Gerald turned with a case cursa, shit ering himself behind Gortrude Angeline, one hand still encircling her throat in the strangle grip, the other holding back the wrist which she was struggling most vehemently to use so that Penrods short and stabbing strokes always fell short aimed around Gertrudes body. Backing into the stall adjacent to theone in which Angeline Richeo had fellen, Gerald in this manner continued to ward of f Penrods for ious attacks. The stall itself was narrow, and the enraged because it is unable to get pest Gertrude, stou struggling madly in Geralls green around her throat in order tostrike a blow from the side or room. So long as Gerald could retain a hol on hold on Gertrude and keep her in thisoosition he was compa ratively safe and this homest do as Penrod sure looked dangerous. But he had no more than about fifteen seconds in which to think out his next his next desperate move. It was all a question of muscular endurance both Gertrude and Penrod were equally as strong, he could not hope torotain his clutch on Gertrudes throat with one hand for many seconds, against the force behind the girlscouts shoulders he wasn't able to chock her hard enough to make her lose her breath even though her tongue was sticking out, and her strong body was too vory heavy. Suddenly the Grandariaian boyseout made up hismind made up his mind."

He sudfinly released Gertrude, flinging her backwards with all hisnight. Gertrude fell against Penrod, sending him stager inthe two clawed at each other, and fall to the floor.

, the two clawed at each denot, and that the saight of Jeans face As Gerald Starring released Gertrude he saught sight of Jeans face peering across Gertrudes shoulders. The fall of the three secuts left Jean, Geralds only immediate foe. For a second Gerald Starring hesitated he hesitated to attack a giri or boy much inferior in size and strength. But at that moment he saw Jeans right arm drawn back, and the gleam of the very knife she hold. Before the upward thrust came he stepped back with an oath pulled the revolver from his pock et and brought the butt erashing down on the little girls head. The little girl, instantly drenehed with blood, from the jagged scalp wound, hurled the knife at him just barely missing, screamed and fled, stumbling from side to side with handsupriased above her head, tward the door. Blinded by the blood that poured over her face she blundered intoone of the window cab rasures, and her upraised hands brought down the lighted lamp which fell crashing upon the wooden floor, and fortunately for them all went out. Still screaming, Jean found the door, and tried to push back the bolt, but Gerald Starring was on the spot before she sould do so. He struck her q a resounding slap on the side of the face, pushed the bolt back himself, and taking Jean by the shoulders though she raged and struggled and pushed her with all his strength into the o ppposite shanty. The room however was empty. However the word had evil ently been p passed about that it would be advisable forone to make onesself scarce in view of what was going on in the hig stable. But a group of girl and boyscouts were gathered about the dooor at the entrance peering in, and the sudden apparation of poor little Jean, covered with blood and Gerald behind her proved toostrong for their discretion.

They came running forward yelling brandishing their sabres. Gerald could have broken through them and gained the safty of the open grounds beyond a short distance away. Even the strange hazards of such a course was less than what he had faced in the stable. But the idean ever occured to him. He was fighting mad, possessed as if with a devil he had come disguised with thepurpose to enter the christian lines to fight the chief leadsers of the child scouts, and he meant to fight the war quarrel out. He turned. He heard Gertrude Angeline and Penrod running acrosss the stable floor. All his calculations which were not very consc ious were made in fractional seconds that very morning. So now he calculated that the pair would reach the door in about a half second before the men in the shan ty and outside. They would ermorge con i confident basgining him to be in flight before the crowd of girl and hoyscouts. He waited. Jeans blundering flight which took her into the midst of the boy and girlscouts stopped them in their attack, just as Gorald had colculated it would, at the same moment Penrods head and shoulders because visible around the door. Gerald was waiting patiently forthat, and he jabbedupward most vigi vigoriously with his right. Penrod howled and fell backwards. knocking Gertrade Angelino off her balance in turn as she scremed. and before they had recovered from the surprise, Gerald had stepped back into the atable and bolted the door behind him' Her saw their wonder and the dawn n danw dawning wild fury and defiance in Penrods face, covered with blood, and Gertrudes infur iated pout, but they came on at him again, scaftily now, crouching their knives drawn back for the jab. A revolver even when loaded is of little use against a knife, woilded by an expert at close quarters/ And he was fighting with two vivious. The girl and boy were attack ing from opposite sides too, and they watched each movement that Gerald made. He estimated that they would spring after a very brief delay, and to allow a close encounter of the two this time without some ruse would be absolutely fatal. Gertrude's face was white. her eyes glared dangerously she seemedpossessed. He hazarded a second and then stooping pickedup a broken board which in the first encounter had fallen to the floor from one of the wooden boxes. He weeled tward Penrod, who twisted his body to meet him, and then as Gertrude with a scream rushed in from n behind, wheeled again and brought down the boar upon her head with such force as to smash the board in to splinters so rotten it was. However Gertrude rell reeled, andonee again Gerald leaped and caught her by the throat. But this time he was not quick enough to repeat his former manoevre. She had managed to jab him in the eye with her fist as he started chocking her, and Penrod struck at him from the left side. The upward thrust, would have pentrated the heart of the Glandelinian boyscout had it struckwhere Penrod inten ded, but by a miracle of luck it passed between Geralds arm and his body only just grazing a rib. The point of the blade eaught in the linings of his coat and before Penrod could withdraw his arm, Gerald pressed his own left arm against his body eatthing Penrods hand there and holding it like a visc. This movement swung him around foreing him to release Gertrude and the ensueing bovine rush with the girlscout made threw them both against the embrasure of the second window on the opposite door side of the door. Hen themselves were yellingoutside and a furious harm ring was being maintained but none of the fighters was conscious either of the shouts or of the blows. As Gerald and Penrod fell against the window shelf, the rotted wood broke inward , the shad such fell down breaking the glass, the second lamp tottered and then crashed down beside them going out as the first had done and leaving the stable in co. complete darknesss.

With a stift movement Gerald managed to draw Penrods are fruther through his. With thepressure of his combined biceps and triceps he could hold it there for good and all if he had only Penrod to cons contend with. But he could not find means to use his right hand to force Penrods open and grasp the knife, which the boyscout was making frantia frantic efforts to use. He needed his right hand for Gortrude, and PEn Penrod had managed to twist the knife so that its edge was against Geralds side and with the sm chiows of his fingers he was scraping it backwards and forwards ripping open the coat lining and inflicting a succession of scratches and little pic puncturus under the heart. Gerald bucked suddenly and violently jerring Penrods spine against the edge of the window so shelf. Penrod groaned and made a frantic effort to twist hisself free hacking at Goralds chins, and shouting to Gertrude to finish the jobs Gertrudes forward rush had flung her between the two-Gerald felt her grouping in the

the darkness trying to gauge theoseition in which she was leaning Gerbrude was ovidentlypuzzled by the position of the two, and by the termination of Penrods shoulder against Geralds-Gerald sensed that Gerbrude had finally satisfied herself and had raised her right arm to strike callingout "Surrender" He flung away the revolver which he still held, reached up and soized the hand as it was shout to dessend. Thus holding the right wrists of each of his desperate little assailants, he purposely plunged forward bringing them to the floor with a crash that shouk the barn from end to end.

He then let go suddenly, and s ranf to his fet. Gertrudes knife grazed the sole of his foot, as Penrod tried to rise Gerald caught him beneath the chin with the other foot. Penrod grouned and his head went back on the floor. That left only Gertrude in action. Gerald withdrew a step or two. He heard the desperate girlscout breathing heavily as she eroughed in the darkness. Then for the first time he began to be able to hear the loud knocking on the dor. It also sounded now as if a crowbar were being applied. Then as the yells of the soldiers came to his ears, the absurdity of hisposition did not down upon him, nor the fact that when he had nottled with Gertrude he would have to reckon with the mod mob outside. He meant to deal with Gertrude as he had with the others. But in the darkness he could only guide himself by Gertrudes breathing which seemed to come now near his left side, and then on the right. Further away Penrod was half crying andmouning. Out of the darkness but silently this time Gertrude leaped forward. The knife blow flashed past Gerald, who got Gertrude by the arms. They began to wrestle as if they were two tough hoys. Here was Gertrudes superiority though she had no force in her blows if she did strike with her fists, her physicial strength was greater, and gradually the s strongth of Gertrudes powerful little arms began to tell. The two panted straining together, but Gertrude was winning, and the knife arm was slowly slippingout of Geralds elutch . It reached upward. But at the moment when it was evading him, Gerald dropped Gertrudes left hand, and struck her a swift blow between the eyes. As he did so he heard the breathing on the other side of him. Gertrude staggored and sereawed, and in a flash Gerald had both his hands upon her right wrist kneeding the veins and so sinews untill the fist open ed-The knife elattered upon the floor, and Gerald stooped and seized it. That was the precise instant when the knife that had been dro ped by Angeline Richee, woilded by Jean Saunders, and it was a systery how she got in, and thrusted upward found its home beneath Geralds shoulder, while q a blow from Angeline Riches who had come to again and with her fist felled corald to the floor, and he laid there.

"Well we've got the crazy little fool at last"panted Gertrude recovering hor knife".

"He would strike at little girls with his fists, "declared Angelino. "That's why we then resorted to our knivos. "declared d Jean. "But I hope we haven't really killed him, though it serves him right He would resist, and ho being strong we had tofight forour own selves or go under at his hands You know how Glandelinian boyscouts are. They're worse then the soldiers."

Radeliffe in his own tent stretchedout his legs upon a chair, and was drinking his soffee, while Bors Bora leaned against the wall near to where Jolly Joan and Annie Roomy were standing, and listened to the superiors semi-silioquy.

"Yes girls we'll soon he on the rip n ow trip now"Radeliffe was saying. "We'll get through the Abbieann territory for good, but we will have towait hereuntill Gertrude and the rest comes, and then we'll beat it after those six accomplises of the those Mutt and Jeff spies. Sure indeed I'll be glad to see something dome. We all so far have put up a good fight against the enemy. And we girl and boyscouts have stood for things which no mortal nan ought to be made to stand for because of the enemy. I've soon battles keep raging for six weeks at a time without any abatement, and I went through lots of horrors and did not say anything. I've seen the enemy win andlose. We have stood all we're going to from the enemy. I've lost t eight thousand little girl and boy scout friends in this fool bloody game, and Gertrudo and me will have to star t organizing another round regiment of girls and boys when we finish our Abbiennn expedition and maybe we won't hear anything about it either. But nevertheless when it is a case of being forced to see so many of your friends perish, just because the enemy boyscouts can't mind their own business when weours lyes don't

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bother with them or rub our noses in their business, I've finished and we're at war now with them too, and I've come to the end of my patience. You understand me girls. We fight the enemy boy and girlscouts too. "So that's about all. We all go forth on the ruft townrow. And if you hear that the heads of any of the Glandelinian generals have been cracked because they thought they were George Washint Wah Washington's and Robert E Lees, and Napoleons, and Dikes of Wallingtons and thelike don't you blame me for it because they can keep out of truble. They're the biggest fools of all that earry on a war for a government that is falling and don't know it or want to know it. Even the whole world is going to leave Glandelinia to her fate "continued Raddliffe sipping some were coffees for he was finishing his dinner" It's her feult. Glandelin is will get her head busted, and she deserves to get it busted."

"I guess I shouldn't have told Gertrude about the doubles trying to pretend they're her and spy around the camps"he said"But I was so piping mad I just wanted that Glandelinian boyscout Gerald Sterrin g to run up against trouble.Mt Maybe I shouldn't have for she'll almost kill him.But let himgo.He's a spy, and it'll be a lesson to him. I wouldn't reise my finger to help him sgainst my own comrades if his darn fool head was being bustedopen right here before my eyes. You w know what I mean!"

"Yes" said Joan, and the word conveyed any significense that its hearer might choose to put upon it. "Yes" she continued thoughtfully, though what she w's was thinking about was incomprehensible.

"It ain't right that we hoy and girlscouts should have to go through this "Radcliffe persued." I'm a good scout, I got my troops to think about, and I'm against all Glandelinia does, and the way she carries on the war. It ain't reasonable to force men in the army and then to force them butcher little kids is it Roomey!"

"I should say not "answ-red Annie Roomey deckiedly. "That's why we girls became scouts. We children have to fight forour verylines."

"You're right said Radeliffs. "Of course all of us kids have to fight forour lives. "She filled her cup full of coffee and sipped it. "I don't know what in the world is wrong with the coffee this noon time"Radcliffe said, as she drank the cup empty. He put his legs down.

"I guess Gertrude and her followers ought to be in camp by now"He said."If xh she discovers that enemy hoyscout in the camp she'll be breaking his head if it is breakable for posing as ohe."

"You bet she will. "said Joan.
Radcliffe crossed his right leg over his left, uncrossing them and
then crossed his left left over his right. Then he got up.

"T guess I'll take a walk up the road, and see if she and her officials are returning." he said

Radeliffes walk was a rapid one.As soon as he left the payer he raced his horse up the hill tward a cliff.As he reached the summit he heard the sound of galloping horses in the distance, and presently he saw a party of girlscouts coming tward him and two of them were Camp Fire Girls.He halted his horse, and heiled thems.

"Say girls do you mind gi coming with me to Gertrudes head quarters?"he called.

The column stopped, and Radoliffe percieved Jean Andrews at the lead.

"Yes we don't mind"she answered. "I'm glad that we met. We need you we're scouting round to find why Gertrude and others don't come back. The whole camp is worried about her. "

Redeliffe rode with them. They urged on their horses and then Jean Andrewsen id:

"General Vivians army is gettin g worsted now, and general Kindernine is gone to help him. But where is Gertrude. She and those who were with her has not returned since they went out this morning morji morning."

"I don't know"said Radoliffe.But I hardly an worried."
"Why.!"

"B'cause Gertrude is able to take care of herself."

"They sure an't be shooting at us, they cught to know us by our uniforms." profested Jane Mellfort vigoriously. "Maybe its a mistake on their mart or they may be Glandelinians disgused as cevarly 4 solders ofter adde."

"Mistake or not I know the sing of bullets by this time, and if those were not bullets that just passed across the raft, I'll give up. Everybody had gone to cover. If they're encomies in disguise we'll return the figs. They're exposed and we are not. "

"Wetch out"shouted Dolores peering throughs pair of binoculars she had hurriedly seized. "They're really Angelin ians all right, and they surely are making some mist k mistaked. If they were of the others we'd rout them in a hurry to cover. They're aiming at us again. Warn others ofour scouts not teanswer their fire."

Again the peculiar sounds as of the sharp cracking of loud rifles greeted the ears of everyone on boatd board the raft. Dolores involunterily ducked her head as she heard something sing close past her. She knew they were Angalinians for Glandelinians in 'disquise would carry no fleg at all, and these troupers carried both the Abbiennian Standard and the National flag besides a number of wall known Angalin ian cavarly stroughers.

"P orhpas we had better slow up the rait a bit, Dolores and see what these Angolinians want." suggested Mildred Maxwell anxiously. "This is a warm reception from your best friends I must say. I wonder if they slowlys do make mistakes when they see new comers. Christian soldiers firing on kids. They must not be able to see straight. I have a mind to enswer their fire enyway and treat them for treasion."

"No I don't believe its wise tode so. They cannot tell our sizes at this distance I'm sure. "said polores.

The Engineer was ordered tominatement the spend of his engines. "Let's remain out in themiddle of the stream and if they wish to see us they'll come across and exclain themselves. We won't goshore ward. Let's try that an d see Dolores."

"Pick out a good spot where the stream is deeper and more wider and we'll stop there, but we'll not raise any white flag."

"Here's a good one on us."doclared fack. "We didn't hoist our flag. Maybe that is the reason they're suspicious of ws."

"Here's a good spot"the engineer amounced. "We can slack down in that wide at a stretch over there. We're then in view of a part of our camp and if the paralle coated soldions are enemies our comrades over there will come to our assistance. There's a batch of the watching the accomment of the raft in that field by the hern with the alate roof. See by that large clump of trees."

"Indeed I do. But do you n ctice how the farm houses are set close together. How neat the country looks from this position. Different than when we traveled on the flood."

"Don't try to get our attention off the chaps in the purple unifor's a'ill following us on horse along shore like that comrades. "Dolores protested. "If they do shoot again I'll get some and enswer their fire no matter who they are Hoist our flag and see what the result is."

This order was cheyed, and evidently the leader of the tro pers divined their intertion of moving twend the center of the stream, for more than ever of their numbers rep reopened fire, but when the flag went up the firing suddenly stopped, their was exclusionations exong those on shore, but nevertheless they centre used on and deployed along shore as if supplied of a trick. In a short time the engineer had brought the reft to the center of the stream close beside within view of the fermiouses in Alestad by one of the scales. The troopers was still following along shore but now in a long thin line in stead of in groups, evidently in an effort to cover the whole reft should any trick be attempted by those on board. The leader did not seem to shore one timed a pretty hot fire, keeping for some of those on shore con timed a pretty hot fire, keeping those on board the raft

"They are firing anyway"said Jack. "Shall we answer. "
"Wait and see first. Maybe their officer is half blind and cannot
see the flag or either they're anomies in discutice."

Directly the raft had reached the center of the stream, the raft was stopped and the column of troopers sent up a slowel askin g for those on board the raft to surrander. Then from the opposite shore two boats, accompanied by along load moved tward the raft and or they rapidly closer.

"What uniform are the those wearing in the hoats?"questioned Deleres.
"I don't knowposeibly but they seem red. Possibly they're see of cur own comrades?"

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As the three boats came nearer they discovered they were some of their own and they were helped on board. Dolores then gave a good look at the leader of the troopes on shore. Dolores gave a start. The leader though inpurple was a tall slender man on horseback, with a sort of long nose, short mustache, and had quick shifty appearants of the hands, and had small boudy black eyes. Dolores tapped Jack who was nearest her excitedly on the arm.

"They're enemies in disguise or I'll est my hat"she said.

"How is that. They're flying our flags."

"Rither they are, whether they're carrying our flags or not, or maybe they're true christian soldiers and being hoodwinked by the one who seems to be le their leader." "Are you positively sure."

"I'v got his number."

"You're trying to give me the jim jess Dolores."

"No I'm not. That's the "Mutt"spy or I'm a Dutchman and not a girl scout. Look at his chopped off chin, and peaked m ose."

"He looks remarkably like the pictures Radeliffe gave us. "said Jook looking through his own fieldpiocos, and he looked startled in deed."I wonder if it is really he. I'll bet he's told the soldiers he'r s with that wo're Glandelin ian child scouts in disguise just to idn der

ourpurpose." "I don't believe it"said Mildred. "You can't fool Angelinian soldiers one bit(she told the truth. I'll) I'll bet you polores they're all

Glandelinians in disguise."

"I'm If it is so wa'll soon find out."declared Dolores. "James bring

me the big loud tones magaphone."

The boy obeyed and then clearing her throat the girlsout called

out as loudly as she could scream through the horn."

"Well old Mutt, how's Glandelinia, Where your little fishy faced fallow Jeff."

Accustomed as he evidently was to surprises of all sorts the suddeness of this question startled the man under discussion and made the other soldiers start in surprise and look at him. He gave q a quick start

and glanced keenly tward the raft. Dolores by hor field glasses could see a flush p overspread his face.

"The Glandelinian armies licked general Hanson "fine "at Lebanon didn't they. "continued Delores screaning as loudly as she could in an aggravating tone of voice. "I didn't think an Irish man could be licked by a christian general did you!"

Evidently recovering himself with an effort the men did not deign to reply to Dolores remarks. Maybe he couldn't be cause the distance was too great. In stead he directed his conversation toons of his officers evidently endravoring to convince that general of somethin g. Apparently he was having a very hard this of to in g so and the officer seemed suspicious.

"They're Angelin Angelinians all right"said Minnie Sounders. "See the officers won't believe a word he says. We can easily hear what they say if we string up this wirl wireless. IgTl1 act as a sort of Reido."

This was done and they easily heard the conversation.

They heard this from the epy"I tell you they're Glandel in lans on board of the raft."

The officer spoke again.;

"You're pardon sir, but I shall have to ask you to as excuse my doubts. The one i on the raft who spoke through the magaphone didn't talk like Glandelinians. In fact she seemed delighted over general Hanson whipping the Glandalin ion army at Labanon. You must have been trying to fool us to bring them into trouble for your own ends. I am an officer of the Angelinian cavarly, and shall ' have to ask you to produce papers to prove and exclain their presence here if they're not Gla christian child scouts as you say."

"Your 're doubts somms to be unusual all right"answered the mon speaking slowly. "But I tell you they're are Glandelin ian girl and boy scouts for I have h one a paper stating they were goin o to seize the raft before the force under Gertrude got there. I am telling you the truth sir and if they're really the true on es on heard then my mistake for they may have gotten should of the would be thickes. You kn ow sir I'm impersonating that Mutt man to try and cause his exposure. If they're the true on as why don't they come forth. They know we have no boats."

"There's a mistake there some where "said Delegee. "I'll let them come abound but I'll not draw the raft shoreard. shoreward.

This was done on d the mn men were aboard. At close warters now the "Mutt"didn't seem to have the exact resemblance of the real per sonalty. He was too thin , for that man and parts of his makeup was missing. The officer spuke to the girlscouts and he smiled pleasantly as he said:

"Your pardon, children but I shall have to ask you to esxuse my firing upon you. I am general Cranier of the Abbieanhian caverly and shall have to ask you to show your papers that proves you're the original boy and girlscouts on board this raft and explain your presence on it durin g the absence of Angelinia Aronburg. This man here secured a paper, sayin g that some boy by the name of Gerald Starring has secretly brought into camp a large number of boy and girlscouts of the enemy, and planned to seize this raft shead of the real orginal christian scouts. If you can prove our mistake we regret firing on

"We pardon you for yoursistake"answered D 1 Doloros speaking slowly and in a low tone. "We arethe original ones and are set out to secure if possible six accomplices of the Mutt and Jeff spies. Here they are. Our papers will prove it to you. Will you please to exemine them?" she continued drawin g forth a ducument from her innerpocket. All the others followed example."

In a manner that impressed the boys and girls very favorably the officer examined some of the papers comparing the description s giving them therein with sthe ones stending before him. Evidently

he was not entisfied. He then said;

"Couldn't go by passports. Glandelin ian girls couts or boys don't and truthfully never knew you by name and may go by their own. I've a list of all of the names ofour own boy and girlscouts here and to make sure will have to call the roll. If you answer to these names I'll thank God they you're the origin al an d got ahead of the little bandits."

The roll call was put through. Turning to his companion the officer spoke a few wordsin low tones whereupon the other turned and

made for the boat. As he departed the officer said/;

"I'm sorry to have made you this trouble, but I had this report from him that an equal number of enemi enemy scouts were going to seize this raft before you got it. You came on it on time. I believe is is a wise move for all of you to make this raft appear deserted and to leave it apparently float down tward shore as if it was not in occupation and was drifting with the river. I shall too have to place you under strong guard for the time, while I go for assistance and orders. You will by this ruse have a chance to capture the lot of them. This will be a redress for our mistake. You will not object to this plan. They'll believe the raft is described. Let them all get on, and then they'll be caught red handed. You do not object to th at plan do you!"

"Certainly not" Teplied Dolores but with surprise and alarm at the prospects of what night have happened. "But we sure will need your he p."

We will do everything we can to help you child scouts to capture the lot. But remember it'll be hard to sa establish their idon tity for they'll come in your own uniforms. But they'll come probably in a more cautious way. But I wi wish to ask? "he con tinued" "Do you gi those Glandelin ian girlscouts and boys too kn ow your sign als an d passwords."

"Absolu ely n o"truthfully answered Dolores.

"Then no matter what uniforms they're in you can nab them easily. That is on on of their set backs."

"But I wish to ask. "continued Dolores" Why it is that that man says he's dressed as the Mutt Spy. Isn't he the original!"

"He certainly ain't smiled the officer. "That mun is not an ywhere around here. He's just his du-duplicate. He's doing that to frustrate him. He's been in the arm for a long time and got the make up two days ago from studying that fellows pictures."

"They say the original is in the christian lines somewhere"declare ed Jane."I wish we got could hold of him before any one not knowing him lets him get sway."

"Why do you want to catch him. Is he one of those who goes in the "Mutt and Jeff Shoes." orshows?" asked the officer in surprise.

"No.Because he is kn own to be a den gerous spy who would do it to try and get us into trouble with any n ation, and it isourpurpose or the purpose of anyone to arrest him and have him extradited."

A look of great autonishment came over the officers for. face. "How did you get the information!"

"We didn't get any information"declared Jack. "We hadour experien cas with him."

"I believe I remember him. "said the off c officer. "Yesterday he sent me a information that Gertrude Angeline was a Glan delin lan spy. That didn't fool me as I've known her a long thee."

"Ah ha just as I thought. "declared Mildred Maxwell with some heat. "However" continued theofficer, "I shall have his duplicate here remain on board your raft untill I return . I sh ll leave him on guard for you. He told me he knows the actions of the would be socuts and can easily warn you. ".

"Good"said Dolores. "We generally cal call the Mutt Spy the "Rat. "His compation we call Flahy face."

Evidently pleased at his solution of a difficult problem the officer turn ed to his compani n companion who had been standing by the railing of the huge raft. Addressing his rapidly the general evidently outlined hisplan for the girls and boys saw a crafty look of satisfaction appear on the mans face. He eyed the child scouts however with friendly greetin ga.

"I shall be compelled to warn you children. "announced the officer stepping forward. those enemy child scouts are dangerous, and therefore be sure to have them fully by surprise when you have them all abourd the raft. They '11 fight fleroely if they're on their guard and you'll suffer heavy loss. This man himself says Glandelinian child scouts are as fierce as 1 lttle fiem ds."

"We'll be on our guard." said polores.

"Now if you please"said the officer to the spy man who was beper sonating the "Mutt" fellow will you step into one of the cabins so convenient. I or they desire to have you be on guard armed with your good repeating pistols and I will return with my cavarly and superior officer as quickly as I can to get the Glundelin lon child scouts whom you and the children here capture. Thank you "he added as the soldier stepped tward the cabin in obedience to his request.

Thenthe officer went back twend the boat and said to those on hoard the raft.:

Remember keep yourselves hidden, and await me with me tience. I shall shall not be gone long."

"Here's hoping that Mutt spy fells falls and breaks his neck."growled Fred kicking a post. "What a retten situation this is unyhow. Gartrude isn't here, nor is Angeline Riches or others. May e Maybe she's gone or to be gone out scouting the full day breause of that old bettle near Hangar Run. I wish the enemy fighting us there would be swallowed

p up into the earth. It would serve those Glandelinian s right ." "Wonder what's the idea nunyhow?"Mused Hans."I'll bet those Mutt and Jeff fellows seems to have all Glandelinian generals absolutely hypnutized."

And we'll have to have the idea od just policing a place to frustrate all his rotten schemes I suppose "Henry answered with en attempt at cheerfulness." I Hope the offi cer with return soon with a good force, for we may need their help if the Glandelinian boy and girlscouts do come and show fight when surprised."

"And while we 'll have that trouble and while we're delayed by waiting for Gertrude I suppose "Mr Mutt"s spies will be on their way further northwest by that thee." protested Doloros with an in jured

"M aybe they'll come and suspect we're here and shoot us up o little before trying to board"said Jame Mellfort."

"If they go and do that Dolores flashed "We will show them we can lay at the same game. We're all armed with automatic pistols and rifoes rifles."

"Where do you think the Glandelin ien boy and girlscouts will come from?"asked Violet Jane incredulously.

"From the emposite shore"replied Dolores. "We can't mistake it because all we haven't on board are the leaders we're weiting for and those these bringing the tents. The brains officer told us how to become. He's a bright chap that fellow. Follow his advice and you won't go wrong."

"Wonder what's the chance of getting out of this territory if we are hard pressed." Joy St Claire ventured. "This stream looks to be too small to go through in much of a hurry on d I'm hankering the Glandelini n child a scouts may bring a troops of soldiers with them

to make sure they won't fail in their securing this raft." "We sught to be able to get through by the main river. "Dolores mig gested.

"I don't believe it "Jame Me, Melfort replied thoughtfully. "This river is good and large in itself but in someplaces it may be shallow, and if we ever got stuck we'd be stuck to stay and we couldn't burst through unless we had deeper water."

"Let's pren pretend we're all in dan ger, and then what would we do. "Laughed Minnie. "Set a big bunch of Glandelinians after us in boats and I'll wager we'd be out of the dan ger zone in two hours."

"I' going toendeavor to get the chances to spot those energy child scouts before they arive, and to get the cars of one of their 1 leaders and make highave apleasant 1 cok when I got through with him." Jack ennounced suddenly. "I have an idea that their beaitufl h white souls might by som chance be chan ged if we had them prisoners long enough."

"I'm going on dack and see if they're coming. "said Glady's. "Don't do it advised N'ed. "You're worth too much to expose yourself should they be coming and they'd see you. And they're not worth westing our own lead on."

"But we've got to get going sometime."protested Joy imp atien thy. "Do we sit around here all night. ! What's happened to Gertrule and the others. Why don't they come??!"

"It isn't night ye y yet by a long ways"Argued Fred"Keep your temper Joy we're comin out on top all right. We're not down yet. You know when Gertrude gons out, she goes out to st y stay a long lon g time."

"I'd like to know what you'd call it"Joy answered, somewhat aggrieved because the situation was not to her liking. If the the enemy child scouts were to dome for this raft supported by a stron g body of soldiers and that officer was late with the rest of his caverly force they'd have us here fast and we'd all be prisoners." "Listen "commanded Dolores , holding up a warning hand." That

in the world is that!"

"That"oried George Zimmerson must be the Glandelin ien boyscouts coming now to get the raft."

"Not much "declared a boy called Harry who stood near the cabin window. "It sounds like the droning of some sort of a whirlwind. If this window ween't so small I could see without going onto the deck." "Ask Gertrude to en rage the window. "suggested Fred. "Let me

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Although every one who heard the wound did their heat to cate catch e glimpse from the window of an anything that might cause the sound they found it impossible. However the noise grew more distinct and presently the droning sound eppeared to be directly overhead. As the boyscout Harry had sad, the noise was as stronge as if a torn ado would have been approaching but none was in eight in fact torneo ternadors do not occur here. Evidently searthing strange was amisess and was approaching the raft."

"Tet's get the raft going mick"protested Bolores, ""This is

dreadful. This is fierce."

"Thit a minute"can lioned Dolores"We are not the kind torum away fro from anything." "Sure"said Jack. "We will know soon enough what it is soon enough! \$111.6# "inyhow it is getting unusually hot."declared Tred."I can also smell smoke and a wind is rising, matever it is homoming it is coming pretty fast. I hope's leps, a good rain storm and will do a good dow to quec quench the forest fires."

"You surely have got a good nose on you Fredrick." declared Jack laughing."If everything-you seelll! was true, what would we do!" "I could small a forest fire thirty miles away. "Fred recurn ed

tertly. "Besides "he added my nume is as good as the rest of Yuu."

"Nothing is the matter with your nose mai "maintain ed Jack, "Only its stubbed and free cled on d wr n wrin kles when you loss your temper

"Yes"agreed Fredrick with a lugh" and it has always out a nufectly fo good smaller inside. That's more than than you little folks can

"Wonder shot our friend Mr Matt is doing wherever he is right now!" put to the boy adout H acry. "We haven 't heard such about him unfull we I can to recieve this strange news."

"He may be in ceneral "topleys lines by now"said Dulores. "Wall wind a telephone call o to him and ask him for a drink 273 + 25 W - 1 Witer."

"Maybe he wouldn't pay bar one ion all change five as Gameline to drink, and add tramite powder with it."

"I'll try and shoot him from here then. Then that 'll fatch him and make h be surrender."

"Dolores you're rackless as Jane. "Lough a / lough d loughed Jone Anderws, kn cwing full well that Delores could not consider such an impossible experiment. Pe"Perhaps we'll find out in a short the who what is going on."

"Yes I think so agreed Delores. "T can smell alot of smoke though. It is a getting stronger. I'll het there's susething on fire near bers."

At this a general laugh went up. The boys and girl a found 1'. than a impossible to resist Dolores 's drell humor in even trying and exciting moments. Many times had Dulores held courage in their hearts by her const n constant comments on trivial trivialties. Directly the boys and girls heard the loud classor of something now like far distant firing.

"I wonder what the enemy isunto now "Queri ed Harry trades t for vain ly tolock from the cabin window. "Sounds as if genrul Vivian is getting worsted. And I'll bat those Glandelinian child scouts got wise to us an d are not posing of "

"I'll bet that is what is hoppening. "Replied Jack. "Gen eral Cannonia is proving general Vivians match."

"It cannot bepossible "Protested Dolores vigoriously. "The firing

sounds in another location ." "Why"Protested Joan as she sniffed the air"I smell something

like wood and leaves and grass burning." "Listen "commanded Harry raising a hand for attention.

All districtly heard a stronge roaning prockling noise justout side the craft but shor eward.

"Boys and girls the forest on the opposit a shore is on fire." shouted Dolores.

All the others who heard this gave a log of notonighment correlativ some of the boy and miriscout leaders. 11... Rush ing tward a window they attempted again to secure a view of their surroundings. Driven hefve a gust of wind that was threat threatening to rise into a terrific wale a immense volume of smoke entered, causin e those who had son e back to the windows to step back chocking.

"The stream is tooshallow andour raft is in danger. "shouted Dulores to her followers. "There'll be no than for those memy child scouts to be oming here. Everybody on d. deck."

Jack himself racer too the engine ruom.

h"Can you thawlget the raft to go tward the widest part of the stream Engineer James !"asked the lad noticin g tha t not far away such a terrific well of flame was annoraching that it looked as if the world itself wa was burning up."

"Guess it's too shallow. "returned the engl nner engineer eveing the wide section of the stream sort of applicatively spect carefully.

"You have todo it"said Jack commandingly. "It's shallow myhe but its better to be aground than to perish in the fire. The stream is too narrow in widt, here and the fire will reach it. It seems to onme from the direction of Lebanon confound it. what happened there I wonder. "! "Woll las I'll try it, but I don't believe I'll make it."

Accordingly the en wineer started the raft handing in that direction while n ow as many as were n eeded of the scouts got busy tocover the raft with some of convers that would not burn in case face brands were carried acrosss the streem..... The engineer compared to make the arread, while the boys with the paddles stogged read;.

"Took out for the enemy however, "coution d the loyscout Harry anxiously. "Glandelin about mostly would be a market and a large and and "Yes .. a out for even the Claudel in lan boy and girlemouts, "out In Jack"It would be justlike them to be somewhere else probably on the other side where there's no fire and open fire on us as soon as we are so seen on board the raft."

'I'll see that an eye is keptout for them. "Minnie herself unswered. "And if they do show themselves on theorypusite shoe or Snywhere else we're soing todayote a few minut a minutes to usin " sous of our own artillery on them. They' surely need to learn of us."

Ned and Harty s Hary stood by to give the engineer diections and to lend anypossible assistance in their endeavor to cen the rest leave the shallow part of the river and get into the wider. Glouds of smoke as ifthey were from q a store and as thick began to drift

past the raft/ and the crackling and bassing roar of the flames grew loudly momentarily.

"Look at the fire quee. "Graped Joy excitedly. "And see how the strees are waving. There's a fire hurricane also on."

"And that's some clouds of smoke too. "declared one of the boys whose name was Jirwie Driver coughing as he applied one of his long paddles s"and I'll het whatever cause that forest fire to oueap here never meant even the very country to survive the flames. This is the worst ever. Wish this river had been created mucy much wider."

"Are you ready engineer James" Asked Dolores as she came up to the sabin of the engines.

Then us the engineer nonnonnoded his reply polores said to Jack

"Scoot around in front and raise the enchor, and see that we are not flanked by the fire just as quickly as you can. If that fire overtukes us before we get to the wider part of the stresm none of us will last long, and it sure is getting hot already. Look at the temper ature on that thing. T30 already. Phew. Hurry.

"gure anythin g." to escape this Purgatory"put in the Engineer" "non't any of you stop to fight the a fadvance of the landelin ian boy and girl scouts untill we get out of range of this foest fire forest fire"declared another. "Then if a fight comes on our officers will referee the bount bout."

No one seemed to reply to this auggestion, but all of them shut their i w jaws in a man manner that was familiar wity all kinds of boy and mirlacouts. Their officers knew that the how and mirlacouts wild do their best to bring the rest out of such a dangerous mituation."

The fire was comine fest and was only a mile away. They didn' T have much more time to lose. The engineers fast attempt was to make the raft force shead but somethingmust have been wrong some where for he met with defeat that was he youd question. Without Without doubt the raft seemed to have been jammed by comething on the hottom to permit it to pass with any degree of ease and the engine seemed to puff its itself to death without any remit. result. Supported by his two helpers the engineer gave a hurried backward clance and shook his head doubtfully and then turned again to the task at hand. It would be a tight aqueeze but he was more than determined he was desperate. The fire was comin g at a race hurse speed and would not give them much time and they all would surely be enveloped as the stream here was noton e quarter of a mile wide. All of the boys with the poles and paddles tried to help the en gineer, and Jack thrusting in onel ong pole attempted to push on hard as he could but he slipped and the pole went high into the eir producing such a splash of water that he and nearly everyone on board nearest him wot a shower of mud and water. Had he not been a rood how he might have said a had wor do but he had all he could nevertheless to control his temper. Finally only with the greatest degree of difficulty did the lad memore after all to get the pole into the hottom of the stream as he wanted it, but push as herd as hemicht as he wight he found it impossible to make it hides on inch-Evide

ntly something below seemed to hold the raft for it could not be negotiated.

"It's no use"gasned Jack.

"Come book then Jack. "called polores in fear. "she was covered with mud and water he had accidentally thrown all of over here "But why give up" spanted the lad almost splashing her again. "We don't want you to get caught if that part of the raft if it is ant to get afire. "she called. "If we can 't budge the raft we'll all make for the o sposite shore.

But Jack was determined to get the raft going shead and he struggled andly with the pole.

"Never mind come on back to this end of the raft Jack, "we will find some other way. "cried Fred.

"By this time the maoke swirling acrosss the stream had filled the eyes of all the boys who were doing the paddling and the push ing on the poles. With every breath they drew in great draughts of smake and great heat laden air untill they were n e nearly chocking and their lunes rousted . Reluctantly Jack had to admit def a defeat and endeavored to return from that end of the raft. The Engineer was still having the engine doing its utmost, t but that segged far from ears, though th seemed to shart the raft a little. Just he Just was about to try oncembre to push with thepole a w screaming squall of hot winds fanning the bure wall of fin on fire on the shore deshed a huge rolling cloud of flesse tword the

the lad and many others. They were no close to this part of the reft figure the southeast that they could not escape this southing enslaught no matter how fast they ran. Jack in trying to getout of the way met with Dolores none too gently and in the headon collision badly lacerated his left ear and caused a lump to furm on her forehead. No one however were on time however to escape the loss of their symbrows and a pair t part of their hair.

"Don't try that again any of you." advised Dolores rubbing her bumped head."It won't do. "

"Much obliged I'm sure for one"Courbed Jack. "You are right."

"How about making the engine going b " backwards." fellows"sug gested Dolores.

"This was tried but to no avail.

"Do you su no suppose we foculd fight off the fire from the maft ifthe conflagration happens to cross the stream!"usked Jack. "It may not to as farce as it looks when it tries to cross."

"Nover can tell till we have the experience. "hopefully sooke up Fred. "What shall we use to fight off the fire. We failed to take any thing from our camp that we fight fires with, andthe others have not get returned with the camp equanage."

"We have plenty of buckets on board."

"Use those "Dolores advised, as Jack was wiping the blood from his

injured our. "Get as many buckets as you can."

"Guess not this time. "said Jack doubtfully, and rejecting the suggest ion. "We have even failed to bring a mingle bucket shoard except the olear er ones we use for drinkingpurposes."

"If the day was lighter we could see batter what we are doing." cried the boy scout callilad Ned ... : !!!! .! "Have any of you got your electric searchlight with you in your pockets in."

A quick canvass of the groups showed that non a of the hoys and girls had the desired a "ticlesss". All had been left within the camp. (scamp the lamp)

"We have topull the raft loose then. "declared Dolores. "We are lost ifwe don't . We only have a minute now to make it or periah. """OA

"Pull out your posts there "ade advised Jack handing a mistold and Jacket lack to a boyscout called Jimie. "All of us work like mad and get hold of them. That willy enable us to get the raft loose. It must be stuck."

"I'm going to turn in a Four wleven"ann anded Dolores, adjusting the strap of her holster over her head, and drawin g her automatic from its place. Maybe our friends will hear the firing and do some thing tosave us from this situation."

"Shoot straight up Dolores" Cautioned Jack.

"All right Mr moss"replied the girlscout pointing the weapon tward the sky and pressing the trigger . !!: : !M

"book at the awful fire coming over there." she added, directing hehe attention of her comrades tward the southwest shore.

"The forest are burning through. "gasped Jack excitedly. "We have herdly to chance to save the raft."

"And it won't be long before the fire comes up and overwhelms us." added George."

Dolores pressed the trigger again, and again,, and still again,, in the hope that the sounds of their shots would reach friendly sars and procure their rivrelesse from the sand bar.""

The wind had ruse to a terrific gale by now, and fire brands and blazi blazing I eves and even long pendant moss was being carried acrosss the stream by the storm, while the whole river was covered with smake. And the cracking of the flames grow much flowder as the fire appeal and a searing blaze started rouring from the concesite shore.... All of the boy and girlscouts were tho ghing and thoking from the smoke withey were compelled to inhale. To avoid so much stoke and terrific heat they went in to the cabins and other shelters of the raft.

"The raft is moving now, the engineer finally worked it off"Yelled the how acout callled Jumie (shumis) in delight, as the other were preparing to find means to attempt an on slaught on fire brands nend biszing pubbish on the raft in spite of the dangerous con ditions."It is moving slow but we'll get out of it now."

His shout had been called forth by the raft suddonly breaking into the u much desired for motion. Soringing quickly tword the door he called out in spite of the heat;

"Hurry up there Mr Engineer. That's right. Pull us off the her. We're chocking smothquing and being resated by the frat heat."

A few in unintelligible works came to the boyscout and o the others in reply-mirectly the raft was removed from the bar it began to stoom shoed with great repidity, but as if urged on by a greater effort in its mad attrapt to destroy the boy and girlscouts and their raft, the forest fire blazad up with redo blad fury and sood on with in d. increasing speed. The entire forest on both sides of the stream burst out in such a flame as if to make the world appear to turn ito into a molten planet no doubt augmented by the sudden rush of the winds of the hot hurricane which was blowing down the river. The forests on all sides within view was doomed.

The engine pulled the raft so fast that it finglly burst through the walls of flame trying to reach acrosss the stroom, and nearly ran down a large number of boy and girlscouts in boats who were coming down the stream from the other direction with the affort toescane the flames too.

When they were at a safe distance Angeline Jennin s J ennin gs said; "We are much obliged to you sure for trying to run us down. They all got on board even while the raft was still going and then Dolores shouted to the Engineer

"Renew the speed of the engine. We have to nown away from the forest

fire or we'll be hemmed in presently."

Then they saw in a lone boat beckoning to them an old man trembling with excitement and fear. And his my peculiar custom excited their confecusity at once. He was dressed in a loose fitting kacket that fell outside barry trousers his bare feet thrust in old sadal sandal alippors with long white heir falling down over his shoulders and he presented a sight the boy and girlscouts wouldlong remember. In spite of the urging of some of the child: scouts the a man refused to get on the raft, all the time mushling to himself.

"What is he saying"inquired Minnie, as she has grasped the boat by a ans of her hoat houk and was detaining the old man.

"Listen" commanded Bolores . Then eddressing the eld man; "What did yo you say sir. what are you doing out here in the stream!"she shouted.

"Dolores.Dolores." cautioned Angeline Jennings. "Mayle he isn't

"Sure enough agreed Dolores in a self condemnatory tone"I forgotl; and tried to shout at him because he deen 't samm to understen d our language. He must be English."

"That is he stying!"age in asked polores, drawing n carer. "I'l us' him"said Jack. Then addressing the old men;

"what did you say mir. ! What did you want to come to the raft for! What do you want here!"

"I'm lost.K'T'm lost." repeated the old man in English. "Oh it's the base you went. "triumphen the recoonded Jack. "Then indicating nolores he said;

"This is our girlscout leader. She understands a little English sel sek her!"

But the poor old man only shook his head, and tried again to avoid the reft for fear i' would ran his boot.

"I'll bet I know what he winte"Gried Jack: "He may believe we're reiders, that we might have stelen his cow or other eninal and is It is king for the even in the heat of this fire. Here Mister is this it?" and the lad omitted a long and very dignified Moo-oc-co-oc. A so t sort of smile everps oversproud the aged figures as the man shock his head vigoriously.

The boysecut Ned clanced at Jack with a twinkle in his eye. Catching Ned's unusual clonce the led turned easy with a very wed face and mumbled;

"We're not Glandelinian relders. We're Christians of Abbicannic Your property sin't here. You need not believe we have it. We only haveour borses. You needn't suspect us."

"That's a coodone Jack"Dolores laughed. "Bue he isn't looking for animals and he surely doesn't look like a farler or a factor." "Well then that is a good joke on me all right"admitted Jack very

sheepishly.

Taking the old gentleman by the arm Dolores or d Angoline Jen nings menaged to get him onto the reft. In a short time the worst of the forest fire had post passed by, and silm 1/ scrping the old nor mit wordning the destruction of the formats near his own locality.

"MEAL where each the Ginet Heire hay true chilecouse that were do nown to try and depture this reft!" sked Fred modelling them 121 to the present. "It we could only not held of them I'd worm that it skets."

"Bon't know I'm sure. Traplied Dalores. "Entle they must have get word from some source we were on hourd and absorged their aind one syle the fire on one one up suddenly and frustrated their effort."

Jenny linkings revo a gasp-murning to Jack in as oning of the crid; "Bolores or Jack to you 'wo don't suppose that those boy and cirl secuts of the energy might have so up this forest fire with thepurpose to covershelm us. I don't bolieve it."

"Say"put in Mack"fou' e wong. "I heard of a forest fire raning yesterday near helanch and coming this way. If it wasn't so hard to believe that would be the most rescensible solution of the whole matter."

"Wonder what in the world is the watter with Gentrude Angeline Richee and the others." suggested Harry. "Suppose some of our so out scouting and see if they're returning."

"We can see in the direction of the forestlesspart of the shore very easily where we leftour chaps." so spoke up a boy called Mike. Suppose we ask the old boy have if he would like to have one dinner. He looks hungry."

"Why not!"laughed Dolores.

"He gurerwest healest's get the men something to get, and then we'll get some one twooms us who understands Emplish end have blow there sek the old fellow if he noticed which way Gertrude Angeline and her followers left. He must have seen them.....""

"All right get Ge r Georgie to so shedd end nek him."
"Awe shucks"sputtered Georg Guargia. "for know I can 't balk Fnglish:

"Go on Jack yourself, may Polly You to him, anyway. "Threshed wivien Compor."

"Pully Voc yourself if you want to "answered Jack notewhat sulkily:
"I've made a fool of wheelf once, and that's enough Besides"ha add of
I want to so and sit somebody toward this blood and dirt off my ear."

"That's right Jack, we nearly forcet you and your little collision with me."said Dolores."We curbt to have thought before we neglected you like the lafter your travelected to make the raft wo."

"Approaching the old man one of the boys who was found who could spack a little English and who was still becoming the loss of his property; the log first indicated to the man by sions asking him whether he was burnery, but the man only shock his head "No. Jack hisself had come to boths his bleeding ask.

Filled with enthusiess at the prosp of of his venture to speak a little Enrish, the boy tapped the same aboulder, and then said; "Are ze hungly."?

The man still didn't mean to understand and the boy counted to the mean mouth, and describing a circle with his heads be in dicabed a plate hand with, and then pat of his a condition of forth worse effective. These instanting comprehending the man soiled and should his head in a manner to say yes, and the mean was brought to the Gubin and something given to his.

"I mi wish we could be no der way now." and d Deloree. "I don't believe me need to well for Gertrudes naturn. She and her a manuface may have more ufer away by this time." Each they intended to me close and for the source of it said nothing to us."

"We'd better head for Abbienn too."Edvised Anceline Tennings. "Let's overbeal the old reff fist and account the fire did it any danger."

They did so and found nothing injured.

"Hello, what's this tied to a brick!"cried Henry in as onishment.

"Whit's the matter?"

"It'l coke as if some Glandelin ian boy or sinterout left us a sort of forewell note."

"Not them kind." or nod June who seem up at Stade shout. "That's an All Ermien logsout mean me. Matte of his panething a or at ut Gentrude."

"Gortrude may be able to take care of tereots in more wastened Join Andrews. "Rut if that Storeine boy who it is easid she corn and met's the upwar band he'll kill here!" a deprendance a senter."

"I beend ease than thout her heading cornered one of the Glandelinian beyoncute from one of the caldiocally Is Rodalisse, "But I enceed the words all talk."

"It is not idle tolk-ghe and othersknew that some Glandelin lan bouncouste by the never of Fredrick to vien. Jackson or Jackson in Fredrick whitever his none to and their chiefleader by the news of Gerald Standing had a plan to try and frantiste our purpose to get efter gir cocceptions of those Mutt And Jose Sui stende Olga. Even Jennie Turner as for as believe where a big buttle reced heard of it from even the of the Gemini leaders a few days ago---it was on the day you went to see general Vivian on somedoportant matter. General Hanson too had r ' ridden with can Jannia murgar and told her googha at first did not believe himthinking he may have been dreaming it. But the clay were formed before either the St Ethaldreds or Labonon bottles took place. Only it had not been settled how , when or where. General Hunson told Jennie Turner, and when she was finally convinced she told Viclet, and her sisters but they in turn thought she was joking. But then Violet, and her sisters learned of it through one of their coying avoloits, and one of the Prin cesses told Jennia Tumer to telegraph a warning to Gertrude Angeline and told who the real con unireters were. A t first Gertrade could not believe her exestent when she got the telegram. She then came to me. "It's a devilaplot" the suid to me demost sternly"To outwit our surpose in this boly war war"and if they do any harm to our reciments or send on of their forces to try and secureour raft by smeaking ways they chall all! pay dearly for it Haybe Jonnia mirraer has the boy trepped somewhere in chap and we must not there in the not to save him but her and those who are with her as he could in time lick the whole bunch. You will do all you can to gave her will you not Master R. doliffettttttt

"I'll do averything th' that is in my power Miss Olsh"he soft "I'll stand y her and her friends- I'll fight for her if there's any fighting to be done and---and---"

"There will be none I'll accure you"said Jean Androws.,.."But Jennie Turser, and even the Vivi n Vivien Girl Princeres under stands now what the whole situation is The wirl and boy souts are in greater per li from the enemy than they ever were or probably ever will be. Che and har sisters and the Vivien Girls knows the churaters of all Glandslinian boy and riclescute especially Gerald Starring, and his two Con federates, endthe avil mind of all t their followers.and they have learned (o tunnelly before it is too interes:

Not another word was smoken/. The party on hors back descended the hill and rode twand the hos and riminous on a which many of those still there were now broaking preparative for boarding the raft. An the party crossed the rickety bridge they heard the far off sound of distant lattle probably the action ragin g at Hangars Run. At their approach there rathered the entire population of the boy and miriscouts who had resained, resticulating and chattering.

They fall back in the greatest dimany as Radeliffe dimanuated from his horse, en assisted the two girlscouts down. They were wondering what had brought them so suddenly to the camp when it was being broken um to be placed on the raft. Olga and the others followed. Radoliffe tried to urge the miclacouts to r remain on their horses, but they aid no attention to "him." They then listened with the most in tense anxiousnessness as Radoliffa addressed the crowd of child scouts , theirlips compressed. All eyes were fixed on Redeliffe without winging. They however did not know where Gertrude had cone, but some of them po n pointed tward the Mars Hatt, where she and her boy scout leader had been lest to be seen as they entered after the escap ing Glandelinian boy soout leader. Redeliffe burried through the door way the girlacout or Comp Fire of Girle immediately behind him. A large n umber of the child souts dissered about the Mess Hell door , and several want with some hesitation inside. T's Mess Hall th is though lit by an oil lamp was empty save a few later comers who were still esting, and also the dark harm barns near by also seemed to be elenty, as at leget seen through the open ob purity.

Redeliffs muchling a separation to behavel smatched down the lump and carried it heatily twend the stable door. He raise it high and then looked in, then turned and tried to her the Cour wise wirls from entering. But they ushed not him, and Olga and, cried and wrung her hands and ray in to them iddle space between the rows of stable themselves.

Redeliffs following the ministroute new them serted upon the floor. and Penrod and Gerbrude too covered with blood lyin matretchedout and motionless. Oles took Gertrudes head on her landeredd Sterring though he too may have been wounded by Jean, was no where in sight. He had escaped.Olga ben t over both Gertrude and Penrod and Radeliffe never forgot the look of and anguish in her eyes or the tension of the white face. It was eviden t that through some ruce after haing woun ded Starring had injured them both and escaped. Jeun was no where to be found. Evidently he had carried her off. Still supporting Gertrudes hend she hapun tearing long strips of off her Bandages which she took from her mess kit, doing it frontically as if she hard whomay what she was doing. Radoliffe again mattering something tobine olf set the lampdown on the floor and kneeling by her, raised Penrod himself very gently muttering and shoking his head, whileh is face was as white as Olmas and as terrified. There seemed to be no him g that Redoliffe could do for either. Penrodeclothing and of that of Gertrudes was so de drenched with blood that it was almost impose this to findout where their wounds were. There were their bruines about their mouths and faces as if their wenquisher after stabling, striking or sleahing had kinked then both. The other girlscout found Angeline Richee still unconscious and with two terrible black and blue marks on her face. Radeliffe bull turned both Gertrude and Penrod and then uttered on exclaveration, and pointed to Gertrudes shoulder, and Penrods side near the ribs from which fresh blood was still slowly welling. Redoliffs to his relief saw that bothwere still alive, but they breathed very faittly faintly, though their facen had the color of death more bloudless than those of their res u resource. Redoliffe attenting to Gentrade first began outting owny the cost then the liming, which would not come with it, then the woist. He' 1cokedup.

"Bring some water Jean"(to Jean Andrews)

Jenn married out, the apprehencive mirl and hoyacouts outside heing in penic as they realized what had happened. He called to them, but they didn't hear, but as Jean stood smore than asking for a apail of water one of the girls brought a pail as full as nosable without spilling it. As she reen tored the shed the 'r groud of child accuts slowly gathered around the shed, noto it of curiousity but of dread of what had hoppened in side, with with looks of fury on their faces. Jean took the tacket hurrying into the statle. Radeliffe took a trip of the bandage dipped it in the pail and began to clean the wound pursing her tipsend shekin a her hand the while. The other wirls attended to Penrod and Angelina piches. Radeliffs could see that Gertrudes wound while not long was terribly deep and it was still bleeding. It was impossible to do more than clean it properly owing for the need of hasts. Having done this Radeliffs made a pud on deleged it inquestion, while Jeen Andrews working with stoody fingers which mus thelle to her from become to wind the strips over it round the mest. All the while the worked here and Redaliffes faces were epitated, and yet composed, and only the tortured eyes betrayed what they were suffering, but when the wounds of all three w re were bound Radoliffe "himself"broke down.

"I'm afraid it u is my fault. "he oried sobbined schbing as if in dec despoir.. "I warned her not to which with that Gereld Sterving und she wouldn't hear me thinking three halpers would get the heat of him. He could lick a score of us in a closed born like this. I know this secure was in the camp long before and I would not believe it. If thes Garald Starring has killed her and Pearod I'll get him even if I have to die in

the Glandelinian camps as an assassin for it."

Jean An draws noticed and accurately that even in "his "should ment "he "held Gertrudes body obtainless loss be should disturb the minore unconscious wirl whose head he held, and whose life seemed to be slower slowly flickerin g away. Juans hand fell on her shoulder. Olen noticed bou and b lieved it a good mign that wild though Rede/i Rade) irres thoughts were end probably untrue, 414 not think of densing them.... Sestaliffo looked up and months Olean eyes eres calm ... : Jean Adress or Jean Andrews, stopped for said bon's down, and goutly related Goetrades head now from Redoliffes know cheplaced her hands beneach the richesous should be supporting then, while Oles 1175 of the lower, part of the lody, and then couried the exclusive distributed I adopt through the shand chenty and their short they had I for the here so

Pomred, and Angelian Pichons were also correled out. Then Endelaffs medo amostion to J on Andrews to rount her horse while Gartrade and been elected to William hills. . . .

"You girls con lead their tward general Viviana handquartars. "be said. "As there'll be no room for me on my horse I'll therefore wilk. I the year the key because the convent wide-decre is on eout with the convent and tendence you want to out to "

"My mater have to take them on board the calt. Thornto tee mich Lettle in this neithborhood. Do you think Red they should combare the noise of tettle might rage round there when they are like this. THE disturbance would bill them....!!.! "

Olean voice rane po pruedly, indeed the tone of voice allowed n o opposition. Therefore Redeliffs was silent. Finally be reid-"To the raft then. It's better. They'there enter under the care of their commedes."

The raddened deep wire girls did not find word to unever him. Prosently Redeliffe on they rode on slowly heard Joan Andrews sobbing herself. low broken sobs the take sould not for her own life chank for a long than Som thing the took her eyes from the road to lock for a moment in to Gentrudes face, and once she stormed the anlawands for a moment.

"How are they!" she asked.

"They are living commades" said Radeliffs for their light breathing would hardly have stirred a feather on their line and Rade / Radeliffs and his wirl companions who had seen so much douth terond con comprehension knew that this shoulderse was not far from its reality. They had no flashlights and because of the dense make of furest fires rectnoup from the between rowton covering the sky it was nearly an dick as night und therefore they meeted all their wetchfulness to would the stones and other chatmactions in the roads. Luckity the Place of the distant flowes were bricht, and the horses steady. The Ruft Redeliffe 'new was not the freeweare he had seen it is fore when all the others had not on bound as addilly from wont by the road boot branched off a little above the Ventura River Bridhe near Ste Marie Bun (15 had been rade a few days h fore and ren through the heart of the burning forests consisting nothing more than of two shouled tracks, whileh be a con were frances from builders on a ways their buses on the state of the s Redutiffe at 111 transing bonind. He blandf gamed to be at 111 golding. Interest the own heart was heary another, and he blaned highest start to the four mirin. Had he known of whet wer to occur he would have presented Gertrude from train a morthing on that demoncus Glandalinian borneout And he had meant to do so. But he had not a alculat a I coloulated that Gentrude would do env such thing as corner the Starring Regardut boyscout. He was still clumed in his desprictive roof exions when he he observed the forest fire was recine on the concelle show he new the rooft moving head may from the flow a which threaten d to rough it. The trees for off were all lurning away away Itectes ing the he a harde of the forest fires. But he did not may any attenties a my o the main or nature. They followed the raft un all! is stopped in the wider section of the strong and then Radeliffs tried to beil those on board the rest. He and a the cirls with their burden of wounded storged on the edge of the street, and all tried to hat! the enft. The few yer could not get an a engager as the distance atthou some d too for or those on board didn't hear that. Jour Andrews exected the three injured child eccute, and reland their time timbe, then else t med her area to Rodellice mut by negling him that question which could not be spoken.

"They are no morse "seld Radelices, "We have some this far end so we say is well lift them down aff the horses. Cently now wirlethe edded and bornthard tones of a motion the sounded will could from the course and left time do a apparently as the arrival Pring were within are with the the east brings, as they had service their linden Subusung a convert trong.

[&]quot;Pook "Sturmed the bolations and thed I best (shocks the shiberte) "I rance one rink that Gentrude would arite this note in such a code ne tisk us to nomine the telp."

[&]quot;Maybe the party sho a correcte this is not ine us to be abor an d making to rememb! While his a care or what may it nevertoware trade a to idutes up : littl chile chile acts, and we wouldn't doff asked Johnna, with twinkling nyon.

"There reducted us it was enforced to be assert! Victorias "gos Fred's began repla, for he had now suite convered from his columns unit."I'm not bit idea of thin as that is column to tempor that an won't forgot in a hurry. Oh wo'll to learning. . . : : : : ""

"Let's execute the besselve a little nore closely,, "requested Dolores, , , from her portition by the cet in well. "It carely tooks like some toy or airlangate work, but was antiquetly properted in a hurmy."

"You and it spinner like to to loust him on the auto militing

book"doclared James.

"I believe that is what it is more did you thin it Jack!!!!" "Right here lying on the oder of the reft tied to a small brick to a atrone piece of twine. The over threw it so for must have tad a powerful arm. The way it was thrown it was turned between the lower portion of the rolling. I wie a fust coing to throw it says when I sow the marks on it. I'm wondering document it. And it is written in you very poor Addisonation, next Att townsten, and part Englitation::: """

"Look at the signature" groke up the boysout Herry Turry by wine over Dolores's shoulder. "That's past English common and broken Albie

territan. Con you read some of 15 In English polorog. in

"Ma" she said with a position smit w"I but such as this encitable s you can , and you cannot make out a simple word,"

"I can make out a little"sold Jank"at least the green't gove John Jackson or something. Guan for our's in John was know but what Jackson is prenouened I sennet tell. "

"He's aither on Emplish lad or some one from the far distant U.S.A "but on them. "But how come he - n spork a little Ab idention."!

"Maybe he learned it."put in Goorge . imsermon.....

"What patrol does he belong to certainly not the Rongers or the vivianittes nor the Planingoest"demended Jimei c. "Try and look for his mark. If he is a friend of ours he'll put that in too."

"Here's a picture of a small kitten..... Marke that is his p area or the patrol that he belongs to though I have no in hours of it hefore. And headdes there are some other marks that indicate

his rank no doubt ... "said Jane Melergra.

"He who makes a protty good pature of sime in drewing gen and boys fighting each other. "was Mildreds comment. "Three can fight the a Poy. That's a ment puture and proven being a good and orbist for his acc. Why "with a startled plan so around the raft and tward all shores, "That's a sign of "Danger."

"Correct Jane. Go to the head of the class Hildred"docked Jack. "I note to wast get going anarchers, "Out in the her scout Harry, glashing shor and wondering that was krepin a Gerteude. "Hello "he odded stucyli stuckling over an object that lay on the cast. "Guena " you sight is poor. "I didn't see these linkes, and they're broken . Mic put them there !!

"Take another look"advised H.c. res. "Where the fremen to a ot piled restriction for of each other. I thought I say the gifte k just ns you kicked it."

"They sure were. "admitted Harry." Who piled them there I wert with "Marks the Kitten did it. "the boy about Jimain an parted from his part in a pile of provision hox-koxec. "It may be being mention to in its high he had almost an appeal

"Rello"Gried H ary Stanck, as she excessed the ground been noun where Harry was sitting. "There's two moreelies of brokenddishes olega Lyhara."

"I see them. "Shouted Barrry, noin ting out their position. "And here are more 1 ying beside these piles. That means there's danger in the direction we work heading for, according to my understand inc. hat do you think it meanstline enviluing hoosened to Gertrude and her followers, and if ;) -- -- "

"This a minute "eried Jano Melfort. "Gred in what disoculum is the Abbleaunt region from our present location."!

" our ty speaking r little northeast. "enswered Fred.... "Then 1'11 bet that is a mirnin a for us not to got to or in: that direction. "Jane exultantly went on. "The Compens also shows that he five piles of broken dishes the almost directly n orthaust from the and of the raft starting from the southwest and a d ending a little to the n ortheast. That's it."

"I wonder if that "Sutt"or the Punt of a "Jeff"apy knows boy and mirisco secut signs, andout those things there to head us off from foll i following the six spies. It's a sure thing eitherune of those Professional International Spies were headed for the Abbieann territory somethin grafter Angoline Jennings got word of it. "decided Jack ...:::... ?'.

"You surely must be right Jack."Jan a melfort spread. "Put why should he sign himself tohn tacksonia! I can 't understand that." "What does Come nichie Waus meen Jane!"asked Jack laughing. "That.!"

"Comauchan Maua."

"Search me re"replied the girl. "That word isn't "nglish and it is not of our language either. It's not even spanish French, or any other baten word either .. I'm not up on mysterous languages."

"I think it is some strange code meaning "look out friends." Dolores enswered thoughtfully. "Masn't that the meaning given in the erticle we were reading shout codes, where it told that Sefencon moonimum means Dove, and that Datoria means "Meighborhood home! I believe that's it."

"R ather sarcastic for a friend I should say"ventured "ary Clorinia." It wasn't a friendly act to sent a forest fire down upon us to rout us out ofour shelter and drive us out in to this up open and then try to hurn us down here. Whosver it was he or she then added insult to in jury when they left this note, and besides what is the matter about Gertrude, Jean, An geline Dichee, Penre and the rest. They do not come and there's no sign of them either nor the rest of them with the camp and its provisions, and how did the party expect us to find this note if we were burned T death on the rafttttt"

"That was a rather nervy piece of busineess"scornfully decided Francis l'ickford."T vote we use the cannon on thes when we see them. I'll bet's its some plot to surprise us and some the raft. With Gertrude not returning with the others every thing looks very suspicious to Me."

"It's too bad Francis me boy you did not live a hundred yards ago" T notores laughed." If we didn't know you wall we would be think ing all the time that you were a pirate and tiching for a fight. "I' not much of a scrapper. "Francis Stated"put If ' and that Gerald Starrin g hoyacout ever most you will Hary Have a chance to use your First Aid sumpplies and medical kits on him." No more said snything to this for they all well knew Francis's tendency to do enything he said, and yet all felt too that they all had maple ground for feeling aggrieved at the one place culted Gerald Starring."

It was decided that the six special spies of the "futt and Jeff Tellows, had departed for the Abbieson region, and that as a othing sculd be grined by returning to general Vivienias army at this time, and as Gertrude and her followers were not yet showing up, their heat course would be to go to Abbiesh n also, and wire Gertrude the route they had taken so she and her friends could follow. How ever Angeline Jennings refused to do this declaring that she had recieved no instructions to go an ywhere without knowing where Gertrudo Angeline or Q Angeline pichee was, and besides without Angeline E c "liches their suids being on the list it sculdn't be made to done so. It was decided therefore by Angeline michee, Dolores, and Jane Malfort to organize a large searching party and try to locate the whereshouts of Gertrude and hir friends..... " o time therefore was lost in props) ing for this///. They all therefore about thirty of them lead by Angeline Jennings cot into hoats, and waving a farewell to their comrades whom they left on board they were soon under way tward the shore . A derkness as of dusk was still retaining because of the macks of the forest fires as they loud ed on the diristian zhorec shores, and left their hosts near a row of trees at a roadmide, and as they stood in a group Jane Melfort asked

"Shall we need horses or do we intend to co out and scout?" "No I don't think we'd better do that unless we cannot get word in comp whout Gertrude"said Angeline Jennings . "Pesides no telling onet ir going on and we may be too small in a body, and besides the energy stouting parties might become claused if they see us and send word to the Glandelinian army a occuranders at Hongar Pun, that there is a party of cirl and boyscouts accounts a round and was jobt get cought under heavy artillery fire.....

"I lelieve with testing a to remeral. Tayland head parters or Gentrudes on d injuine aloub them and find where the had intended so go."enid wildren Mildred Maxwell."

"Good iden "" assented Jene "leiffort. "Put do you know how we can reach therefve are wite a distance from our comp from here."

"Yes, Southeasterly is our general course. So will provide there southeast by yearst about a quarter south for the raft draw us some distance to the northward of the companion we find the fire which tried to overhaul us."

"The way it is getting dark from all that snoke in the sky we count to be able to see the lights of thechristian despa when we get further on anyway. "Another cirlacout succested. "How for Away is the came from here that is if they didn't breek compeled y and are I coking for the raft. How far did we so anyway!?"!"!"

"We have been gone about two miles and one half"replied Jack"And is just shout thrity miles from the bettle of Hengar Bun unl on as you said they have broke casp or moved it since we started for the rast. I don't think they moved it though for they me have decided to await the return of Gertrude Angeline ."

"Would they move the comp if the glandelinians it!" neked Jane at her termenter. "I don't suppose the Mantura River is n ear enough for them and so they may move that too to fool us. "he added.

"If they have buckets (nough they'll move it"she suggested. "Tell"returned Jack I understand they would move all their own comps and mution stores if they got whimped by general Vivian. "

"Oh I know that one shouted Jame. "And General ..ivian will he the First Class Towing Van for the enemy "

"I see a long string of 1 ights far ahead"Cried "iol t wiclot. "That are they?"

"Hon't know. Seems strage strange for the lights to be in a long,,, straight line...::PPgotum

Suddenly out of the dusky darkness shead the hoy and wirlscouts observed a lon g train of wagons and temms with caparly guarding it by front and rear. In a short time the boy and cirlscouts come un close as the wagon train was coming down the road and approaching their way.

" hey're of our army" said Ned "laybe we can ask them about the girlscout leaders."

Tollow them a little way then"suggested Gaorge.

Dolores modded her head in response, and walked up to the approaching train. Soon a 1 those within the one hundred whoms hacema aware of the presence of the thirty boy and wirlecouts. Wends were thrust out, and grouns and moans on came from the warens, end crieds and shrinks of pain.

"Goodness"cried polores, ah aghast. "Dust look to at that will" you. Thy"the mirlscout leader continued in a horrified tone "That whole warun train is filled with injured soldiers and there are other similiar Ped Cross Prains also approaching. Tvery one is bendaged up and cries of suffering domes from veryone of the warons...:"

t is probably train r or wagon train loads of wounded coming from the rear of the christian lines at Hangar Pun"suggested Hans. "Let's get out here out of here. I don't want to see so much misery. I can't stand it. My father was wounded once and I kn on what 1t ia."

"I should say yes"replied another of the hoyacouts, horrified at the sight of so many thousands of wounded man. "Thy th ay are tringing to safter zones many waron trainloads or woun ded."

"That's the way the sol iers of the enemy in jure men nowndays by the score of even railroad train loads. "declared Jack." hey tall me those gun s of the Clandelinians are something awful...:

"I guess they can't be much worse than the machine gunsour own side uses in all the battles we have already fought in the mast. "put in the girlscout called Jucillie Rickson. Six hundred to one thousand shots a minute I understand to be the speed of one ofcur own modern machine guns. That's sure going some and that is not the worse either."

and if general iviania ever gets into another hig hattle espec ially with "vlatze there d be such things like this too with his with his army, and with many thousands of his men as the woun ded." shuddered Dolores. "That's awful. This is going to be a terrible wer. Theard lots of behanon and that has some frightful bettle."

" all what can you expect belorgs, when a whole nation like ours is compelled to shoot up another nation because of the latters own felly. her try to kill as man y of our own side as they own ,

and think nothing of it, and yet they said we are the ones who

"Fut ' dan't domershand how the Anndalinians can am will do it, and why they do it.""declared Geroge George Stammenton quite emphate ically. It does not seem right to me. believe it is more than

Tmagine a hig nation represented byone man" upg sted Francis Pickford. Wake my case for instance over five months ago. Ut n't E go outend declare war one some Glandelinian boyacout and five of his Account team.

"Well that was not so very different, some to think of it. "smaitted

Jack. "ut ' had a very good reason . "admitted Francis." "ut ' had a very good reason . "admitted Francis." "de "That's what our nation and glandelinia thinks."declared James. "Then a big war rages they don't ston to think of the millions and millions of individual soldiers any more than you stopped to think of your lips and fists, he on as that suffer are the fellows like those wagon loads of wounded by th othe many trains and the in nocent non-combatents suffer the most. And children in this war especially of our own country are the main sufferers. ffffor

Tou win the argument"admitted Jene"But that makes me think----- [f Gertrude and her commanions were bound for H nHan gar Run, why not so there too. That's boy and mirlscout trailing for you...:::::"

They took therefore a set of horses for thepurpose from the owen and set out for that direction and soon left the trains of wounded far behind . Many of them sighed as they disappeared from view. Jack noticed the side from Jane herself and comfortingly said;;;

"You girls should worry about that stiff rorget it. We're not going near the battle lines. It's denserous for us too. Disten to the roar of battle . It's like a big thunderstom with rain and a blizzard of bailatones and a great volcanic eruption combined with the end of the world and its consequences together so we're not going to see it. For met it for a while will y u you!!!"

"I'm worrying shout what will happen to the army under general Vivien if he get's miz mixed upwith In | Izner Hyletzes and his hig Clandelinian army. Haybe they couldn't lick him but before the battle stopped a whole army of men we would bekilled, and a bigger army of them hurt. You know we get k illed and wounded by hig amaies full in these hattles. hattles.

"What in the world is that strange thing over to the northward?" asked Joy, pointing in the dirextion indicated.

"there' asked asked wildred. "I can 't see a thing in hi this murk..." "It looks like a tall pole or something in framework stan ding straight up."

"I see it cried Jame looking through a pair of field classes. "It looks like the p cture of the famous French Eiffel Tower in their city of Paris. It must be some signal station." "That is what it is said Joy.

"Let's see. "requested Gaurge, reaching for the glasses.. ::" "Yes indeed it is a signal station all right. "he added. "Flook Dolores."

"Jolores reclayed the glasses and clanced at the object." "I believe you are right George. "she screed. "We are n carer the christian lines than we thought."

"Then we had better decide where and when we want to stop as to avoid metting close to the hattle "suggested the hoy scout jimuie."Have you any idea as to local ities.

"Not in the slightest"replied polores. "I believe by means of telegraph we had better set in touch with the Car Office in general "ivisualines as quickly as possible to have them sent soldiers to search for Gertrude and the others amore soldiers to help us head off the six spies from getting to that far away battle front,"

"I can see the sauke of hattle far sway and they're input fa." snokeun ::ladv's

"Nobody home but the clock, and that's on a strike" nut in polores. number and the other of the state of the sta troopersont here. And the weather is gettin g as dark as an isers pucket. Have the christian armies all o no away or where they defeated? "here's not a sculcaround."

"Probably somewhere the newy has won a adventage. "explained Toy. "Taybe the cenerals are afraid of Jannonia and Reppo Evans. I heard one wounded man say on the waron train that this is a terrible battle."

ewell we min't dichting in any broth a. "Accerted Jame.

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"Yes but neitherour side nor the enemy don't know it. "armied Jack Scupders. "Let's useour a caserchlights and try to findour way. West do vou sav."

It was agreed that this would be the proper thing todo, and two of them turned on the small switch of their fleshlichts. Housetons faraway, trees, and the 'u outlines of dist nt landscapes were revealed in the glare of the far distant files. By its reflection too the boy and girlscouts saw that they were still a considerable distance from the dreaded battle line. No place for shelter appared in case they dauddonly find themselvesunder fire.

"I see the river again. "announced Francis. "Don't get ourselves wet."

"Guess we'll have to right about face or swing around and go through one of those passes"suggested Harry himself. "I can't makeout any other vacant spot for a short cut. Is that a good idea. "?

"I puess it is as pood as any. "replied Angeline Jennings herself riding now at their h side."We can urge our horses and try that broad mendow b we have come in sight of."

"Hope we'll meet with a bunch of christian soldiers when we get there. "George pub du/

it that moment from the direction of the med meadow there came flashes of helf a dozen rifles, reports of the shots reached their ears and they heard a poculiar t earing whistling sound of bullets in their flight through the mir."

This business of being fired on and not knowing who is firing on you is getting entirely too common nowadays"protested Jack."

Sennot be Glandelinians as Gl adelinians cannot be within the very

heart of the christian lines"said polores.

"Maybe it was some nervous resident who thinks we're Glandelin iens comeing to steal and massacre his children and burn himout of his happy home. "jane respondented somewhat sarcastically. "If they're not Glandelinians then why would friends fire on friends within twithin the christian lines. Ad it is not often that glandelinians nor friendsmistaking friends for enemies can hit anything shouting at rando, random like that We're facing enemies I tell you. I know." nd she drew

As she spoke there came more flashes of light, and more reports from the direction of the meadow heapoke another attempt to fire upon the horseback riders. This time one of the bullets dame nearer the mark for it tore through the lower part of polores dresses. alarmed the boy and girlecouts peered in the direction of the firin g and scattered as if to attack.

"Hurry up and got somowhere into shelter everybody before they get any of us" rgod holoros. "This isn't so furny as it might be, and we're not being fired on by friends in emissake either. They're Handelin ians. Hurry or some of us will be hit. If they attack we'll open fire too."

"Yes and if they hit any of us those child murderers will so around ocvering themselves with glory ever afterwards and be the "hief herces" out in Jane."I wish they'd pass a law in Abbicania giving merser to no Glandelin ians wear incuniforms. They don't deserve it.

Watch cut now Dolores commanded tersely. "I don't know what this lane is, and they'comeing as if they're soing to charge us. aybe too there are elt eletric wires there. e can pull them down and entangle the enemy in them."

"Good idea. "said "ildred. "I'll handle the searchlight."

"And I'llpull them down"volunteered the bo Ibmie, seizing his long reaching snippers as he spoke. "T'll give the Glandelinians lety

plenty of excitement if they want it."

In dier the skilful handling the wires were brought downend the remainder of the boy and cirlscouts gracefully came into the len e and though they were fired on they were not jarred by the sudden storm of bullets, and and not oven their horses were hit. Ether the Glandelinians were not abring right in the durkness or they were firms up in to the air. Some of the Glandelinians orms closeup on hors back and almost cornered the child accuts, and in the firing that enmand the leader of the Glandelinians waskilled and two of the other officers more mortally woundedend ten of them of the privates killed and four teen wounded and not aloss on the other side. Jurate himself for a moment in the meantime was in a predicament. He had been compelled to climb a pole to cut down the wires and though the Glandellulans in the for m forement column had been or type dup by the antancolorita the lad had a hard time toget sway and $\langle n\rangle_{\mathcal{P}}$ releas had just a minutes the to escape tos and I farm house.

The goandelin ians on horseback swammed around the house and some of them dismounted.

"Yow I isten men"saidere of the 'coodlar officers who was a columnl. "That boy is in the house semewhere, and too these crazy ohr istien dog child acouts have always been makingmonkeyaout of us clandelinians. We've been chesing and hunting them down from town to towi and from army topray since the war began and they alwaysout wit us and give us the ha-ha-That lad fled in to h this house right now and we've got to get him do you man me."

"Yeh. All right Colonel." 'nd the rest clour comrades will coop

up the rest of the little suttersnips."

The landelinians didn 't noticed that the lad was right close to the window above their heads. Jimmis had in his hands a small washtub full of slopy soapy water and this hottom upward all of a sudden he b brought with all the force of his boylsh strenth upon the head of the Glandeliaion colonel cousing confusion amon the two others who had been standingunder the wa win dow.

"Jing bust the --- Help get this darn thing off of me . The soap in my eyes help help he colonel balwed wh while for the moment his wo under officers was too bewildered to even move a hand or finger while

the lad himself said-

"Har--har, just like a bullhead."

The two others managed to get the pail off. "So-o-o-o you dirty little christian dog. You're here by that window are ye. Up to your old crazy christian don tricks chi"

"How did you guess it Colonel? Ten you're a smart old scoot. Try and catch me if you can."

"I'll show you you little devil.Go the both of you men and have every en a of our soldier got into the house by every window and door and don't dare come back without that little Lattlemake." shouted the Colonel in his excitement and rage.

However the lad hadpulled up from the floor a wide loose plank and this he suddenly claced onto the Colonels head and slipd down in it circus fashion to the ground, and before the men could do anything to inc intercept the lad he was off down the meadow as fast as he could run.

"id he get away Tolon el"criedons of the soldiers.

Winut up to Dumb hells.Get down here let the man on horse and cet after the little field. St. T. field. GW. HEI."

In a few minutes the soldiers about ten of them were on their horses and racing madly in the direction he had come with the colonel in the leed.

"What did he do you you on colonel?" askedone of the limitements. "N averaind what the little devil did to me, just hit itup and keep

c your eyes peeled for the little guttersnip".

For a time it second as if the Clandelin iams would main on him so Jimmis whipped out his pistol and fired. A man realed in his saddle and fell-3e fired again and another fell de fired a third time and the 'clonels har so sank to the ground. The Glandelinians then returned the fire and the horse the boy rode sank to the ground. Just then whom the flundelinians were gaining on him the boy came across two country kids, two little girls one with black hair and the other

"ay girls will you give me a lift with your little speed wagen and the strong little pony you have. Those Glandelin iun fiends are het on my trial and my horse is shot and I'm all tuckered cut. I wish to regain my comrades and I'll direct the way."

You bet we will "ir Forscout" said the little dark haired girl. Hop in soldier boy."

The boy object sitting between the two girls and soon they were going as fastas the pony would allow.

suppose they shoot at us. cried one of the girls.

hey cans t hit us said the boy. of they do till pop them. I shot down two already before they dissounted me."

For a time even such a small pony held the page with the Glandelin ians left pretty far behind but finally the little pony became tired out but just reached the meadow in time and rushed in among their com his comrades who had repulsed the assulants.

Tearing a trop the Glendal in ians halted and waited for the remainder of their con contades. Fowever the exciting a cise and the famin g had attracted a large force of christian soldiers of the reserves and they wereup to the snot in a moment the Hadelin same surely

287 Feating a heavy cotreat. Folking volubly and excitedly, the christin curarly moldages clustered weekt too ways bor and chilecouts, addressing shouts and inquiries at them as to how they not carprised, and how they agony d and so on, nearts in at what cares to parsue, so it was impossible to maw'r so men y questions the children remained in their positions.

"Here comes a number of officers"cried Jimaie, catching sight of the foremost. "Taybe they'll be able to tell us where Gertrude and her

friends are."

"Holores it's up to you to be spokesmen as usual"suggested lack as the crowd of soldiers parted to afford the officer a mearer approach. "Is spokesman" ried polores. "now you talk Jack. One of your blunders

again. I thought I was a she, not a he."

Sure you're the leader, and you know how to talk more to the officers than we do whether you're a he or a she. "chuckled Jack ...: ((' A rapid question was addressed by the officer and then when excleent ions were given, polores asked about Gertrude Angeline, and her friends. but the officer spread his hands palm upwards, and and shrugged his shouldershi in a deprecating gesture." Frain polores spoke to a nother officer but more vehemently this time. operently she was demending anxiew answer to her former question.

"We heard you the first time girlscout" replied the officer. "but if it I just the same to you we don't know what you meen. If you expect to find some of your lest commentions you'll have so hun t around cutside the lines. They say she has gone out scouting this orning and has not you returned but we have captured five or six duplication of Gertrude Angeline in our own lines."

Instantly amurmur went round the growd of boy and girls outs. 905

icing themarmur, the officer continued;

ou see children f made them understand m: first shot. ou ought to have noticed how those duplicates grabbed the Athieumnian ways. I'm good entbut as to why sertrude inceline does not return is a mystery. lut evidently Delerse was not satisfied. She urged her he so eleser to the offluer.

flow take it easy there sie and on lain things right. "worned the girl." I'm a very superior officer of the girlscouts and need information. We are supposed to go on an important expedition and

do not wish to do so without her."

"Gure "said Jack. "You've got all afternoon sir so take it easy. Go slow, tell us what you know of the du-licates and it'll hast longor." However the officer couldn't tell much about the duplicates, except ing stating that when he saw the firstone he had known it was not en criminal had therefore called to her to halt, and she had not handed him but had avidently intended to corry out herpurpose, and con tin ued to mount the stairs, the officer had fast lost his temper and had autokly produced his automatic even thoughthe apy was a cirl. "Now back up "you little roudineck"he had said to the apy aiming him vistal at a spot well shove the shild scout spys head. "You are joing too far but no further. "My idently the tone if not the words had penetrated the little spice commitmeten for she had precipitated recipitated r rapidly on a retreat for the open rund. She then was

captured of some soldiers suddonly radingup n and in ohr was n ow bearing held for investigation.

"How did you know Pertrades dup lientes were in the lines.!" damanded Mildred Maxwell.

"The boy Penred tolographed the warning to us."

"I wonder to those little duplicates are not some of the accomplicate of that descreas Gerald Sterring boyscout the verbaye heard about and who are so flore found the Vi lan Gide!" plented Jose.

"Cossibly they are "copled Hildred." I understand they are very e fictions as protestors and leaders of the Glandalinian boy and firl asouts toc. They look like fine boys even though they're fore. Put that darger lad is the most dreaded."

"Aw, shucks" protested Jack." One of the Tivianittes agoud of love, and even the chile could get a half dozen of any of those clendel in ion boy and girls couts. They don't look like so much."

"Oh no "said Deleres almost with a sneer." Wall that shows her which you know elect Glandelin fan je south. That Starring boy could lick four of us frith his fints and we using knives."

"Just the same we have to so easy with them if we do encounter and of those little graycoated scamps. "nless we're sure of curs lyes wo'd battar not start buything that will result invo our cetting into conflict of a as kind that 11 get us occurs out a cond test. "ant!

"All right boyfriend" acquienced Dolores. "Just as you say." "Better throw on a light so our soldler friends here can son what we had been wathe ingwatching.

with the snup of the switch of their flashlights, a flood of light revealed the child scouts to the An gelinian soldiers, it Thay wise revealed the approaching officers, and everyone had their right hands raised in saluta. Instantly comprehending the situation to some the now seemed to be in command of the rest, , salled at the child scouts, and raised his own hand in return. He seemed immensely relieved when he saw they were the 'by and girlscouts belonging to Gertr des commend..: Approaching as mear aspossible, he spoke to Jack politely in English nothe boy did lock like on english lad, but the boy only shock his head and replied;

"Excuse no officer but none of us here speaks english that I know of thorafore we cannot understand you. Terhans you are a furlement too and don't know Abbieannian. At least that's the only language we can speak." "Ah"an enewered the officer pleasantly; "And whom have I the honor of

addressing! I do not seem to recognize end no won here."

"We are the Boy and Girlscout Rangers of Calverinia"replied Dolores herself in apleasant tone of voice, "Making a trip through all war zones just to show the enemy whether we're afraid or not just because we're little"innocent"kids. We have been hunting for Gertrude Angelino and had not with a little purty of the enony, and therefore are some what confused as to our location within the christian lim lines and had been attacked right at this spot. Perhans you could direct us o a part of the lines where we'll not hee too close to the battle, and also aid us in huntin g for Gerbrude and her friends...: " "Carteinly my good evant little girl and boy secuts. "responded the ciricor."I shall as and happy to ancomedate you brane children in any way possible. But farst it will be necessary for me to exemaine on y descriptions of them you may give me, and then report the situat ien to one of the governals you know. It is only lest you know and we can go at the details heat."

"If we can be sure of a strong guard to protect us as retainers" oy to laire suggested to the lead to done pany you to general Viviens headquarters if it is not too close to the bettlefield near Hammar. We can heard the noise of the conflict and believe it's protey Mad. We must also communicate to other portions of the christian territory outside the christian lin es and the batile come at the parlient possillemoment. To also wish to avoid the comer reer of which six Glandelin ian apies who are said to be the croden of the "that's and Jeff International Professional Sides:" A lick of great astonishment and interest oversproad the features of the Angelinian officer. Furning to the moldiers who were close by he rapidly gave orders and they all fell into rank formation and at attention. Those the would have been strangers here would have been doubly impressed with the respectful promptness with which all the cavacly soldiers obeyed the officers commands. The boy and girlscouts also were at attention and ready for the next move."

"At what time did you recieve word shout thuse Professional Spicet"asked the officer.

"About the same time that Gentrude An celine went out to enout." "What time was that "masked the officer whose name was "ajor Jimmie Gandarme.

"Your pardon please." stocke up the Poyacout." I do not understand the real time she went out. Then she went she said nothin a, as all her novements is always kant secret from as"

higher does the bunch of Genini Tembers arrive naked one of the to shouts who was a nortegner and whose Abblesmitan was not perfect though he misn't Enclish.

"And our parden please"size spoke up the officer" I do not mony to see Makes their court of the room the art and the formation language though I know a 115th is heperfect."

of ass of discounts is also somewhat imperfect. Manake up the borscout some that confusedly "And I am the one who should be greaten. which torn is Grown and I was the seath nembers as Hendro Durner, Schloder, and Gineleors and Jone, a. "

"I comprehend"laushed the cofficer"and you are not at all at foult." I report to san homeon, that since general Theira amprecoved in this direction and Vivinnies went somewhere the mone of those ten are present just now, a shell be commelled to wine for their though if we know whome that we loss ted. But lette some. Wattl try and tearn

The party of how and wirlescente set off it a brick trot in common : with the troopers, and were soon first strain before the deck of .. some officers inside of the big tall signal station than had first easy at the distance. A white haired and whiskered Golonel con from ted them. And indeed a quick clan: ast the kindly expression in his eyes and on his face told the boys and girls what this man really was and that yet all enemies of little 1 little children would fare 1117 at his hands. Dolores at the code suggestion of Angeline Jennings decided to fully confide to the officer, and to tall him the object of their visit. Immediately upon ariving the officer who had decommended them confered with his equal officer in rank in a low tone, and untah ing closely the boys and cirlscouts were readily convinced, that his report was about the miralmy sirlycout and other leaders. At length the elderly colonal first made an antry in a book, exemined a small map, and then addressed the child scouts. His menner was dignified, wet conciliatory.

"Wery much to my recret children of the army, I have to inform you that, although your reports seem to be perfectly proper, there is lodged with the army department of general officers a complaint complaint that three or four duplicates of Gertrudo Angeline ere here seeking information either about us or of your hands that would haput to improper use and be a danger to the nation, and it might be possible by that cause we might have a prisoner among us who might be the original Gertrude Angeline. That might be why she didn't show un."

"In other words" Jane Melffort put in, as the colon el pagade-"The duplicates are suspected, and perhaps accused as being here as spice, and that it'll be hard to find out the origin at Angelin in Aronturg."

"I don't like to use just that term." returned the Colonel, and then added"Put after all ha name matters very little. Besides anyhow if you girls and boys could despite dismisss r'a recognize the original one then you're lucky. We can't tell head or tails between the prisoners as they're wins in the tuisness though they appear by the tone of their voices to be boys in dismiss."

"Your informant curbt to perhaps he well known to us"cooke

up Glady's Wenthworth.

"And"aded Annie Roomy"The Hutt and Jeff Spies are also well kn own to us. To have had dealings with them before this, and also Gertrude Angeline, a lad colled Penrod, and even Jennie curmer no very well acquedated with them. fou may or may not believe it sir, but we know them to not to be only a dancerous set of rescels, but a traitor as well. They'd well out any nation to get money for their devilish schemes."

withinresstanton isbment nie Roomey was recleved by the actional This statempt of little Annie Roomey was recieved by the Colonel with considerable aston is a mentallis chance too at the little cirlectat was plainly a question.

"Just now "put in another cirlscout "Annie "Arbucks"These two Professional spies are operating operating for the cause of Glandelinia and are do no all their best to frustrate even our work."

"I have heard of those spies" meid the Golonel "but did at not know they had anything to do with you little girls and buye..::

Breifly the boys and girls once a syn- synopsis of the even ts already known in other volumes concerning those two femous limidal in item spi s spies not forgetting to mention the descerous situation in which there two famous In ternational spice had succeeded in placing them and Gertrude Angelines friend Penrod on Ly a short time provious to the present. Not a word was lost by either of the officers, who occassion ally exchanged quick clances full of meaning.

CHAPTER STREAMS.

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100 surely have good reason and occassion to suspect these two persons representations representing the Must Mutt and Jeff fellows of some American M evenaner, and I am sure you your efforts will be growed with number if you perservers. With colonel offered, at the conclusion at the story."Ho wereny orders were to detain those doubles of An colini Arontury andunioss any of you can recognize the original than we connot do snothing to sid you. You will of course appropriate my contition and understand what "duty "merms."

"Yes sir" Annis Warbucks" noturned" No heliage we know what "Ikity to all of us means, and we surely cannot object to you doing yours but we would like very much to 'mow where those dismissed Clandelin inn

spice you referred to are located at the amagent."

A smile ourrepress the colonels face. "They are under surveillance. They cannot get for away untill permitted to to so by scents of the Military War Office of general Viviens error. Although their credentials appeared to be fully as welld he even those of you, we could not afford to take risks at such to the no now when they come from the enough file of the realon, and they would not make the Sim of the Gross as we do. They will be pro dured in good session unless you writ to take the trouble to go where they are hold and look them prep. !!

"Thank you"replied Ann is Workucks heartily."I feel ensier now and hope our mission is meanly accomplished. If they refused to make the sim of the Oroce then the Original true gentrude An getting is not shown them and she sure lan't in some than. If we can at once chtain extradition process and see to, it that those spies are sent to the proper and bigher military officials we shall be pleased. It's a grave offeno-indeed for envone to duplionte and of its fornurposes to sow on the christian lines for any intention distagraf.::!"

"When can we find it safe to visit the general section of general Vivians inactive ortions of his lines and inv our case here a the proper offictels and have a search made foreur m lesing friends!" asked An -eline Jennings. "We don't want to lose any time."

"Perhaps not before mornin"was the answer. "The battle is general all along the entire line and it's democrate to enproadh. It de too late new unless thy of you went to take the most danger as chances. It's up to you of course. We dennot stop you as you're superior though kids."

"Despite the P'oud' buttle over there isn't it possible to get come one on the wireless telephoneff minusered Jock Soundary indicating the instrument of the columnia altow on he mode, "I'm over mornied about a minisonat be the name of Jean Soundars who was with her."

"That would be very careful or ifracular unless the onse were many arcent, and it would be deturnl for a how to be worried about his little girter ."

"I'm sorry sir to say the ign" though I will wish she were." m id Jack. "But negertheless this care scome to me and my followers to he exten alw uppentall

"I halfare you are right, "thoughtfully acknowledged the Gelouel. "I shall seemes responsibility and make the effort at any white amounding the notice of the bettle over there doesn it prevent the operator from his hearthe man

"Accountingly becomised for a number, and in a short time was con versing with someone who appeared to be his superior. He soon replaced the instrument and turned scain to address the boys and wirls.""un interview has been armanged for to night, unless you want to take chances with the hattle." he sancunced. "In the memntime if you feel too fotimied to so forth on the soundh for your friends we will negutiae on the best supproductions at our command."

"Done that mann that the Mitt and Jose spins have boodwin ked us already "Indianan tly protested Glada's, puching forward."I protest eir. It inn't fnir."

"Gen't he helped. There is no other wry. ""declared the colonel

"But sunpose we so to the betterlines. "somued Joys. "We on find

Shaking the hand descinally the officer of the two temporable, mustde to compose the ambittle description lines as the bottle of so severe, and indicated that the interniew was at an and to right of from his chair. The toy and collected the man not easily collisied between and decided to no forth and the the chances. Then also decidend that the years notion was highly invalided at heighload in such a studied by two "Forthers Devilo" show no expute on the intiation as in like two Judas Iscarotts "to abtain blood coney for the defect or destruction of the notion for glandelin is swiften.

"Hello look who's here"cried Jack in the didst on the endment. A young lad with two cirls about their own eg age had entered. Then were directed? In a uniform who which seemed to be a modification of their own but their hets signified they were three "pivienttes. As the Ronner how one cirlscouts gozed at the three-en new comers their heads gross in the well known child Scout a lute. This was three-distributions was also distributed.

The three new covers for only two minutes — stood at a ttention, then quickly the boy crossed to room, and extended a head in greating. Indeed Indeed his frank from beamed with placement as he should had with each of the boy and cirlicouts assembled there. Delows hereal? Droke the silence which fabout followed by sayin/iii

"Well Scout tobidedfriend I x see by your budge that you are a Viviannite."

"Yes indeed Miss"slowly answered the lad. "I belong to that patrol. I'm new in it tou. I was once a Renger of general Consentiaian Arch burgs army. I wanted to be an advanced socut of the Fireincose but there was normous and I was transferred to the Vivientees. "I belong to that control. I came all the way from Expers Yivians army."

"Well we're the Advanced Rengors" columneed Mildred Maxwell. We are all from general Virtuals's army and new worked cines we left for general virtua. We have had a long truelling adventure and t seems as if it is only knus. "90-AZ hears."

"Oh returned the new covers while the two little wirls respect."You have traveled a long way for I've heard of your redwentmes. I hope you are enjoying or redwent."

"We don't like the hotels here very well. "returned D l Delores.
"Often during our journeys we have nice rowse in the Hotel De Flop."

"I dun't understand little cirl."puzzled the hoyacout"where are those Hotel De Fo Flop of"

"Anywhere wherever we choose thin in the north. "We should call thom the Gol Golers but then in the Purent r Purentoriers "explained Japa Mellifort."Then noticing that she nor the others bud not yet explained matters to the boys satisfection and as the two will also lookedpuzzled, Japa continued; "Diright our lourness we had to either sleep on the floor of the rest or have the floor of the forest or some landscape or bill side for our chapping quarters."

"Now I understand Laughed the other. "Pl scent indeed. I wonder the you wouldn't aloop in a company of never had to no through herd lies like that yet. Why should you did do it. !""

"That would be disagraphle, "said Doloros.
"I should say it would be disagraphle "declared the boy. "Perhans at some other time you sho ld be able to arrence it in som other

"Well if you or your two girl companions here have not a pull with Micle!, and her sisters The how sount Fred stated We would oppredie appredies it highly I can tell you. We don't like the out lock. Scattered Angelian Minimum, four dumlication of her in the damp and Harvan knows what."

"Perhapsethe better was to best would be by introductions succeeded the beyoncut. "In feet I do not even know the Virian Girls or who they are. My ness to Francis Napole I resided in Pander..."

"Gled to meet was the same "Meetered Delares assis extending her bond.
"I'm D eleves Mis-pellector Jenning of Alliennin. This ke has
sister Ameelining Coditie Jennings. Then indicating the rest of her
accommisses the need them in turn. Now I misse we are sequented."

"Tink wor"Acting of dead Francis" It is to no make a note of the names as I see therefore were of you officer to be than there promise than I gen recomment them to ten if I write then all there."

With this draw from the incide cost pockets a small writing collect and a foundate panels he was searching for a close new with no seconds written down, Jone Melfort added Delores. With More seconds written down, Jone Melfort added Delores. With More and control down to the took from her cost cocket too the note that had keen found an board the raft. Genefully unfolding the neper, Jone compared it with the pages of the thick is which Francis was already insertibing their ness. Wodding her hand the wirl repidly conversed with Delores in the sim language location used to great advantage by all how and different in the Althoughing analy.

"It curely must be the sens kind of paper. "she sim alod. "It looks so" returned polores in the sens manner. "It looks rether strange."

Mayle he knows streething about those interpretional spice. "Jone ventured Then as Friend's lookedup with a pleasant walls from his work the windrous height and by an analysi."

"Well commiss, we con your measure all right, but we couldn't see our way aleer to stay away from the Ablicana rector."

A purzled look come over the house force and he shook his head. "I don't understand. "he seld;

"May I take a lock at your handwriting, "requested Bolores morehing out a hand for the small writing fallet, which the led willingly handed to here untaken running over the leaves Bolores soon found what she stucks while Jame locked on Drawing from heroocket the me stage Jame had bended her she fitted it to the stab of a turn page.
Fluching with herely supressed excitations, she turned to Francis;
"Did you write this samples!"

"Yes . General Izner Multiter error is concentrated in the Abbiconn marton and he knows all of the work vowice attending. Genral control Juhn Manlay ordered him there toproventiate prevent the work."

"No you know an athing about the International opten."
"Ter, Manley and all his generals, excepting Myletze and in leading

"Well all I've not today "declared Dolores, "whether they're in letime with Mitt and Jess or not is that they're in intitization business. It's a strange thing led though that you should began to lave this note of worning and then began to drop in here just at this time-for you exolf in how it is Myletze is up there when it was reported be was to have used his Angelinia Anathia Commeich."!

"Barrusa Manlay has the idea it's more important to keep swary

one prov from the Abbienn rector."

At this Delores discutiff was empower to all. Her rather uncontain tenser against the glandelinians was rapidly setting the battar of her as she considered what seemed to be some sort of evidence of the sullt beneal factor. I have a she will be self-setting the disaster. Jane

"Your handwriting my led is remarkably like the signature on Shin message. Forthers now may be able to bell me sour thing more thout your information. ""d all like to know."

es leached on manche with some. First I still there the name then to three on that measure from a body and the stone in 1920a dishes in fact. But benefit then to do that when the forest forest fire coefficie would understond. I believed believed we would consider to fore coing to such a derivation that we would not not a derivation that we would not not be some to make a derivation to fore to and a other Global inter generals but he to more denominar by the best more denominar to scatte and notes."

"" interpreted the message correctly, I helicomenswered polores herself"But at first we believed someone eloc had written it Tou were a stronger to us when we found the message and we therefore believed to was written to mother. So Mylatzon arms in in Abbisom territory. Call I'll hat separal Hannon and his brother obert "iving can drive his out and we're color to truit."

and though I mak made some mistaks" wentured Frencis scheely."

If I had to do it all over mean I should or would have tried acceptabling a least the beaute of the frent fires my time wer limited and therefore it did the beat I sould under the aircumentamess and to go after about as among limited of the two Professional outsit is equally as democrate as they're well moves of your purpose and instead of having consider you appoint the fact of the two Professions they're all moves of your purpose and instead of having consider you have and the actual tries and the second instead.

"It combainly to mine."

Did coupile up those stones or broken dichase! Cocked

293polores still! rufled .

"Yes indeed"was the frank admirator. Tried my best towers was and neur fellowers not so so too midely for alther that randon where the bittle of a years duration had been marine for in the west or to Albinenn where Myletze is concentrated with solicity sens, He last these divisions under Connonis and Benno Syans to frustrate shape general Tivien may make against Comerline so Comerline and the Mahava could retreat eastwird eastword and join blook know the dongers in store for you and the two Vivien Generale."

"Maybe you didn't know the dangers we end therest were in at the

time of the fire did wouldfilled

"No I didn 't. After we had cotten some distance owny I looked back and sew you make ind frantic efforts to work the raftout of the poth of the fire and you were stready enveloped in clouds of south and fire was to inv to reach perellid the forest burn on the ornesite side o' the stress tooff!"

"No the forest there didn't burn, the fire ate it up"doclared Jone indiamently. If it didn't turn I don't know what to call it. Who set the woods on fire anyhows these woods were not in the path of the main Southeastern Galverinia files at all, in fact were fifty miles out of the path and seemed to come from the direction of the battle field of behanon. Do you know enything about that fire!"

"Yes. The fire started near the hattle field of hebanon, I naw the whole thing and the Vivian Girls had a na mago marrow escape from the bloze. The battle didn't cause it though. And I support some persons Glandelinians. I om very surry we did not remain toossist you for now I understand that you and your followers were in partl . At that time I believed you were only in danger from the am iss end the persons only which I referred ..:: . !!!!!

"why bowever did you wiene sign the note jobn Jnatson! "heread

Jock (broke his benk)

"I thought you calme divinnities, would result the word, and would know what it moont tohn of course was simply added to make a complete! nome. I did not think you were danger how and di leconte."

"You are progressing ."declared polores. "New if you'll to kin dly tell us how you happened to be on the spot We will sit he much obliged

t. you...:"

"I am interested in helping sti boy and girlscould out and proventing them free running into unecessary or ils. "on wood Trangels."This were ing I was on my way here it with some of my followers. We had proceeded twend Hengars run carller in the devendintended to go twend 35 gibel drade in the afternoon but larming a bottle is recine now have we channel our course. While passing through the ruined subject or the sign of 5t Etheldreds we were approached by a soldier in Red Uniform tho offered to pay us well for being directed through the christian tarritory. I did not like his looks assend as we were strongers here we aret supretended we didn't t know the court o well and he went away disjuired and said we were temporant Dards garas."

"Did he may whome wonted to no through christian terraincy! "

Inquired notores.

"No. Later by the sorning he came to us with two other year and said that he wouldlike to so part of the distance with us asking us to follow od prepared to lead himthrough the I tree if we needed to do so. He offered to pay extra for this service but we about him. Accordingly we noted the direction taken by now tast before the forest fire case so suddenly upon you. We sho were on hors took proceeded nore abouty, and ordered a before the forest fire overtock you. As we halted we everheard from some part, of the intentions you had of had ing for the Abbigann region. We then elready learned for were buy and girlscouts but of what division we did not know and my instructor had told as and my two distances companions that these Glandelinian spies were not at all where you supposed then to be but were in the christian lines in discrine and intended here exce direly anything we were knew of if you doned to tolder them. Think me there to be only to wern you ar you and your follows a successful on mind I round so the raft on a most which I produced and threw the heatily or is on nessure, and then seeing the way was plear bounded the cast and sinced the broken dishes. I had barely the to recaise up place on shore and the forest fire broke looms. Those Mute and Jose spiles are supewhere within mercal Vivians lines but the tre hand to differe." "Well"decided Dolores" I misse ou are a mood secura (I) right and I want to sak not no sid . us in the heart of Guerrane those to list never shelenged n erong or not we do not book out of nothin nothing.....

"I can readily do blat" mailed Fromia" if you'll owned to for i v e my stapid extent of you when you were in paril from the forest films." "Let's forget the part forever."urged Dolores. "The thing now for us to do is to find out the reason w'y our leader Gertrude Angeline and her friends do not return and also to get some personages who tried or did make themselves looke Like Gertrade Annalije and who are said to have been caubured. We want thom. ""

"In answer to the puzzled Look on Trancis's face Joan explained brieflty the reason who ther were to takepussession of those three "Gertrude Angelines" and ended with a description of the original Angelinia Aronhung and striting that their expedition was being held as se cause they faled to return. The boy and dirigoout all felt that Francis and his sisters when the wirls ampared to be who were with

him, could be trusted.

wait a minutes commedes. "and I will see what can be done about that" the boy off red o ffered. Turning to the colonel who with the other officers had been satising at a respective distance he snoke rapidly through the wireless telephone. A brief conversation ensued followin σ which the coline; himself are in made use of the us,e telephone. Then this time Francia birrelf conversed with the party at the other end of the line and seemed to be undin σ compliance compliance with his request. Reidently satisfied with the result of his offorts he returned to the hove and mirts with beaming face. He was intensely pleased at the outcome.

"We will proceed at once to general Vivians bandquarters at the rear of the battlefield"he announced"where we will be met by one some high officials of they Comp whea girls who wish to listen to our story They consider it very importantindeed so they decided to hold

a short meeting over it."

"How did you do it so easily for us?" inquited the boy Jack "Have you influence with those hich ranked Goop wire cirlstiff! Francis however only replied with a smile. He also seemed anxious to start at once and was impatient at the short delay neces " in ussig essinging an escort to the boy and girlscouts with the purpose to accompany them to ward off attacks of Glandelinian patrols for they were still in dangerous territory. After a brisk but se back ride of short invalide they received a Large of the tentral organisations when they for the state by

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and were ushers! i.c. a cher tent with red and yellow andpurple striped tent. Here in the center of the tent sented at a large table were a number of distinguished looking camp fire girls who evidenty evidently were officers from the designs of their uniforms though each appeared to be between the agen of fourteen, fifteen and seventern. As the boy and mirlaccuts entered, accompanied by the coldiers, the spaused for a nament. All eyes were turned in their direction. Then at a silent signal from Angelino Jennings all stocood n' effection and care the boy and distancet and the. A faint stile aboved for an instant on the faces of the superior siniscouts shout the table-Returning the saluts don with a military salute, they ackn/ acknowledged the greating of the child acquite Then seats were

"gines it is understood that you incle to, and garlemute do not understand the cituation clour ceneral Viviana army at Hangar Run" becan a Coop Fire cirl at the head of the table"It has been decided by the reperul bincelf that we oppreaded corregion the pro condin a as you wish . There's a terrible havel a wine there and it would evidently be exceedingly denorming for you to come too close. This shot is snfer."

"Thank you" Detores here herealf, andhe up. "We regret very much the fact that we cannot understand the situation of the battle-However

we hoped you will not be inconvenienced."

"Net at all." mailed the Con Fire Girl. "Girlscout work of any kind is familiar to all assembled here, though ours is even more superior, even to the atenohic atenocripher who willworks notes of that is solid."

"Good whitepered Mildred somewhet awad by the surroundings and the superior and elder ou becomes before here. This is toting to be a re wlar distancut court."

"Looks like it inde d" nowered Jack, who say on a chair close to her. "We are all right though but we must remember to showour respect here, they're superior to us you know. Those cirtamout Comp Fire Girls have very high so manions and so we must see conordingly." Once nowe latered was date first to tall their econtiones, and the course that led up to their lone from the flood with the raft twend Abbienn in quart of the Abbienn menteries, bow now there were in quest of Certmide and her followers, and also how they were truthed to cause the canture of their dief fore whom their believed to be excet durationes of Germinde Angeline-Fer estatements were lintered to with int mae surprise and interest by all-As she make of the desire of hermals and commetes to energy the six noins estimate were lintered to programs plans guide clanes were exchanged. These Jams Fire Girl Offices but now never heard of the Two Mutt quid Jeffanies-However the comment in mar of the little cirl was evidentic making a favorable in make lin

"And no"concluded Dolores in her recital" we seel that we are saking a great deal if we request you Come Fire citle to be on the lookout also for those spies who have thenland which they have atolen but for the sake of Country and God we sak of you to do it."

"My door mirl" Tooks up one of the Comp Pire Girls "Maye you considered what those spiemight do with theplans you mention should they still be in their heads!"

"Yes. They'd be given over to a big. Claudelinian on amination for in the west. The loss of thoseplans would be a serious disaster to the country."

"Move you suspected what the Claudelinian concrete might do with the plans you mention should they come into their honds."

"If curse" clores replied to bors and tirls all understand the situation that exist over there somewhere where for a year a long bloody battle had raged for a year dan day in and day out with disholice disholical furw on both sides, and we cannot believe the country would be safe if the Clandelinian canenals secured thoseplans for any suppose. They are very valuable, bowever to the energy and would even bring our country serious disaster during the series of Vivian Winkey."

"But is it as serious at that!"

"Yes."

"But it didn't seem so. How could the spiss set way over there."! "But Think Miss for a mount that the two armies are so long encaged in the west slong the "bulle Nun."

"T understand, but is it probable that the enemy be a not already to topographical maps from which the Clendelinian generals could determine very securately just where all defension of the bunderous at "ivian Wickwardshi be invosition and beplaced."

"That may be true indeed." admitted Doloren coloring.
"Year were the Glandelinian armies to be rectirous in the lone bettle and would advance upon 'vivian Wickey" Centinued the Gram The Gland Bound of the secondary to secure information in much an unusal andundesirable way as theone which the six men of whom you mank is roing to deliver there. If you say you hand they're in general "ivienslines shadowing you we might try and apprehend them. We can also look after Gartride Angeline as you say as we know her well, let is saying strungs when not neturning fashe she is all might endiatended to remain out all day before returning. He she mantion

whether there was any hurry for such an expedition."

"Well then we'll try and have a search made for her."

"I'm very clad to hear you say that. "Delorer remonded in a tone of relief. "Now if we could get these three duplicates of bur's and start them to the proper our shorities we'd feel better."

"To have one of those duplicates hare. "said the Comp wire Girl. "To will have him ushared in here and hear what he has toney for himself. some one of my cirlscouts captured him."

"Yes him"decided the comp fire min!""de's dt muised himself es Sortnude and with that wir appeared her likel liteness. Had not the capture seized the wig no one would have never known......

"turning in her chair she indicated to a Trop ine siel Private standing near that she might have the prisoner broad in the room in In a moment on exact duplicate of Contrade Aproline and broads into the room.

"Here is the princes of you wish to interest ow him. "heren the Go p true wire wirl who had quencioned polymon.

""ill you kindly attate the purpose of rour dual testing the one of our load raf"asked golores .

The Claudelinian child seput did not a cnewer however, to make a quick glance about the tent and he seemed to be esticiled with the fact that he might expect little chancer of ascening ellowether if he allowed himself to be in the cut tody of the Engage will and boy acousts, and quessing full well that those child acoust witch have been owners of the situation and that they had been given an occupation ity to tell tell their story, he said with a short lingh;

"As I had an important communication to make with your christian general I had to do I duplicate her but since you have captured me I don't care if he gets the message at all. I will reveal the secret when are there are no little stripling present."

Then who cling in his tracks the glandelinian borscout made a dash for the door. In his path bowever stoned the circleout who had con ducted him into the tent under mand. Attended at the sudden movement she didn't recain presence of a ind suickly enough to make any effort to stop the demarting prisoner but remained motionless in her position.

Then before any of the root knew what the boy was going to do be cuidenly to throw cut his left arm in the familier movement employed by foot bell players,, when wording off an adversary, and like the inhuman rescal Glandelinian boyacouts—are landed his fist aguardly on the selar playes of the Comp wire will and she was bowaled over in a most undishified manner. Erre she could read in her feet or draw a pistel, the Glandelinian boyacout had dashed mady madly out of the tent, wounted a horse which he seized in the root outside, and before any modders outside sould stop bin he had shot down two of them and made good his compet.

"Talked right in, and turned around----" quoted Dolores , with a curprised and embressed look.

"The cirl attacker didn't leave his eard of there "declared Jack.
"I'd ' like to see binde that to see and be wouldn't do it seein."Onder there he is moing in such a burry"he added. "He is surely upto some thing."

"Probably he will hend for the Glandelinian arms now now that he sees we are all up to his plans and the plans of his accordishes." The verticed "lided. This is surely undif undimified to where before did layer see one boy strike a cirl secut with his fist. "atch till he is ever captured again. I'll know his face."

Thrown into surprised confusion by thounusual and undignified interpution of their efforts and deliberations, the Georg Fire Girl efficers who had received the "Little Namere" were apparently unable to give coherent the thought at once to the matter in hand. They were called to a consideration of the case by Angelina Januaine.

a'll he able to put a chrone dra-met and and this toyacout for arrested if we so it as a quickly enough. "she suid presently." If you can have him detained on some charge, we will at once telegraph for the macessary papers to secure his exchange for the Wivingian army. We is as dangerous as any Clandelinian spy to be allowed at large."

"Thank you for the murrestion "excluded one of the Comp Mire piris." It's a good one indeed and we will set upon it at once."

"heat Essured" sooke up another" The soldiers thanselves and especially the ceverly will at once take that boyscout into custody and the matter will be erranged as you wish."

Considering the matter closed and with repeated semurances of botter friendship for the boys and cirlscouts the Grap Tira Girls without whend them encases in their undertaking after telephoning and telegraphing instructions to various parts of the inactive army recording the recepture of the Glandelinian boy in and introduction.

The "imignite bow and obligation volunteered to accompany policies band trak to the raft, and in their company they left the camp of the Camp Time cirls. They had not sooner came twend the wait when they got the surprise of their lives. Owing to the scarcity of soldiers of any kind in this neighborhood due to the distant hattle thing making they had been commelled for safty sake for fearing of meeting with the energy to walk to their proposed destination some distance cut of their usual way.

The incident came often I cloves had conducted her followers and the three Telephone action of the country where without her knowledge every indication hatekened it to be of a degree as locality. Also they were near the unruined section of the "live of at other drade and at this epot the houses were old and alighby in ruins though not harding here touched by the figure confluentions of the past hattles. His section was shoulded accounted there seeming to be more around.

297. "ctin: the char v character of the cit's condition report inof this section of the city, the love and wirls commented rather un faucrably in that mount but boliouing momething was among.

In the meantime three strange Glandelinian beyscouts had been in this noighborhood, and they had seen the christian boy and mirl scouts, and their ditrust was not lessened as to what would happen when they observed the character of the very city at this section where many christian boy and girlscoats would be in hiding on the out look for any enomies who might cass that way, one of the Glandelinian boyscouts whose name was Francicus apologized for the location but stated that it was the heat available hidingolace from the christian enemies at that late morning low hour. It was he said to his companions too late to go elsewhere and he hoped the christian child scouts who were approaching would not see them. They went into an abandoned house to avoid being some

Scarcely had they entered themlace when summone entered the mlace and apparently not noticing them engaged in conversation with another who had followed him. One of the Glandelinian boyaccuts whose neme also was Jack was keenly alert of his surroundings, and noticed that the new comer seemed to be indicating in a guarded way the three Glandel bring he secuts seated at a table apprently playing cards. "I'll hed bot he whiseered to his companions that we'll be sur rised when we dare leave this place. We have the advantage now as togethe up here would mean an unequal conflict and they know it. That how acoust looks suspictous to me."

The boys stole surreptitions elemens at the bouscout indicated and all erroed with Jack that he was evidently a lit ruled christian house ut of some sort planning to have them captured as soon as they left the place, or to surround the place and force them to surrounder. They were rould to war or that nothing in the way of attempted capture bould be attempted inside themiscs. Contr contrery to their expectations the place was not being surrounded by no one at all numewor a Glandelinian hovecout by the name of Thento Hardware clanced from the window and espired the suspected boyscout stantingersile avidently reithing for them to appear upon the street. He had gradually drawn hack out of sight. For perhans a block or so in coing twend the open scuntry the four horsecuts walked together in a close group distance ing the possibility of an attack and the host mans toward it off should it be made. Then suddenly their ettention was oftential by s sound as of a Cat Moowing somewhere. An answering stemal sounding like the cry of a cat when you stop on its foot or toll at once same from across the street. At that account a number of dislocants on horseback dashed up from the rear. As this column of title helited h their horses a number of hows sprang from two doorways. Other forms were seen approaching on the run. The hoys were surprised by the culdeners of the movement, and were hardly prepred to rectat so strong a force. In the gloom of the street they could not manage the number of their assailants. They tried to keep close together homing there h thereboy therefore to better withstand the accoult. A boy colled N ad abot down two of the hors and three wirls killing them all, Tr a Prank struck out brayely with hispistol butt landing a straight ford forceful blow against another girls jaw breaking it, and killing another who appeared directly before him. Apparently after all a reidupon them wes not the chief of the assault. Though they killed ton of the boy and girlscoate and wounded thirteen of them mortally, they were final?" discreed, Frenk and Ned weekilled, and the two others were discreted and soized in rough arms while dexterious hands gound ropes about their area and eleths about their frees affectually present in - an cutory. Their ams were securely pinioned. At a low croken occurrend from a wirl leader the child scouts lifted the new belplass bors into a writing army maron which at once darhed midly along the poor ty paved street, the horses mains at full I callon when Isshed by the driver who wis a soldier. True le se that ni de the two bors were unable to release themselves from their bords. Not a word was groken he their centers during the wild wide, and at length the prisoners mura over their urseless efforts. Tirectly the waron was turned in to a smoother street, but the speed was in ac wise divinished. It length the horses alowed dorr, and them they came to a standatill at the command of the driver, branged from their places like so your speke of crain the centimes falt th unalyes hoisted to the very choulders of their abductors. Judging from the counts they were then being taken into a building of some part, and all contiad with considerally maxisty core in Mention of the next development. Let this was not lon- in o wine. long person of were were negotiated followed by a fournersp

16 - 16,50 a lone Hight of stairs/ which crouked before the weight of thom as they wentup . Then prosently the two hove were deposited in not thou

too rentle a manner upon a hard floor. Then footsteps rateasting down the eresting stairwer indicated that they were being left alone. Nothing had been said that would indicate the Ind if Ideni indentification of their captors. Jimmie's impatience now and frontic efforts to free

himself from the bonds and gas were interminted by a voice full of Childich rage.

"Wight as well save your wind young boyscout of the enemy" he Glandelinians heard a familiar voice say. "You'll need it all before you get out of this. Sneaking goind our territory eh, spying on us, and trying to find out our intentions, when there had been pladges tong are mine you Glandelinian because not to interfere with us and only men. So this is how you keep your pledges. Shows what you are. Then since wen join the war too against us then we'll break oureledges too. Se e what'llbyou gotwhen you fuce the christian generals to morrow. And bosides you two how havekilled a considerable number of us Comp wire girls and hows and willrun for it. And as you follows are so road at gottling cutof timitplaces let's one you get out of this. You escaped from our hand vesterday, slipped away from a hern weput you into but you die it because you had help or whendled someone in to your way of thinking." is is different. You get no help here. Besides you are on the top floor of an old Orphan Asylum that had been partly burned during the conflueration of the city during the hattle.On one side is the broad river "antwe on the other is a street blocked by debris from the ruins of many burned buildings there. We one over visits this locality as many of the huildings are still smoulded n g " furnices so you'll have lots of thin to think it over. Next time don't have to interfere with cumplens or theplans of the how and mirlsom to under Angeline Archburg and others. Do you understand. ""

In depair the two hors lay helpless and listened to their informant es she who was the mirlscout liania Olga's sister closed the door. This was bared on the cutside and heavy materials were thrown against it. Then nilance reigned ...: : !#

Ter a long time the two clands /inton lade law latening for sounds that world indicate the presence of others. A worlded spash of rater now and again was the only indication of movement that reached their ears and the sound of the distant bettle. Pre precently a slight neverent showed that one of the hope was shifting his position. A midden gasp followed by a most violent exhalation of breath showed that a next temperate attribets are takin galace. A tenging of cloth was the then hound.

""hou-ie" rasped the how the one who was named Jiwaie Tanner. "That was a tough job indeed.

"Fay of you five other fellows get loose yet?"the lad continued, but for very good reasons there age was no mawar to wreat his question. "Oh I have formutten" eried the led. "Taybe you're still tied up like I were "There are conthe continued taking a complying otep." The don't you tolk."

Originative the boy produced a semichlight from an improposent, and it are the work of only a few minutes to and find and release his fellow princenes. There was a great stratching of ores and deep inhaling of broath following this acti act. All were loud in their expressions of cratitude to James and wondered at his shillity to break louse from the boule.

"I misce those christish does didn't take the tro ble to featons my write dany "fight," explained Jones modestly but the abrustons on his bleefing wright showed positively of the heroic struggle the lad had

"Te will fix you up so noon as we getout of here"nesse that the other lade." bere cute must hunt near a had. James you're a helak." "Aw shocks and lumping Maptune lots get out of here before those little christian do a down more book with their bullhounds," depresented

"Marale : window with core bern over it sunnounced a led or lied Samp who had been excepting their prison. "Tannounced a led or lied that "

" "The and the pluncher into the river. "scorned Iwees approaching. upa de le there in fabt occasio a Glanfel biten coursely patrol by the on the street at contest Transcip. "If we could attract their attention they would help up to see over their there about the do-set "seed than "thanks to argued. "I'll elect out the "fator."

Drawing his extension the how sent two shots into the rapidly rushing strong which langed the rides of the building. !! followed these with three theirs revir add seasons mirror

"There were some on the river and they've heard you. They are coming

for I are a munch of them in a boat."

without the loss of time in explanation s the soldiers loaded the five boys into one of their boats bringing the canwa wholes wearly to the waters edge. A rattle of rifle shots greated the tiny crafts as they nulledout of the shdow of the rudged Oroban Home. A number of christian coldiers dimly outlined stood shove them sending shots efter shots in their direction, but apparently with poor sime. The clandelinian soldiers in the other boat returned the fire and brough every one of them down. Them dushing to the edge of the shore stood a hovecout and he too sent forth shot afor ofter shot. Highly becaused one of the glandelinian boyscouts swang his automatic around and fired. A scream erhoed through the gloom.

This last inciden t happened just as Angeline Jennians and her party came up. They saw the enceping hoats, a saw the boy fell, and deshing tward the river they opened fire in a fuscillade, killing and wounding a number of the hostman but the remainder not away. At once Anceline Jannings hesitated . A short perley was held in which it was decided not to bother with the Glandel triens in the bost but to continue on their course to the raft, where they would be with the root and have a report made of the incident. Accordingly they urged forward their hornes and were surprised to come upon Radeliffe, and the others who had the wounded girlscout leaders with them ...:

"Torvheavens sake what're waiting for oried Angeline Jennings. "Get them on the raft. What in the world has happened to them. I and we've wone

through all this looking for them."

After twenty minutes had passed all were saftly abound the raft. The three wounded child scout leaders were placed in their respective eshins, but Redoliffe drew Gertrude to her own cabin and ergiched there supporting the head and the upper part of her body . Put Radeliffo who was ever watchful uttered a low cry. A little blood was leaking through the handage. She has He hastened to the other side of the bed and began adjusting it, while Dies herself the Comm Fire cirl who had also come on hourd had come cut side emain and turned tward the threatening growds of how and cirl scouts which for a moment before had been looking on in panisky silence broken only by low words andmutterings.

"This is a had days work which these Glandelinian boyscouts have .beirs eda".su to ils or enob

"They shall pay high for it every one we conture and the assassins too" Gried the growd:"We know them all.Garald Starring is their lender. "

Then Jack Sounders stepped forward.

"They ereall duilty in trying to binder our work. "he declared. "Jean has returned and she told me all. After the boy had stabled Gertrude and Angeline Riches and Penrod, and when he not nway she had organized a persuit but he escaped. I myselfknew nothing of this untill she returned and told me how the scrap was, and how the feed was done. It is the foult of some of us for not coing through the comp to look for her and her friends at the time. We wild have used every effort to prevent his escape. The idea of a Glandelinian howsecut scrip striking a girl with his fists. That is why they draw by tyes on him. These boy and girlscout comrades ofours have naked me to meak for them. They sure praise Radelffe for breaking down that sty 1 stable door. Jeen hernelf seves saved their lives when they were shout to he to he cut to pieces."

"Their lives."cried Olga Scornfully."Pheir lives hames by a thread and whether they die or not their would be murderers will die for it if they're caught. All hthe how and girlecoute of the enemy are equally mulity"she continued addressing the crowd. "They have broke their pledge to say and fight bon men only. Phose Glan delinian hovecouts left them lie there to bleed to death."

""iss Olea Perdrude"said Jack"Jean told me when she arived with s troop of causely she saw all that went on. Of course the admits she came near being one of the wintims as the rascal struck her on the head with the butt of his nistol."

"They shall pay dearly for it. "cried the Comp Fire Girl. "[1] leave here to might, and so to Angelinia Agathia to get a written declaration of wor from Emperor wivian accinst the angue shill scouts

for they have openly broken their I pladre. "And listen further. for think that Sertrude a Angeline and the rest of us are not in dancer. Do I not hate the Clondeliniums more than you, who by mirder have robbed me of home, parents and all I have. And you think that general Januaria brought the army to Hanner Bun to opose general Yaw isn'the. He's there hisself or was and has left a great army near Abbieann under deneral "alismen. It was general Mylatze who brought his armies up here with the purpose to frustrate our intentions to bein wholet and her sisters to learn the details of the Abbienny disaster." There was a sensation at the Comp wire Lirls words. An excit ad habite broke out. Radeliffe who had fust completed the bandardar same out of the orbin on hearing Olyas's mords. He turned to the grown of how and

eirlacouts. "Yes that Gerald Starring left them lie there to blood to depth. to die efter his attack upon them. I know when they way went intothe horn where he was they at first had not contemplated any attack on him"he said in scorn. "But when a crazy fool like that strikes a mirl in the face with his fists and fells her to the floor I don't blame them for denoting their knives. "I'd like to see a Glandelinian soldier away strike me with his fists. I' It was too had none of us were around. These Glandelinian child socits comes to forget that pledge they made. "wis eyes blazed as he dennounced them. "They have forgotten that when as long as we were in the army we did nothing to them, we worked only to v frustrete soldiers and they seemed to have forgotten that lodge in these days, and are actually at war with us for withen thatpledge in these days and are notually at wer with us commides. They have no memory of their please not to interfere with us as we never interfered with them. They have forgothen so we too will break our pleage. It's war assignt them as hard as we have morrod totings the opens somies."

There was another movement among the crowd of for end officerute. He wis words seemed to stire them even more than Olga's had done. "They have formutten . They have formutten . "anded several modes." "to we won't formet this."

Jack Saunders come forward acoin.

"Then say like Herdrude we tid not know till know that there are enemies within our very camps doubline up on us to annear as Gertr Gentrude Anceline. That is the reason we for this. Gentrude Tean says knew this as she got word from Penrod. They thought that Starring had something to do with it and they tried to capture him."

""ell if they did what then! How some he to escape. "

There was a renewed mattering, Jack enotes and in-

"They escaped became a large party of Clouded Intensionen to his "escue. Jean had a hard time escaping herself:"

Gentrude herskip og attledang nov.

Gertrude herself was stirring now and as constituting to toss her area and to nutten in delicum. The pulse was stronger but the Elush which had a sublanted the pellor denoted fever. Presently agol R lie c Reduction entered and went straight to the hedside. The toy and Olga and Jean looked at Sentrude, the other wounded calld acout feaders and then to each other.

Then Mary Glorinic who had been colled entered and looked at thom. "I've seen men and children who were wounded far worse than they are car a lifely."said Mary. "They have blad much, but the heart of Gratinade is not injured unleans are last is satisfy burt---well we shall see to a use, the three most friends offers get well. "she suded Piruetty.

Read life who however had read little hope in Marys face, stoke with the Medical wirl a libel. Is later.

"We just and a complete about on the said / "From Metal" Visions and R. H. 1907 the RedeliffetWhy bfor the case snive from that distance the result willhave been deciled. "There are doctors nearer!"

"None with the skillto pull these through."

or "lie time there who nothing hore that Redelice or the others could do. He too would have stayed but he self the at he caset condithe insue with putience dary was already established at the bedeide of Gentrude. Radeliffe went o in coffin.

"I shall now early this afternoon Bright hand Harytha anid. to wont to see what ou said to Ancel into Jenuines this noon, - -1 nern it was not foultal massa for the color one to blame. I cumb to have followed her and a thought the have use no deniese and Ald not. You and your cirlscout compare commuter did for more than we many and it was not up to you. I mean it was not your main business to seve him."

"No!" whispered the cirl or child ecout doctor relains her eyes to his.And Redoliffe felblike a blundering fool."

"I hope you'll save her and the two others."He said. "We bant lose them. We want then, we all want them. I muss we didn't realize how much we restained until now—till this disaster happen ad." He was helf why across the ruft before he stopped as a thought struck him.

"I muses Mary does get things he own way. "he said to hime alf. Some of those who had been a pa rtiminent of the resour of the wounded wirlscoute, and who had also were in the change with Jean when Standing a erral seem town distaly and presented before Amentine Jennings who first took their story in detail, making suitable entries in a hook before her. Jean noted as theone to give the main statement. Only a glance at the hadly soiled condition of the uniform of the hors and wirls was nessessary to convince the wirtecout leader and her afficers of the truthfulness of their story. Refore the bor and wirls outs had suceeded in making themselves presentable, un officer the had been detailed for thepurpose returned and reported that although he had troughly thoroughly saurehed the region for the escaped Glandelinion hovecout moone could be discovered. It was therefore decided that if Jeans parting shot in her persuit had found lodgement y her target having no doubt been garried away he the Glandel inlens whom she sold had come to the the rassals rescue.

"what shall we do not now since our main leaders of the excedition are wounded!"questioned Jack glounily as they all eccumilated on the raft and a deep sad depression had fallen on all with heady duniforms and washed faces.

"Might as well go back to Purgatory and stay there forwars "suggested". Is a less with descript "We've been in it old the the purpose "

Je n Jean with despair. "We've been in it all the time enghow."
"We've had about enough excitement for one to call it being in hell."

said another of the boyscouts. "And listen to the battle for away.
It sounds as if the world was at war with the planets. I wonder if
general Vivian is getting the best of it or the worst of it."

"I object to the subject"put in Jimmie. "Suggestion of council is demoterful and invelopment. We ought to so back to seneral Viriania's array and stay there."

"thy so"!"inquired the boy socut colled Harry. "We are boufar from it, and we couldn't find himanyhow. And hesides Myletze is not there." "Vivienta is at Rig Girl Knool. "soid Jane." I recieved that news in a report. The enemy are concentrating there."

"Suppose they are ."p r persisted Jismie."Is that a dancerous guarantee that the city is safe. Sometime when the "Ivian Girl Princesces permit us I'm voine book to his army. I'm coine book anyhow. You can sleen. But I'm through with all this hell."

"Gon't we telegraph out there and learn if everything is all right." put in similars. "The officers at Bir Girl Kn ool would be gird to report."

"How would you get then on the phone or the telegraph? "Scorned Jean. Did you see mylinemen stringing wires in them iddle of the big floods or through the territory of the enemy or through the forest fires?"

The boy wlanders was compelled to admit that his succession seem d very foolish if not very impractical.

"Well then commudes" Flunders went on slowe we are in knowledge that we are leaderless entirely, and our exaction second or seems to be nipped in the bud, we'd better be on our way back to the comp and wait till they come to We'd better be on our way."

They soon had the reft started on their may had twend the location they had left though they had to run the countlet of firms which they redently had escaned. Lack, and others storned freely needing all the Glandelinians whom they were no often having and encounters with, declaring sends 11 the Clarke.

knuckes"on the Starring boyscout if ever the concrimity of fered. "One of his continuous however made any objections to his speech for they knew it was only his way of religious up his ment up feelings though he would do it if he had the change as hovecouts never asks any files howethes. They usually do more then they say, " uning the process of the meth beakwird the distribution, such of the depressed a lid socute discussed the situation of some length.

Wildred herself,,, held that the boy scout Gerald Starring, would be well on his way tweed any one of the clandelinian armics withhis two conferences if he could make his way out of the christian lines without being seen, while look and lone contended that he would no not be subjected to leave anyportion of the christian lines or the samps untill he was assured the christian girlscouts and all their followers were frustrated in their efforts to down the purposes of the "Interactional quies. They also thoughts, bititally that even the Glandelinian boyscout would remain to make another effort to work them all grant have the his previous attempts even though he had wounded two girlscouts and Pannod had thus for resulted in failure. They feared his vindictiveness and those of his followers.

"Aw chucks"protested Jean seunders,, "since he had wounded Gertruds and even Penrod so hadly it probably had beat it lut out of the christ in christien lines as quick as he had blocked the dor to that barn where we found Gertrude and Penrod and pour Aracline bished lying in their own blood. I see now it doesn't pay to engage any of the glandelinian boyaccuts at "lose quarters," were foolish. Wielet, and her sisters told that to us often. Boy and eitleducts of the energy are more dancerous, they even we are....! (""

"You're formetting those who unested fire on us from the hosts when some of us were on shore. "George Zimmerson suggested. and who were "And who were those two Glandelin lar, be negots with the Glandelinians in one of the boots. And what were they do in a in the town before they were seen in the boot! And we were they is sked I ack.

"Then were probably on of those come attendating to longer use give to the first or the fermion then her to set down a problem than had prosted to make give we didn't enoughe one industriation there were countries to make give we didn't enoughe to be able to the total of the to

"It was rather possition the chalation coverty soldiers didn't find any trice of them on the Glandellinians eithers" in temporal Delores. "I filt sure when I beard that screen that one of them was hit proty bid by your bullets who over i he is, he certainly yilled some."

"Maybe he was lust soratehed on the lag and of sorionice." colled wholet. "and again maybe he wasn't hit at all but just let out that wail to get som of us to follow so the good d or b a become single us."

"You never oun tell." decided Juck. "The glandel in lans are very treatherous. And anyone who would getwized up in a gan g of Glandel inions, like that would slawys be pretty full of brick. I've learned that even the fierest of wild beasts are not us denomined by the Glandel inions are."

"Maybe he fell out of the loat an went into the river."put in the christian boyacout Touncis.

"Mix on the swim."quickly valued "lidred."And besides we easily sow the books and sayano one fall overhourd. And besides there wasn't any splash. And if he had one overhourd he'd have underne grand loud and exciting disturbance."

"Not if he was shot and killed instantly argad Trancise.
"How could be be killed instantly if he went and let a yell out of him as hig as the cry of an image denone questioned fibrie in digmantly. "No sir" the boy can time und" you'll find that that clandelinian was a natural born cowerd and was more seared than burt. I don't think I can any where near hitting him. I'll bet he's telling him coracles right now what a brave can be in and how he outwitted us boy and girls couts."

"Have it wour own way I basis "profiled one of the others. "We are core interested in the movements of the six Gland-linian sides anomy. The question is where have they one, and how can we continue the exadition after them when Gertrude and three others of our tenders are wounded. That's the main thing to dealde now."

"Believe wa" insisted Holores. "The next chapter for those six Glandelinien spics will be entitled "Beating it for Abbleom and it'll start in sudden and as mighty swift. He's probably going as fast as one of the other spics when we chanced during the battle of "ster Storring."

His chum laughed as they recalled that strange incident. To the benificant benifit of their new comers they described the equating incident which from so many other incidents immersable there is no rows in this book-Directly some of the boy and girlscouts were delighted to observe the of the more familiar part of the shore-The a parach of their raft booker was halted by

303 by a shallgene shallence from one of the standa-Upon discovering their ind identity, thanks to those whoresimized the boy and wirls south, the guards allowed them to proceed.

"By the sound the tattle had changed location I are."Ned sied to

"I believe our sie is educating acting the for if that is what wou mean" was the reply. "After all a bettle of this kind is not always wonderful The "re too many and causing too much loss."

"Then too you haven't been bothered by any strangers nor Glandelinious since we left." entured Angeline Jennings drawing the raft mearers to the shore. "I suppose too it's sort of lonely out here in the street."

"No Glandel in ians have been here buy, except those who sent off as

"The prisoners we sent!" questioned Angeline Jennings wonderingly.
"Thy sir you sure are mistaken. We have no prisoners and did not sent
a may ashore. I don't quite understand you whatdo you man!"

"Why you are sent prisoners sure you did, ten of them." insisted the man. "One of them had important maps in his possession and a diagram or something of your raft, and the number of names of all yo boy and girlscouts. They had been as to captured with a couple of boys from boats as they tried to land."

Angeline turned a puzzled look to her followers now grouped about.
"What sort of appearing chaps were they?"quickly inquired her sister polores advancing.

"Quickly the man began a short description which they all recognized as the ones whom they had fired on when they got away in the boats but not one of them was anyone of their acquaintance.

"Jame and her Comp wire inls trapped them, "gasped Jirale himself in hewildernessts "Thy I thought they had on easy chance to get away." the lad insisted vigoriously. Now you tell me "We"captured them and sent them to the christian lines!"

"Maybe you didn't look closely enough to see who the contors were Mr guard."put in polores."But we didn't send anybody.We didn't contare no pricesers."

"Pardon, but one of the girls had from you an order stating that she was to scort than through and into the christian lines, and that she returned with certain papers." insisted the guard. "Ty companion further down the road has the papers and the mps map I mentioned."

"Call him over here. "requested Delires. "I want to see that." while waiting for the approach of the other ward,, none of the boy and girls outs engaged in earnest sony mastion, with the others of the boy and girlscouts over the strange discovery..... Turning to Angoline Jenningst#blurew Dulures explained too that she was recently informed that the "Mutt and Jeff "Spins in some company with enother man had recently visited general "ivious headquarters and and had cartain cartainly a me narrow escape from being shot down by the guards, and had to tunet 1 fortunately failed tosesure ongthing. However at first the guards had been almost hoodwinked, and thinking the fellows all right had permitted them to go into the hullding, and not being inclined to trepass the guards had not accompanied the men, but had remained at their respectful posts untill the men and their companion were ready to leave. Then do n of the soldiers had gove into the house discovered them raiding and had tried to capture them but they had escaped by knocking down the guildians and boother means.

"Here's the paper telling who the suptives are. "Offered the second guard. "The cirlscout who is the head suid her mane is Jame."

Dolores took the paper, and expended it. A quick exchange the heart any of the others enoughing about to inventigate the cause.

"Thook at this minter"Dulumes origin" If they bod', attribes "They are the veryones suppared whom we findupon forkillingoes of the houseoutes."

""It's true indeed. "Let me mee it."

"Well of all thisgo"game! John St Theirs taking the paper from polores hand, and exemining it closely." What do you think of that find they the east they could get away when captured once byher bread-Ha-Ha that's a spodene on them. It takes Gap wire girls to show these Glandalishass when to set off at."

"May I see "granual Inquired clay Glady's bate outsily growding formula"

"Rure "Replied Joies."Here she is or hos written of how than had assumed when she had her followersplaced them is . Differ, to the map of the glandelimies soldiers, and not explain by them needs. I only to boil's those Claudelimies because of Hallo excepts and the it to

June . She even writes that we outlit to eventual the engine on our rooft. She hallowes the Glosdelinion boys outs my have been on it in disgrite and whates the angine."

"Let's look it over and find out. "suggested Harry at ones.

They all went had on the raft from the shure,,,,, and going into the engine room, they turned on the lights, in compolitions with Herry's thoughts, and there they examined somefully all the outer ports of the modhine the engineer doing the same-showever it seemed appropriate to thing had been disturbed. The instruments and works were all in place, the arms intust and everything belowing to a boat driven engine in place. The boy and girlscouts felt angler.

"Maybe they put some explosives in the engine somewhere. "urged Jess." "Cl n'elim ians Glandelimians are mean enough to do that."

"They didn't have thee "deal red Jack.

"By the way Dolors , suggested George giamerson to her as she was still standing near the engine." "bh/ seed we gro p around here with only search lights." haveles of battery current, suppose you turn on the lights for use"

"Right-O"esserted molores, reaching for the switch.

No illumination resulted over the engine. Again the switch was turned by the engineer believing she had not turned it right but no light come.

"They've out a wire somewhere."declared the Engineer. "Taybe by he may have used one of my pliers and just j nipped off what he could reach. I believe so because I've missed one of my pliers and have been search lag for it before you do make in."

"Try to start the steam engine in Engine re "requested Jean." Tayle home of those Gland-linian beyoccuts have out the wires lending to that he well has the light eigenite. It would not surmain anyone of us to find that he may have even tried to losate any of the steam valves and discble them. I'll bet he has done so. It would bejustike those Glandelinians so they could frustrate our trip. And yet they have I' sure for how can we go with Gentrude Angeline, and two others of our leaders disabled."

For the first the to even the surprise of the engineer the engine itself failed to respond to the Engineers turning of the main steam valve, in fact to take it plainer the valve modified turn no matter how hard he tried it. The wires to the lights had been severed, and something had been done to the main steam valve for the Engine."

"Enry "You are familiar with the lay out of this engine "bolores suggested to the Enginer" "Burnose you and your esalistant overhaul the wiring and the engine and repair both. There's plenty of time as we con't go whend onlybow."

For nearly on hour, the Engineer and the assistant whose experience obout engines had been very extensive, labored with the hose a basistance of his firemen to renair the dening done to the matchingry by their little enemies/ Nearly eletric wire giving lights had been severe, and every sort of water and stems value had been tempered with. It took the greater part of the afternoon for them to a tecomplish the work, but at length they were rewarded by a flash of lightfrom the lamps, but to put in new values was much some work. However when the lights again same on, this enabled the other work to go shead more quickly and in a some critically short time just a little before supper the engine itself had been repaired, and the new values placed in. George Zimmermon now some forward, with a subject to the rate.

"The quard tells me"he said"That the two boys were talking definably to Jane the Group Time cirl definably about something while she was hading them away, and she has brought them within energy dyinns lines to be held for investigation while the soldiers who had been appured were brought elsewhere Perhaps it call be better to consider this manner.

"Hurrah Giry ad Honor for Jane Harryston"Shouted the boyscout Jimmie. "It takes her to capture Glandelimian reiders. "Wonder where she brought the prisoners. Did she say !!!!!!!! it

"It's would not be safe to so twend that location now."said George Zimmermore. "Hinte Jenns stater gut word the energy is her in to cove furward and research "inten is concentrating some troops. The bettle's getting perty bad. It's recipe meanly due north of Hingary him with word intelegrated and its description."

we can must below them to see fown the come in them to be expense.

objected June Jones "Petren on alemon slowly. "Our loss is or hit . nou the witch three of me I aders round de "

"Trap nothing." I besid prot stad protested. "The chelstian line is stratched so that the enemy couldn't occupy any sention of the stream nor on atther shore. General Canonia didn't know general Viviana foxy ways. And if he did he probably didn't think general wivian could do it wisk enough. If Jane brought the prisoners to the Mil s, I don't see how it is we couldn't get there suftly ... :: "

"It can do no harm for some of us to leave the raft and to to the camp where she brought then mywhere or anyway. "arms d Jean." If we so tward gener 1 General Vivians handquarters it son't be as h such out of our way. I note we go and intermier the policent set

It was rapidly approaching evening now but all thought of ale-p had been driven from the boy and girlscouts by their count experiences and in the dreadful thunder of the distant battle. They were now over anxious to also be in persuit of the six spies as had been proposed but with Gentrude being the one wounded and Angeline Richest too they were stumped. They too meeded Angeline Riches's munrdianship. Everyone were depressed, discouraged, and also enraged, and their enemity of the Glandelinian boy and wirlecouts beenn to grow. They however to head first for Abbleton as was propered and hoped Alas to that the Gertrude and the others would have recovered Soon the engines were running. Those on board within eight snowed their hunds t and handborch who to the grands and colliers on shore whose white gloves wibrated a message of good luck and good wishes untill they could no longer see them. We found thou duly lay the still anoking ruins of St Ftheldreds. The big Yantma River wound through a short of low volley now dark and uninviting. The eastern sky mis however becoming selo with the elare of the dreaded Forest's Red Plague."

"I hear something like motar boats "Innounced one of the girlsocols

""B"n 1".

The scott of motor tests tax me governt to all. No doubt two or three were rapidly approaching. They could even see them and they untched their approach with interest and some contentity. ""hey're going beyond us." Announced the boy James, as the boats

drew mear.

"Suddenly a number of rithe shots rong cut in the evening still asse. A 1911- " top ad its way through the arm of one of the boys and he mank limp. Another shot same from another boat."

The engineer with more attitionably brought the novement of the huge raft boat to a lore tranguil movement . So usexpectedly had the rifle shots struck one of the boys, that had the all of theory on Wer small boat have some true the boy night have been killed. With a frantic offort the boy regained his balance and placing his self bubled a wile of wood treated hits wound water was merely a scratch, and then waited for development ... us to the fact that the child souts had not felt the rafts spred committed to the bear appropriate entition that as yet been wase to put the enginesxof the raft to its fullest nace/. The motor hoats here r and there seemed to be ten of then he weren seemed to be traveling at a high rate of speed and were not love in securing a feverable position for the evdentpurpose of the br or our exist and the loads that were trued with small connon.

"If they gett within our runge they'll let go shrupuell or bosbs."orted Jack in an nager toss. "I'll het they're Glandelinians trying tods disable on raft. They must have been watch ag for us to start."

"Put on a little were speed Engineer. "thiges Dileves inclusive "Let us try to nevent their getting within rages if we am. I don't like this and if we're compelled business the thre we'd build upon of them note us."

"Mass on" aris & Angeline J envises clausing tound heir their persuens. "The rodar to try tododer them if I came They're sure long boats, and I The I'll bet those on hours are clever too."

Obedient to Jennians request, the boys and rimls prepared for the auden substitue notice of the with role rates out that it is a sense ing direction. No doubt Angeline Jennings had intended to have one of the nearest hoats named by the nuft. There were none took a conflue staget instantly the engineers were running in an unusual sunner and the roft began a meries of a venents that brief a doulated to constitute is it is out on the part of the enemy bonts to successfully launch a mirals with telling effect, and at the many that to my oreas a com-

Those on hours the boats must have suspented this movement for dods ing and darting hither and thiter the boats while opening a rattling fire without -ffeet gradually drew away from the raft, which alsokaned speed, while a number on board answered the fde and killed six on one of the mearest boats. Then with a pull at the controling levers the raft began to go forward with a spend that gave the raft some good distance sheed while one of the nume on the raft was brought into position. The engineer hisself hoped thereby to gain the advantage of position but the pulat of the hoats were eviently prepared for such a movement, for while the leading hoat sheered offshruptly to one side as if abandoning the chance the others opened with their long guns, and solid shot went arashing with great noise acrosss the raft, one going through the fabin but hurt no one nor fortunately did not do very much damage///.

"They'd shoot at childen the cowards"erdd the angineer as theraft was brought to an oblong form acrosss the river as if to try and make the onnowing boats ram themselves. It was a success with one for the polet couldn't stop its speed and with a crash it ran headon into the raft with disasterous effect. Those on board seeing the danger of being captured and not expeting mercy dived into the water, while the heat

sank beneath the moves.

"There they go the commissionalited Jimmis. "Mow see thembest it when they think we have the best of them. The gunner fired a shot at

another of the boats and blow it into the air.

"If you think the savivors of the hoats are going to leave us slowe just for that damage damage Jack surgested Het's get the raft go going onward again."It won't be so hot and smokey from the file further on the re comments the country better. Except for a headland forget I san't fistinguish smything down here. There's weh a for of emoke. We ought to also take a look at the situation."

"Sure"perced the ein engineer. "I'll got the raft guing faster." "Where are the surviving boats now!"questioned Augeline Januings he the ruft proceeded onwerd."I don't see them to our rear my norm." "I sen see six of them summy to the ri-ht."Amamored Bub....::... "Yes there they are as many as before and some of then 34 hir as Subm orine chaners, and twine is natural. "put in Jean herself. "Let un have the binoculars, and I'll toy and see if I sam make out who the Glerdelinians are. I guess it's still light enough now so that I can still s.e."

After a nomembat long examination of the other boats Jana handed the glasses to Jack. She shoul her head and glanced quickly at Dolores who was standing close to her.

"I wonder what that fallow thinks of himself." she said presently. "No you sunpose that he realiss that other people consider his the worst kind of a smeak, a reptile in human formale suchy must be case hardened if he doesn't hate h baself."

"If his past ections tward us is any sort of indication Molores offered"He probably tainks he is a dise fellow being heartily abused by shristian boy and wirls and has to wat a lot of Glandelimian soldiers to help himmonnum

"Really feels sorry for hisself no doubt?"Joics asked with our contempt.

notionally get queer views sometimes.

"Here that Mutt Tellow is coming hook again in the leading boat." announced George Zimmermon, who now had the classes. "He's hitting it up too and has one of those I one range unspointed directly at the rwitt raft. Looks like i he is in an awail humon and commit we'll get away."

Astoniahed the how and wirlscouts saw wors of their persuenathen tefore heading a aim for the raft, , , but this time in a manner as if to the and surround it and out it off. The course of the leading boat which was a . lone rakish craft, , was laid so that it would crosses that of the raft itself and try to had head it off in front. With some trixisty the tors and wils observed the mouron. Jean berself draw har partel the life telefor emop ned to reply should have now whote In first in the la direction . The almon of the controls the approaching boats grew louder and nearer .

"Some of those hosts are going to cross each other in from t of us and try to place us in a cross fire of their guns. "announced the hovecout Harry, watching clusely. "T can see both the po piloet of the leading boat and the claudelinian soldiers now. "he continued, "And it looks as if the leader himself was that "Mr Mutt" sport helicus it is hea!"

"Here comes the glow of a hig fire some where. "show ed Jame." I'm what we can have some nore light even if it is from a fire. We can tell better what the fellow and his followers followers are doing."

"Guess we will have to be ready for snythin minusual when that follow is out persure."George said, with his eyes still at the glasses." They're avidently trying to do something in the stream. The forement of they are working away at smaller common."

"What do they seem to be doing?" both John and Jack inquired in a single breath.

"I can't tell from here it is so dark, and the glare does not roved it but I can secone of them apparently adjusting a mething. He seems to be quite busy shout it, whatever it is."

"Maybe gasped Ned "Ho's preparing to sweep the raft with mechine can fire or will carl highesplosive supon as."

"They're opening fire with some sort of small tuns or some on some of small tuns or some one of sputtering, "cried James excitedly."I can see the sputtering flashes of guns in the durkness from two of the boats. There, comes another in action. The continued.

"What can it be!" wondered Jack, "He can't be firing machine guns for

they're not near enough for that ran e."

"I can see the flesh of some more guns, "announced George excitedly, "whythere are lots of them, "was Harry's astunishment for statement."
"If we don't lock out we'll be hit in case their fire sweepts the docks of the raft. Any more s. speed Mr Engine raft: !"

"Note of it 2 reassuringly enswered the ingineer gazing at the denorcus numbeats from the engine room window. "It puzzles me thous what those fellows are firing. It can 't be they're discharging machine guns for if they are they're westing lead for we're too far off for the raft to be swept."

From points of advantage and protection all of the boys and girls who had remained outside were intently observing the oncoming tests a, as they appeared to be following a course at some distance beyond their own. Some of them were even winning the race with the raft. The curious flashes of light from the unknown sorts of guns caused them considerable wond rewonderment and too they did make the sound of machine our fire. Not for long where they loft in doubt. The raft was being swept but none had been exposed and they heard nothing clattering suddenly there was a strange whizsing noise then some a terrific crash abourd of the raft itself, a flash and a mountein cloud rooling upwind. Ten of the boy and girlscouts were wounded and George himself h gave utterance to a cry of pain.

"Jack, Jack'he called. "Where are you Jack'hre you hit touf!?
"Here I wa Goorge, what's the matter!"responded the boy.
"Can you take the oun here .!I can't see a thing to fire. I'm hit by some fragments of the shell they toused on board the raft."

Jack spreng to the 'ong range gun at George's request notin g with horror that blood was flowing freed freely into g George's eyes from a gash in his forch a forchead."

"James, Henrie, Trancis" cried Jack "Help the poor German boy out of his precious precarious position here, so I don get at this ou and stop those fe lows. He's hadly hurt. Help him quirkly. "

Willing hands were extended to George 's assistance.Guiding him is him has afforts to leave the position at the mun, the three buys were soon while to seat the German lad in amour favorablenhoes.In the meantime more shots and shells had been simed at the raft, but were fired too close by the gunners on the boats, and the boats explo ed on the opposite shore.Jack had in the ma meanwhile unlocked a small box containing a first aid out fit, and now was ready to meanst his little Gorman chum with medical attention, which seemed to be badly needed.

"What was it that hit me?"Goorge asked presently, as Jock succeeded in sturming the low of blood. "I saw the explosion mean the man and beend lots of things striking in every direction, then felt a sach right on may forebead. I must one of the Glandelinian mannars not me with a shell all right."

"I'll be' I know", necured I akt these Clartelinian gunners are using cums that but high explosive upon the reft, or some sors of ship ship pell shells that a herl inch tolas or necessary dants or remothing. One of the frequents must have present through the

down that he proceed to common, Medical mention does of the tagance that hit man. I see one of the force onto now."

"Hore is it !"inquived Jern. "Let to lick to it. plause."
"Here is the fragment sticking through the flloof floor of the
reft. Here is the place where it went through the coul leaving a
jarged hole in the middle. And the shell had wrecked aportion of
The cabir. Good thing no one was in there at that section."

Jean proceeded to extract the shell fragment from itslodgin g place, and soon brought it forth for inscettionthough she almost out her flogers in doing so. Jeck and many others kept a she look out for the boats, propering to use their guns and tri try to sink them all if they returned. With a considerable degree of interest the boys and girls examined the object brought forth by Jean who was now tying handened on her almost out fingers. It was a piece of iron fragment interlined with lead and tin about nine incheslong, and helf that in width, and showed it to place in fragment of a shreenell.

"Gee goudness."ej culated Jean." that shell must have hurled forth a few bushels of those framents and other materials and had our whole regiment of boyand driscouts been exceed on the dock at the time it would have created very sad havou. Those framents and those bolts and lead lying shout the docks would so through us all...!!

"You're right Jeen, they sure would."declared J. ck Jack. "Even had the shell exploded high shove us the cabins would have been no shelter and if the shell hadex loded high in the i sir they'd go through more then a person. Even the cabin would not shelter us. But Joun did you sat your fingers. "!

"I did on that fragment but not very badly. "

"Woll George you're lucky the fragment of the shell or the interior materials didn't hit you instead of the compass"Gongratulated "liddred Maxwell."We need both, but you more than the compass, if either is to be spared. I'm glad it wasn't worse and that the shraphell exploded on deck instead of up in the sir. What I dread is they may use rocket bonks on us yet.""

"Let's he rea y ready for the then if they return "suggested Jack." It's better to get out of their way. "Offered James. "We can best the ready heats if we try."

"Not much. "argued Jack." " a are not the running away kind and if in real trouble could sent forth a signal that'd bring us all the help we need as we're comforted. I close to the christian lijes lines. Those Glandelinians had some nerve to attack us in the face of general Vivians army. And we're going to show them that they're monkeying with a Dog with Rabins when they bother us. (They can use guns on children like that we can secure on men. And we sall of us can shoot better than they. I know from our recent experiences we'll sink everyouf of them."

"All Glandelinians are as savege as blood thirsty animals."smiled George Zimmermon.."Would it be right for us to be the same way!"Jack!"

"I certainly would"Stoutly maintained Jack. "You worken hoys don't know our situation I suppose. Glandelinians don't care any more for us then t we do about the serpent that spoiled the whole human race in the Garden of Pden and who personally is even responsible for this awful squa bhle. We've got as much rights to live as Glande linian the ildren have."

"Wall we won't havemuch came to have any arguments shout it" Jean announced. "The hoats seem to be on a retreat end going fest. Maybe obtistion troops have been aroused bythe firing and came to see what is the mater."

"Probably heading for the northeast. "Suggested Jack. "Let them go."

"If these two Professionals leave us alone, we will be there soon curselves and head for the Abbieann territoy."George Zimmernon re replied. "I don't think they everintended to go west at all..."

"We can heat them to a race. "Bossted Hons." What speed do you think or making right now without half or ing!"

"Only the Engineer knows I'm sure. "Maplied Fred, glancing tward the engine room."

"Well we can double that anyhow."Sold the Engineer who had overheard the remark. There's a reilroad train over gonder full of soldiers. See if I can take the raft overhoul that reilroad train-It's a train full of soldiers."

"Yes and it's mains some. "Jack stated. You'll have to hurry to make this raft heat it"

The engineer in on endeavor to exhibit his skill with the

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engine becominging it to greater spendills to this time the encurous had not endeavored to secure spend ones using to writ untill the audies so recently from the shops had been given that to get down to becoming they were expecting great things on 10 the new engines but were spandly unpained for the hurst of spend which the engines nowed it to yould. In a few minutes they had overhouled the train and were spending clong to shoot distance shead of it. The engineer had brought the large craft to a distance but alittle beyond the Styling Loopolius and the large ones the distance but alittle beyond the Styling Loopolius and the large transmissions.

"See him the to heat it or heat us. "ont of I ak this plantly.
"He never can do it." greed Middred Maxwell. "Besides he'll have
to slowup for the bridge across this river some distance alend. That
nuts him out of the race."

"Here comes a string of those Glandelinian boats again. "Gried Jean pointing.

"Well of all things."declared "ildred."He's got nerve."
"Let's all of us keep ours and show them what "Rangers"can do."

"Let's all of us keep ours and show them what "Rengers"can do." edvised Angeline Jennings.

Nodding his acknowledgement the engineer to the command starses the

raft on a course which he hoped would bring the raft beyond the ap a approaching for, and also into such a reverse position so that the gamers could bring to hear on the boats and blow them into the air. He was not quick enough however to execute this macouver and while he was attempting it the boats opened fie/. fire. Many of the boys this time were thronged behind every object of protection and they astonished those on the train by suddenly opening a rifle fireupon those in the oncoming boats. The boats replied with an astonianing crash and two shalls exploded on the raft, and several overhead, and others on shore but did no her manxiously watching the enemy as the boys continued their fir, the girls cout leaders observed that three of the hoats were about to attempt to cross before them once more. One gunner got the range, and to their horror one wont was blown in the air like an eruption with all in it killed or maimed and drowned. However the other boats replied with every weapon'on board, and all the defenders of the raft had to keep themselves strictly under cover. The usin fear was that if one of the shots or shells would hit right the raft would be torn asunder. Polores had trained her glasses upon the approach of the leading woats,, and from time to time q announced to her sister Angeline Jennings the movements of the boats.

"Three of them are almost overhe are almost in front of us now."reportedone of the boys. "The men in the foemost boat as training a new sort of cannon at us I believe. Get ready for that boat gunner and fire 'efter he does."

The gunner did so, and the test was demolished. However the attack of the other boats was growing hotter, and for four the cabin in which lay the wounded scout leaders would be hit the Engineer deter wined to execute a daring maneuver to either try and throw the dengerous persuers off of their trail or ram some of the boats at least. Calling to the boys and drls to secure other positions as the roft would be changing its sevements andmitht swing around, the engineer have the levers a touch. With the first impules of the outin as the raft surged shead. So that moment there was a frightful outburst of explosions of the water and a great wave was formed in the river which caused the huge raft to suddenly rise at an x note that threatened to course everyone behind the harricades to rull over to the other sade of the raft, and go into the water. The action of the wave however was one good thing. The raft in tilting down amain replaced the wave but surged it into another direction and three of the torts were ranmed, even though with a u quick movement the engineer threw off the stem, power,, altering the huge midders at the same mornit. As he did so a shell came across the raft and went clear through the trees on shore exploding and ringing down a shore of branches. The Engineer began to have the engis propell the raft a little back words tword the other side of the shore. Am in the engineer worked his 1-vers and the rudders guidedthe craft into a complete backwards movement then brought some them some distance to the r or of must of the boats. The boat can night have divined this movement and now the firing was directed at the engine rooms. Cosping at the sudden change of the firing and the sudden newsovements of the boats the boys and wirls stared about. In the movement rix of the loats were ranged most violently nd the defendenc opened fire caused consince the half watered boats to retreat.

A nown as of lead thunder case to their ears in the direction of the bridge. Impled with animens cloud of make they could are many iscent finite rail in many indeed of the sear time where each had been the railroad bridge. The missle sized at the orbin of the ingular countries they are the passed them and hit the bridge.

"Oh Hadvens. The to train. "Gasped Delores, with a startled look to her nearest commedes.

"They'll sure no right into that wrested buildes thanks that confound confounds claused in in number. "Graped Jack with horror. "Gen't wa win the race with the locomotive, and head then offishing round Engineer and flag a..."

"Sure"urged Angeline Jennings excitedly. "Hurry. Hurry ingineer get the engine going. Never mind the boats. Let our own gunners take core of them if they promue."

The engineer was already furing desperately at the levens. He brought the roft about so sharply despite its hure size that the raft corrected to a most already despite its hure size that the raft corrected to a most already down down movement. By throwing his weight sharply spaints the left levers controling the backwind sovements nowever the engineer avoided the completion of this dengance reverse, and brought the raft again to its accompletion. Health back aren the cause the finite

ending back over the course they had sorecently traveled they brought the raft into an enwardmotion and skipmed along at a swift mace only a short distance off from that side of the shoe with shore with the enemy boats still on the permitt.

"That trein with that load of altiers will so right into that bridge whom the Glandelinin runners wrecked "gasped Jack with horror. "San't me head them off. "Swing around the maft and

However it seemed as if the trein was going much faster this time! Ad And inplain wiew now the onrushing train rushed maily along with its burden. What soldiers were on the train they didn't know but even if they were enumies they didn't wish to see such a dreadful applicable around the engine crew were doing their utnost tocower as much ground in as little time as lay within theirpower. An impasse cloud of block snoke was issualng with noisy force from the small about tossed upward like aninature volcante emption by the shrip sharp exhaust and it trailed like an ever growing streams hiding the coaches from the wiew ofore friends on the raft.

"How in the world shall we stop then anomies or friends!"questioned Deleres sharply. "We haven't a red gl flag nor anything with which to signal them..."

"Swing them down. "Suggested Jane caperly. "They'll stop."
"If they're Glandelinians I don't know whether the Glandelinian engineer and relired mensunderstands the signals used by our own side or not. "Ned replied. "They're getting closer and we must down methin gille added."

"Suppose we risk capture."

"Don't mend to go so cleas."

"Un land the raft on the track and then they'll stop. "Proposed Jack sarchstically.

"Sure "put in Jean with counter sarcase."Who's going to put this hig raft on the ritracks. And that'll wreck the train too won't it?"
"What can we do?""Ned or hid. "We must step them whether they're enemies or friends."

"It they're Glandelinians Goere what signal will they understand?" said Jean. "Shall we swing then down, or have you snything to signost?" "Oh I don't know"Gried George. "I don't understand any relirose signs to know what to do."

"I'll tell you what "Jeen ventured" I'll have the raft to be awang off to one side, round to quickly, n and run along side the shore as near as we dare without being grounded. As we draw us alongside you callout to the engineer testop. Whather Glandelinians or not we're all of the rame language. Get your lungs ready for a big whoop, there's lots of noise."

Indee George did high drawing in the deepest breaths as he proposed for the effort. The reft was varied alongshore easily enough and then they were moving alongside the share and a growd of them were seen on the shoreward part of the maft. Slightlyly miscalculating the speed of the ourushing train, the engineer brought the raft parallel to its course at a point some two par lengths behind the lescentive. A quick touch of the trottle soon carried themout of

the gloud of scoke and cirdors abreast of the railroad engineer who leaned from hisposition for he was interested in watching the mane uyers of the great raf t and all the boy and girl stouts on board. "It's a train load of Artisannians" or led Violet Daisy.

Scarcely less than a mile separated both the train and the carmshing ruft from the wrecked bridge, and this distance was indeed being rapidly lessened by both the swift iron monster and the raft.

"Hurry now George, you got a loud screeching voice"shouted Dolores as the engineer again a plied the muffler to deaden the sound of the engines .TEll the reilroad engineer. For Heavens sake hurre.

George's shouts were plainly heard by the engineer of the engine but he evidently mistook them nevertheless for some friendly greeting for he only smiled and waved his hand as if congratidating all the brave bor and girlscouts on their skill. Doloreswas frantic. She screamed at the top of her voice, and waved her arms, and pointed down the track. But again the engineer responder d with a wave of his hand. Seemingly he thought the boy and cirlscouts were inviting bin to a race, and was waving his and acceptance for h they saw the train increasing in sped.

"You big mud turtle with an Ivorcy Ivory Tunk for a h ad. "Yellad George at the top of his lungs. "Can't you get anything through that round blockhead of for s. Shut her off. Shut her off. The bridge. The

Bridge. It's BLOWN UP"

This saily of course was not everh and by the ein engineer, but the boys menner and the frentic action of the girls and boys appeared to convey a meaning different from that of the others. He glanced

down the track.

"Shut off your engine. Shut off your Engine. "Yelled Dolores again swinging one hand in the well known horizontal sweep brown to all willroad can in any country indicating "STOP" Again polores remeated the sim .All of the others who were out there by the western edge of the raft catching the inspiration of Holores Energitic a: tabtom joined in making the same signal. This concerted effort on the part of the boys and girls evidently conveyed to the engineer the thought that something was wrong at last. He looked purstionly at the lads and the girls, and the parsusing boats and then pointed that way with a ned of his hard as to he after a hart on 3 711 the came of the excitment.

"Shut off your trottles you Nut"Yelled Dolores desperately shifting her flux to the file . "A - you trying to committ smalls Are you trying to committ sucide and kill everyone on the train."

" Jean herself ceased making the stop sion and franticully pointed shead. She then suddenly moved her heads as iminking something with her left or from her left with her right in the very familiar "uncouple" ovement of relironders. As if comprehending the "cut off"or uncouple "sign and at the same time comprehending that something was wrong with the tradk the friver closed the trottle looking down the lines of rails shead "Munt he underd saw caus at him to make amost desperate offorts to stop the onrushing monsten. His

fforts were rewarded y a sudden listinct slackening of the inglaces eightywill on hour speed down to thirty miles on hour, and then to a mill stop but he was not a moment too soon and almost half a minute to the danger of being too late. Carridd on by the extreme momentum of its flight, the train crowded the locomi lon locomotive forward and the it seemed to the exicus boys and curis as if it surely must be plunged into the onen bridge. Browely the driver remained at hispost untill the locomotive rapidly dropped from the spread rails. Not antill his charge had comped onto the ties and carrened drunkingly to one side and come to a grounded stop did the driver and his firemen leap for safty. Their fall on the blasted track care only as the train ground to a spandstill.

The angineer of the raft soon brought the raft to : stop alose but sless alongside the shore nearest the combas. Hundreds of near were dronning from the care followed by still their and were too as the wife was brought to a stant still and all the child acoute crowded on dock. At the supersance of so many sold lers the energy Gasol ine Launchae had beaton a histy retreat. The troops cens running scropes the intervenine space and all the way down to the w waters adm to view the nest. They were in Athiennesten uniform midall cernied richas. Traine in the entire cituation at a dames in ""time who appeared to he a contral stapped forward and into a bost w and was nowed to the rest and when he came on the rest he greated Angeline Jennines when he been by the uniform she were to be the

ching of them. with cutatratched hand he greated her as she stood a twifte in advence of all the others. Angellac Johnhage ere you be smofil was it most the

"Pardon me"said the officer kindly." I wish to thank you and your followers for the brave and honorable deedddd dead you have just done. There are hundreds of refugers on hoard this train and we were taking them to places of safty. They're forestyfire refugees."

"Your gratitude is cortainly appreciated. "Angeline Jennings answered. "But we scarcely deserve it." It was partly our own fault that the bridge was wracked as we ware fighting the enemy in its location. If we hand't been so close that shell would not have done that damage. We couldn't do my less than try to stop you...:::::::"

"Nevertheless we are all very grateful for your set in saving the lives espoisil; of the women and children. "continued the officer" and I must compliment you and your followers on your skill as hoy and girlscouts, and your engineer handled the engine with exceeding

same and adroitness."

"You'll have to give Dolores here credit for the main sugestion." her sister replied with a smile as she proceeded to it introduce har com mades and chuma. Protesting her inshillity to perform any feats out of the ordinary, polores was dragged blushing to the foeground where she was made to listen again to the complimentary remarks concerning her ability as leader second in command out side of those of the higher wounded leaders..::.

"But come with me"Invited the high officer presently. "I wish you to meet the sin leader on this train. You'll be surprised to see who he is. You are indeed for tunated in finding him here even at the early night as it is. All of you can file off the raft and see the

famous"General."

Making their way through the group of soldiers gathered on the shore by means of their landpln's all the how and wirled girls outs soon arived at a car much in better appointed than the others and much longer. Here were crouped a number of generals surrounding a tall strongly built man of six foot in height. His dense dark hair and mustache and heard gave a to ch ofunusual dignity to the rounded handsome fice while fleshing gray eyes betokened the vigor that lurted in his well bit knit frame and indicated the one of the secrets of his power with men and all the nation. All of the child scouts were astunished and wondered how he comp here and what his purpose was in heing here. was no less a person that Emperor Robert "ivian, pride of the very Abbieannian er nation and all the ar ins.

porceching to a res o res e respectful distance, the boys and girls stood at attention and gave the how and mirl scout salute. This was at once returned by the Daperor who used the same salute with dignity and gravity. A few words spoten by the general who had conducted the how and minbourts from their mast served to wollain

who they were.

"I wished to thank you have and gals said the 'meror. "I can sure paise hy darling daughters for thin king up thr the scheme for raising such reliable brave boy and cirlscouts of your kind." ,nd you have indeed everted a dreadful catastrophe, and we are very gr. t grateful."

"Please do not mention it rour Gracious Sine. "Dulores herself protested."We felt that we could not do otherwise than stopbyour train

if possible."

."But how do you all b happen to be in the vinicity! thought you were a troop of hoy and girlscouts belonging to general Vir lania's army." n a few wods, Angeline Jennings herself brieflty recounted the advan adventues through which they had passed but a short time proviously since Violet and her misters sent them on the route to solve the Great Abbisann mystery. Leaving out no details materer, she gave an outline of the other in cidents concluding with; "And here we are and this wrecked bridge is the result of the 'dutt' spy's latest attempt to-itherput us out of the way or to frustrate our mission."

"A most remarkable recital" commented the ampror after 1 istenta g with interest to Angel ine's story" ou may be sure of our assistance in bring about the capture of this person and his yo little Jeff associate

if it is at all possible."

"Thank you"return d Angeline heartily"Our leeders Gertmide Angeline and Penrod and Angeline Siches are severely wounded and we have done all we could for them as far as it is possible. Do you wish to

"Just a moment"protested the general himself. "Our men have

have already attached telegraph instructants to the wires and have no do doubt reported this demand to the bridge to conteral Vivian who we found out is at Hangar's run-Somethings wrong there as at fast wa're not getting any answer. Will you girls and hows wait a short while untill we learn what measures will be taken to move our train for ward!" To this the c ild scouts readily consented, and watched with interest the rapidity with which the men working the telegroph finally secured results. Shortly an orderly approached, saluted and handed a paper to the Empror himself. Reading the message rapidly, he assim turned to the bor and striscout s.

"It is impossible he at te stated with a show of slight breatience in his voice "to secure thremsportation on some other line because of the washouts caused by the recent terrible flouds and the foest fies raying, and besides because of somuch of the energy interfering with the re ilroadlines elsewhere. And traffic too beyond the bridge is in a congested condition because of a bettle raging close by and a repair traus cannot reach us for a long time. The delay while annoying is unavoidable. I shall thank you again, and wish you every success in your undertaking."

hextending his hand and showing his regret with real tears of sorrow in his eyes that Gentrude and her two friends were wounded, the Empror indicated that the interview was at an end. "Ith hearty hard classes the hove and girls of the officials departed for their raft, leaving the soldiers and their generals grouped about the greet Empror Emperor. Just as the Engineer was shout to start the raft going again Bolores went in and placed a detaining hand on his anne "Bon't start the engine yet she said."I have something tosuggest to my sister." She wentuck side age in and coming up to her sister touched her on the arm. Her sister glanced suickly at Solores.

Dolores whishered her idea and them Angeline Jennings

called attention to everyone. They obeyed.

"Say conrades"She then suggested. "If the Great Empror is in an hurry to go smawhers, he can't do better than take a so t of trip with us. What do yousay to invitin g him to have a little ride on the raft. And Violet, and her sisters will be tickled pick when they hear of this."

"We can carry himall right and allhis generals too. "responded " d Radeliffe"But then the querters will be rather comped. We have't room to entertain many visitors."

"If we can stand it, he and his minoral sought to get along for a

while." "All right then, you have my portionion"declared Radcliffe who was

their main superior of all. "Go and ack him yoursalf polores"He grimped. "It was your suggestion. I overheard your whisper."

In an instant Dolores was racing down the gang plant as fast as she sould not, and was soon on the shore, and racing for the train. Not many minutes pushed, before she was seen returning, accompanied by the Emperor and only his highest grounds, and has given destroy and the general who had first greated they. To the rousing sheer of the soldiers and the women and children refucees, the hig raft with its new passengers, swept under the wracked bridge pushing the float ing wrecking before it. Headed to the northwestward, the boys and mirks were soon f for from the scene.

"Moore did rou intend to go Sire! "Asked Radeliffe from his sest. "Here comes those darm Glandelinian hosts again and a great number of then this time." interrupted the boyscout Jemes, who had been seeing the notion of them in the where of some hig fire on shore which threw out a great light over the darkened vators. "They're coming fast from the southward."

hen they Then Phey're going to get what's coming to them "Gritted Radeliffe."Tver; number to your pieces."and he hipself drow forth

from his compartment in his cabin a magazine rifle.

It was true. The Glandelinian gunious were and in derting twend the raft in greater numbers as if vindicatively determined to bring disaster to the raft by a severe cross fire. As they approached they opened a severe fire. Those at their guns let go a volley of shells, with those who had remained on deck threw their witten to their shoulders and replied with wollet after molley. There was a sudden sharp lurch of the raft, which told the bors and girls that something had happened to either the envise or the engineer or that one of the missing from the nearest boat had found ludgement in a vital place. They rushed to the spot, and found that the enginer had been killed,

and his two assistants mortally sounded, and a part of the engine room denotial at and the engine not going.

The engineer had succeeded in stopping the engine before he dropped dead. his of the boy gunners hit a boat and the force of the explosion sent the boat and draw high into the air and the fragments dropped straight to the water.

"Get in there Gerogeyou know how to run the engine. "cried Dolores as she was looking at the hort boats with classes in hand. We also all right now. A christian battery is massing on shore and the boats are on a retreat. Hurry and right the raft he fore it rams something

we don't wan to ram into."

Straight tword the engine room rushed the lad. In faccy the boys and girls pictured the terrible scene should the boy fail to reach the demolished engine onbin in time, for if the raft went of its own accord with the driving engine still running there's he a fatal disseter for them ellebelores horrified to think that the bonts should have attacked them and caused this gave orders to the gamers to nim straight and blow the bontsout of the water, and this was done the guns on shore also opening fire. Even the Emeror experienced to scenes of unusual grave-measure is he are furned his head aside out caring towitness the sceep when the expected erach come. All were startled to activity, and attention by Jeans shout.

"hook-hook" orded the ciriscont, who had followed Gaurge tward the engine room. "Look George has made it. Oh K'I,m glad we're saved." "Max t !" clores maked,, her attention having bean directed tward bring a hig our to blow up two boats at once while they were even now "streating. She couldn't hardly believe they were ear play the narul

state beforex bed

"Thenk God George has succeeded in getting control of the roft just in thme "Fred thed Jack. " duck - I thought to a little ofth in A form transfer was, and as a first the witter, and bruthad of ramein; full force into the shire so are again floatin; fort the or it itits as your less. That was simply worterful for a boy or

Sighe of clinf scaped every one values artly as this news was Ennuinced.

"I miese those Situadel in inns are gable to have their own bands full." fact suggested cusingly. "D. saidly re's better get out of this tarritory as quickly as we can and the Pipror vial ment to endre at his destine without joing."

"Sure anough" Tombe ad prested on assauted. "Where will you go Sire!" "My intended destination. "Replied the Mopror"te to much general Contrattular Acontaings erroy soon distance from here in the direction of Abbieann. there large ermies to being concentrated to frustrate some plan of Izner Hyletze. If you alla here is kind arough to the me and by host generals possents to that point i and they shall be very grateful."

"We certainly will. "Quinkly responded Redeliffe. "Jon you give us the Hiractions he continued. The will make up some lost time.

"I think if you steer somethet about norther at on water of in north or go accordingly to the turns of has river suggested the "Mparan" Sammar"/ a shall soon see the army."

"new 31 c. applogized deleres."But the chaps in those bests let locar a mint open our math some with ago, and at the ex locator some of the explosion fragments wrenked our dammess. If it was daylight we shall fell the day without it. We don't know for sure which way this utuen tota make a turn and there fore to can steer only on any course. Would you recomize Lendockes in the fact with cour fileld glasses."

Porsibly relained the apparant deriver to is now what seven oclock in the the evening. The clare of fire there is about east by south, so we can get a course from that. If you looksherply for a hill which you'll enaily are he to normer for you'll not reach there even in a day yet or see a forest of high oine trees on the hill and are rise some other prominent point in the languages we shall know that we'll shortly move arive close enough to the destination so that we con greate of the riost farious fighting christian arouses in their fortier lines.

"the 's a mood ages Joyful inde d" Dolores acknowledgede "I shall do that, and shall harry the rolt along a little-Possibly we at he the chance to shake of four Glandelinian persuers."

Of double I suppose they contints help it his then, but now a section had those to any given the felt the same of parts in which wealther it is themselved. The other is a supposed that the they did that do, . The entering for turnately not damped by the shot on at first believed, and designed by an engine of tourse to be all deal was made expected. The set, has soon pound as a most convict page. After the disting of the wind, the hum of the sqiengines we not very really heard, and convergently could be convicted on with comparative anse. And without a treat the creation could be convicted after alle with a prace made spend that excited one founk advanced on the tour the two great greats and their governor. Indeed it was a ride long to be reasoned.

"Our ar its that no dom rivers and many refus like wake. "Made was desperor Vivian lost in sonderment at the movement and on helmotor of the roft." Will you tell be miss, suce at is fifthe design in one not fee iller to be or mayone the sure."

"It's a design (finiliar to nobody now to even ourselves, "Folores suiled "Except Gentrude Angeline and Pannod. It's a neft with the call end his anonines conservation as by their own plans and designs...." "I am undeed astonished "Confessed the Emperor." It's wonderful to observe how enalty it moves, and now regul its novements despite iss size. To o dound sirvive an ocean storm easily. Will you be able to tell me me what make of engin es gus ist" a . . ans it!" "It's a contine designed resolution for Gentrale Angelias by a dig Calverinian manafactoring concerts" taughed Augent to Jennings, "You seeman she went on "Then the hig raft had been first hade we used to have it by means of longpoles and large parades, sub them afterwards we thought cabins could be formed and that if we could have an engine to drive it is would save as also of work and it would even to frater. None of the mouth of the mean mean and any manufacturing dues and for as ses not manufactured. Therefore she and engineers just had to makeplans and have it built in the machiner, factory. The did a pratty good job for us too...:::.. "

To this statement the Emperor heartly assented expressing freely his saturation for the entire oraft and all its appointments. "Union I'm mistaken presently declared the Emperor, and had been dividing his attention between admittation of an raft, and the land scape" We are approximing the whickly of the place I mentioned far shead of the time than I expected four raft wild jury horogonical line on magic sings. That range of hills for shead should be the last before as reach the section shere general Concentin ian after the state of the state of the section share general concentin ian

"Hurrah" shouted Jack. "Now so'll see some real christian annias. I've always wanted to seemenaral Aronburgs great army. Maybe I can get a few pointers by matching their movements when on the advance. I under stand his army isone of the very v best fighters and more dreaded by the for then any other ###27.

"You indood"adulted in Expense endostiv" I am homostly may that we have many skilful generals and during ones too in the christian cause, but there all homostly refer to the endown that the end in an belief Angelliia Acording. Used. You say encounted it was that vary general who first succeeded in capturing Janute Theory sity which general Banson had failed to do even though he besinged it for ever two weeks. His exploits elsewhre are also many though not recovered because of as such destroyed communications, and of notibe notinble character."

"It's funny how the Two International Spies who resemble "Mussed Jeff" in noodwink so many ofour generals. "Missed Bolores." I thought the generals were more shread."

"Possibly such thin gs as misrepresentations are made, and basides possibly they're shrewder. "suggested Jean." You know too those two interfaring focks wouldn't be above telling lies. They're different than us and our own tial of people. So it's alstatem when it is said that there are no sinners in Abbiennian armics. We have less of them but we con't detect the devils."

"That's so" scented Delores. "By the way "she added" "here did the "Mutt" fellow got"s let in such a hunry I nover noticed....."

"They'r ratreated before of the batteries on shore sorber to our help. "Jane hunry-si." I saw them retreating twent the south,, and then I less sight of them as we put on speed. "Trolor. "

"Ment I remain. The so." explicted of declared for. "The next task we see them I hope it will be through a prise erating."
"You will probably have not the opportunity of soing your enemy for some little time"concented them must. "He is a no doubt by this time well on his way twent the Abbisandian or A term territor."

"The territoryhof Abbienne."Housed Jame."I don't recall any such country on that. I'm ach seem mail past to a the high proby f Bangair Counsy though. I only heard of the city."

"Abbieum Territory is a country surrounding the clip proper."Khely soid the Emperor. "It's name used to designate the country called in honor of St Ann, and the first name in honor of Abrohm the Grent Prp Prophet."

"I know what that is, and where that is!"Declared Jane at once. "That is between Calverinia and Abyssinkile isn't it! Early in the war You stopped your traitor son mear there."

"You Saidly replied her informant" did check the Glandelinian advance under my trait rous son but at a fearful cost to my troops. It was done in an endeavor to protect that Huly of y and where is it now. Ruined and cut of existance. The worst encounter occured at Galverine Hills."

"Another case of demanding the widked to move on out of Rengell State even at the expense of a hitter and bloody fight "put in Jack." That's ow own orand too. "she added. "The enemy measurers children so that means it's a war against everywhody. So we have pitched in too."

"Why do they call the country of Abbleannia, Abbleannia! Asked George Zimmerston."I' a sort of a stranger here, being German and I have not heardmach about the country or its holy cities and towns and people and so on."

"Abbinanniat" replied The Emporor" It's a name devidentived from an old Mickname or spellation for the ancient people who inhabitated the nettice. For a long time the people who lived there where known as an Intercessionary nation - romen who fought other wicked countries a to succor the good constThey neverlost those wars. The name gradually was turned in to the present form of St Abrahammia--Santa Ann and the country is now known as Abbin--Annia."

"Then the people are made up of all kinds of con ributions from all other netions?"Inquired George very much interested. "They were all mixed up!"

"No indeed" was the enswer. "Hut the people of the country did onl" accept people into its own from fortern powers which were only Catholics and which spoke the Laattattangue. Leten Tongue. Rat many many centuries have passed since then, and graudleyy there had grown upa distinct nation. Why everybody in this nation, women and children and men are so good is a mystery but God has had # so.Of course the country because of its peculiar size and its three fold climate, Seni Tropic, Trp Tropic, and winter has long been the scene of great granduers. It has n ever been known to have one international strife, though a part of it called 'lormonuia did fall away in the war of 1816 a despi descute over who should Honor the Pope best and has been since an independent nation of its own but its people never lost their good character, and we hope our trouble with Glandelinia willbring her back to us. It is helieved it will as Glandelinia looks with suspicion upon Mormonuis. It is said that general Caesar and his legions had battle north of us with the enomy under general Norvii. Many a battle has been fought at different times near Abbiennia which no one but me knew unything of."

"It's the battle of Gergroniam Grack where Germania wid an m t met defect, located in Rengall State West or East!"asked Dulores recalling the news of that first great conflict."

"It was east Maplied their great guest and also other famous battle grounds. For many months in the early part of this bloody war Reigal State has been the scene of such warfare. I'm afraid there'll be fighting again soon with Concentinian Aronburg and Myletze close to Abbigann..."

"Did any people in Abbieann city talk english theref"questioned

""o No.Only Abbidenniam. If there has been anyone there that spoke any foringen tongue I never heard of it. The people are or were all Abbidenniams and clung tendeducally to their language, customs and religious spirituality. It is or was in that section "Continued their informant" there so many ofour Abbidenn Saints originated. There were many thousands of them from Abbidenn alone. The inhabitants of Abbidenn hold firm frith in their Holy Religion in the existence of Heaven, Loved God more than anything, and were enomines of devile and holychlins of All serts. They loved the good stories of the good Sprites and fairles and their children were so good and lovely that they were called the "Sprites of Abbidenniam's hall their other good and levely idea they also hold the cardinal virtumes of loviliness

317 hon esty, will the virtues that all good christians should show and in a industry. Their s city was the centre of all richtecusness and a heaven to us all. A 11 of us throughout Abbicounts are naturally or unaturally good, as you all know but no where except in 'Angelinia Agathia, Francis Atlanta, and Athieannia city, a copt possibly in Calverine will you find a more in watrious and worthy class of christian people. And the added sadly "Abbient Abbienn is no more."

"It seems too had to have such a good people with such a od christian folks like those destroyed by a disaster which no one can tell or of its cause. "protested Jack Sounders, "Ralieve me I'm suspicious glande linin had so mething to do with it. Gouldn't no one ever locate anything that would give closs as to the disasters cause."!

A faint and smile greated this characteristic remark.

" ossibly agreed the Empror"; there were not so many Glando linian armies in that locality. It is regrettable of ourse but for that matter the whole war is regrettable. It brings good n to no one and yet we have to fight. Glandelinia forced it on us."

"I agree with you."quickly responded the German boy." tit's no good and Glandelinia is still ore wicked for having brought it on Put is t she the agressor. I heard Abbieannia was!"

"We are the aggressor, but it was forced upon us to defend the nations good name because of Glandelinia's hurrille child she ve trades throughout the whole ."

"Camp ho.""Gr ed Gried Jane Molffort, who had been igd striously using the night fieldglesses, whilelistening to the do conversation. "I see by the dow ofan immense camp fire a great body of a varly cavarly with hundreds of strange ste stresmore or standar's stand

"where away!"asked Angeline Jennings, scanning the glary horizon

"Almost dead shead near a huge bend in the river." replied Jan e. "Just a little to the right, and on the summit of that long hill. It is just on the fringe of that forest that appears like Parsley." "T see it by the aid of the fire glow"declared polores. "T can't make out that army of caverly it is though , but they're Abysminkilians just the same. It looks like momething of the army belonging to gears 1 Concentinian Aronurg. but I'm not sure....

"That wht it is. "eserted Angeline Jennings. "you've got good eyes." "Maybe we are far from the army yet and it must be a large arty of Abysninkilians out scouting or also breaking in for some night

strolling. "quggested Jean....

"If that is the case" Jack out in "we are near general Concentinian Aronhurgs army comp. And indeed I'm glad of it because I did wish to see that army and toown can get some do o doctor for Gertrude Penrod, and Angeline Riches. And too I'm interested in the idea of seeing wht general Arenburgs army looks like.....

"Keep your eyes open then "advised wildred. "It looks as if we are going to pess the hill(fill pill) in a minute, and then we'll haveplanty of

"I believe I see alot of tents for in the distance a whole city city of them and they're white. "shouted Jack in a short time..."I see an immense city of tents.Oh-h-h-h-h"exclaimed the boyscut excitedly" here must be an endloss city of them, and there's fifty squadres the Abbieannian cay r cavarly and all swarming forward atonco. There are so many of them itherita as if the nation itself was an arm of army of onverly."

"Just see all those big tents." was James oxel od excited comment. "There must be nearly amillion of them. "he should be not in the cred to be.

"Not quite a million"laughed the Emeror"But there are quite a goodly hundreds of thousands. More andnore troops from seamingly nowhre nowhere have been and still are ariving daly and nightly, while andher army is coming soon. Concentinian Aronburg is consissioned to hold Myletz Myletze fromedvencingupon the Abbienn territory, and I know that genera general Aronburg can do it."

"Admiringly the boys and girls gazed at the insiring scene and and a 11 the camp files which seemed also by countless thousands of glows indeed so many camp fires along the shore and over the hills and landscapes at one time. Their interest and surprise and als admirationknew no bounds. Here was an opportip opportunity or serving another great christian general for a time. All too soon was the big raft in the vinicity of the camp. It's approach was detected by sume of the cavarly patrol almost as quickly as the camp had been observed by the child accute. Several equadrons of them atomce advanced and lined up along the shore in an effort to learn the identity of

those on the raft. Proceeding to a spot indicated by the Pempror George who was now the only one operating the engine brought the reft as close to shore as he dared without causing it to go aground. A large group of general and other officers on horse back rode down in to the very shallow water, and the Emperor and the others went off the raft by means of the gangplank fist. Then the boy and girlso uts followed. Recognizing the Emperor they senset ups hearty cheer-murning to an officer in his imadiate vinicity the Emeror spent searal minutes in an animated conversation. Evidently he q was questioning that general closely concerning important matters. At length he turned to the child scouts with a broad smile on his face.

"You may rest easy on one score at leas "he said. "Your "friends" the Professional International International Spies made their way back

to general Vivians army about an hour ago."

"How do you know!"asked the hoyscout Radcliffe almost indreducusly. "My inform tion comes from this general here. "replied the Emeror with a smile at the boys pertiant query. "He states that a natrol near general Witnes army reported by wireless signal teleparah telegraph that twopersons with a party of Glan elinian soldiers resemblaing those of the "Mutt and Jeff Fellows was seen crossing to the westward only an hour previous toour arival here. They have persuit but the enemy spies had the swiftest herses and escaped. They had been traveling rapidly and had n very strong escort. "In that case they have escaped us."

"Nevermind them for a while." urged Jack to Jean.Our first duty to our cause is to secure a good doctor for Gertrude , and our two wounded friends. We head is all right so there is no need of a dotor

"Are we going toreme in here for a while and see general Aronbu gs Aronburgs army or go on the trip. "Objected a boyscout. "Be"

"Yes it wouldn't be poi polite to go sway so soon"said Mildred sheepishly."The Empror bimself and the generals with him has not had a chance to ask us to supper. "she added with a wink at Jack who was standing near.

"If we get to eat win the Emperor"said Angeline Jennings"We'd sure be favorites with him then. But you had a lunch only a few hous ago and now you're hungry again. h What is the matter Mildred!"

'I helieve hunger seems to be a sort of efflation from which most of us always suffers. "laughed Dolores. "I'm sure I don't know what to do. For one however count me out. I'm not a hit hungry."

"But that's not an affliction. "maintained wildred, joining in the spirit of the chaffing"Th t's what I may call a disease."

"It's disasterous whatever you can call it. "asse rted James. "Well maybe it's amighty goo d thing you have me for an alarm clock anyhow stoutly maintained the girlscout. "If it was not for me to remind vouces in a while all of you would have forgotten to eat. Radcliffe had sounded the Mess calltwice and none of us either heard or answered we were sointerested in the Emeror. And we could e at with himand his generals. Th I'm useful."

"Well you speak to himthen?"declared Angeline Jennings almost severely. "If he allowes it your a wonder. It's a dignity none of us could ever expect sating with the Empror. The idea. And we don't look

for dignities."

However she would not be put aside and she went to the Empror for or with the request. Laughingly giving instructions that all the boy and girlscouts should be well suppled with supper, the Empror asked to be ex u excused for a shot time. He atonce retired in company with his generals and the generals of Aronhures army to a large tent somewhat isolated from the others and no doubt set aside for other purposes. The boy and girlscouts walked about under the guidence of a hoyaccut officer of Concentinian Aronburgs ermy for he too had droves of child scouts called the "Retniners", this buy having been detailed for thepurpose inspecting the big tents,, and all the magnifidence of the CAMO. They saw several tents that had through someumown reason been hadly burned and damaged, but the officer said that they were destroyed by spies. Note of new comers toowere being given day by day practical instruction in cavarly drills by exerienced cavarly officers. None of the recruits however were permitted to take charge of cavarly horses untill they knew how to ride the animals as well as the veterans. Then they were given fast horses, and permitted to go with the main holds. Dolores herself declared that her fingers itched to have some such magnificent horses as these she and her friends saw here.

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The other sort of cavarly horsesxand those belonging to the drawous did not however interest her or her followers, but there was one par ticular horse that Angeline Jennings said would just be the "berries" for Gertrude Angeline. The large tents were built in circus style with con siderable space between them. A turle suddenly attracted their attention. Their guide announced that supper was readyyy.

"I declare it's funny I forgot I was hungry. "asserted Mildred

Maxmall.

"I did too"said nolores. "Everything in the camp ismighty interesting, and these new boyscouts here too called the Retainers. "It certainly ismighty interesting agreed June Hellfort." nut I don't believe they have snything better than general Vivier sim/ has in tents but the cavarly horses and the equipment and the batteries are splendid. We however can show any of the enemy a clean pail of heels when we would be riding on those horses and they were perusieing us."

"Right you are Mildred. "Jimmie returned vigoriously.

"I didn't say that "declared Mildred. "It's Jane standing by you." "Well you agreed with her anyhow"asserted the boyscout." and now none of the Glandelinians have nothing on me toowhen it comes to eating. Advance comrades"he continued with a lauch. Let us make a desperate attack on the supper."

Pefore all the how and girlscouts had finished the splendid supper provided before them under the direction of the emperor they were again visited by their recent mess-nger. He had been very busy during the short interval, and as the child scouts later 1 armed had gotten in touch with the entire battle front along general Vivianslines at H ngars run by means of telegraph and telephone. Orders had been issued with whirlwind pro piness and re information recieved to be glanced atomly once are it was saftly stored in the master mind of the great wameror. Indeed long after this the boy and discous learned to value the shility of the man whom all Garantia and have files fits ind even Abbiennis wir dependingungs to bring noor Calverinia out of the terrible crisis in which she had been placed by the drougful disaster. After inquiring if their wants had been properly supplied, the great Emperor a approached Angeline Jennin's on a subject that the mirlscout lender anticipated would be mentioned. It wasone she had dreaded. Seating himself at her invitation the Emperor began;

"What do you think of general Archburgs army camp by this

"It is great"heartily responded the girlscout leader. "I like it. It's more than magnificent."

"and the principal, is it not a very correct one?"

"I thinkso"replied the pirt. "I believe it is a grand idea to have so splendid an army before us. Do all the n s new boy and girlscouts seem to learn readily."?

"Yes "was the answer "But we are in need of one thing. General Aron burg is getting from someplace a new regiment of boy and dirlacouts and he is in need of more instructors. There are not enough men and women who can teadh. And many instructors are afraid to be with regiments of boy and girlscouts saying they have the most dangeous adventues of all."

"What An eline Jennings suspected she saw all too plainly was coming.

"Do you not percieve our need of more instructors. "Continued the

"Yes Sire, I can" Returned Angeline. "Then as if determined to meet the issue squarel/ she went on, looking straight into the others facel

"If it were not for the fact that we were comissioned on a certain mission by your fair daughters, I and my followers would be delighted to remma n remain here and officer our services in any way they a light be used. Violet and her sinters, your fair and lovely daughters have sent uscut of amission that requires our ties and utmost energy however and it would beout of the question for us to even think of such a p ssibility unless you can cancel their commission to us, or unless general Aronburg allows the Detainters to accommny accompany our bride and turn into our emport the "Roying Rangers." For just a moment no answer was made. The two sat gazing silently acrosss the table. At length the Emeror spoke in a lower tone;

"You are might m dear girls cout. Though they're my children I have no nurtherity to cancel any of their orders without their consent

because they being so unaturally good always I had faithfully promished them anything they wished, and I cannot go back on my word to them. But if general Aronburg wills it, they may become your band and you can instruct them as they go along with you But loyalty to our country and her needs in these trying imes I know always is your first and only consideration vou always let principal be of far greater moment than any necuniq ke e pencun lary gain, and therefore you never can go wrong. I'll see what the general says and if he can spare them you may have your own proposition. After that I'm going over with a doctor to see what can be done to your friends and mine Gertrude, Penrod and Angeline. My hearts been feeling heavy since I heard the news and I'm greatly worried."

So saying he rose, and want off. He was gone a considerable time

but he returned and sold;

"The general says it's up to the leaders of the boy and girl scouts themselves. If they desire to do so they will go. So I went then and consulted them. T. ey said they'd be willing to go snywhere with those who have been so faithful to the Princesses. Will you accept now?" "Gertainly with pleasure"declared Angeline Jennings. "And hesides

it'll be a reinforcement for us."

"I'm glad to hear your decision." said the Emperor .

So saying he arose and extended his hand to Angeline Jennings. Indeed in that firmclass Angeline detected the emption that swept over this great Ruler of Abbieannia, who carried the full safty and responsibility of his perfectly righteous nation at that moment on his shoulders. Long afterwards she declared that one of the proudest moments of her life was the one in which she and Empror Vivian claspd hands across the table table in general Archburgs big camp. From that time her efforts i to instill vinto theminds of all her comrades ideas of grand patriotism andloyalty increased. After riving full instructions that the boy and girls out a should be well calred for during such time as they wished to remain, the Empror himself present to go about his duties esectell; the duties for which he came up to this cap for and which he secrified such a long trip from his own city. As he was leaving Angeline Richees asked;;

"We feel that we must continue our persuit of those six accomplices of the two Mutt and Jeffspies whether we have our leaders wounded on board the raft or not, and to try to prevent their selling the lans they had stolen to sme of those famous and most dreaded Glandelin ian generals in the western drama of the war. They are no doubt on their day tward that destination and we ought to follow. Can yourive us some fake pass to go through the Glandelinian comps under Izner Myletze, and

sove though by river with this reft."

"That is becommible the Glandelinian generals and officers under Mylotzes will not respet no pass of any kind fake or not. "returned the Faeror. "No one but the highest Glandelinian generals are permitted to do that and then only under orders. If however if a you should bitend to dare make such a risky move even without my own knowledge or consent. I would not provent it. Our own men will have orders to permit you through our own cans but if you want to get through the enemy territory you'll all have to disguise as Glandelinian boy and girl scouts and to make matters worse fly the hated glandelinian flag during the journey. There is plenty of captured Glandelinian battlefields round here where general Aronburgs army men had captured many enemy flags. Use some of those if it is necessary but it'll be a sacrifice for who likes to fly a clandelinian flag even for necessity. I know I would not."

"I wouldn't either"said Angeline"put if there is no other way we'll try it. But it is stillnore periods perilons. If the Glandel inlans found as out and we flew their flag to get through, they'll let locse like

desonsupon us."

"They're nothing else anywhay"curtly replied the wapror. Expressing their attains anake, the boy and griscouts left the great Empror, and proceeded to their arht seeing. Several of them were very anxious to isl the quarter master a ergeant to obtain the flags if he had say 4 claring that they could take a hint easy. This was -naily arranged, the two standards were secured, and they Incided to

"Bon't make a mistake though wormed Angelinet 81thes "and fly that Glandalinian flag now.Or we'll haveour own friends to at us with the same fury. They'll bemistaking as for glandelinians...:::

"You have quite a raft there"politely sugn suggested, one of the officers/"

"Thunk you " r replied Angeline Jonnin s Jennings.

"Perhaps your engines are quite swift?" gontinued the officer.

"Angelime Jennings shrugged her shoulers. She did not wish to boast. "I helieve there is no host that is able totravel faster."S ated the other. "I am a firm heliever in the merits of that raft of yours. "Possibly" realid Angelime Jennings, a little metiled at the fellows insistence." ut we are very much satisfied. Our hig raft host sure can and does carry a heavy load. It is also arreadilks a huge granboat."
"What do you say to taking me i on for a short trip!" Wheationed the officer.

"what shall we to confident" queried Angeline Jennings turning to her herosagations who were grouped about here"Shall we give him a ride on our raft, or shall we not."

"If he desires so why not." vociferated Jein.

" s have to be carefulated as take on when they are streamers and unknown to une "Dealther Lack "It's all right if he is not and homent to goodness Angel inless collier, "It's even if you let them not away much saything like that they'll take the miles own nexusBus if your sure as can trust him and he's not a enemy in disquise we can take him on the raft and hand him ont a short trip. "e can do it, and he secretly watchful too..."."."."

"Maybe not"contioned Jane"These Glandelinian spies are pretty slick and man disguise sowell as Angelinias that they'd fool their

own Grand wother."

"Thy haven't got anything on the boy and girlscode ofor side when it coves to fooling anybody. We o have often proved that. "eaid Minnie, Jeans sister.

"Weil I vote we show this gentlemen how the raft rides right now." Volunteered Dolores.

"Who will second the motion."

The momention was secondended.

"Contrary."! No Answer.

It was accordingly agreed that they would give the officer a trial of riding on the raft-Quickly the news went round the comp and by the time preparations had been made everyone was keenly alertafirst the boy and girlacouse everyone of them as is their way conceilly inspected every part of the raft, engines and so forth politing and examining everything. At that the immanse raft was promounced ready and final instructions were gi given as to the course. It was agreed that as a test of all the munities that was in the engines of the raft bo at a messure should be carried by wineless to an outpost not manyallas to the northward. An officer therewould give a receipt to the camp for the message, and theoretim of the receipt to the camp would determine whom the ride of the officer turned out.

"Be careful comrades." Contioned D clores. "The officer is not so sure as to the outcome of the ride for he is telephoning to some other officer of his to have a strong escont of cavarly to follow after the raft. He declares he may drop his message if something goes wrong for I heard hissay when he telephoned that Myletzes army is very far extended and he don't know whether we'd go too meer or not, and he wishes the strong covarly escont to prevent on y financiar."

"Did you hear hintelephoing "Asked Jean indimently.

"Just now" menlied George. He has but just left the booth. He sure knows his onions. If he was a enemy in "iscuise now he wouldn't do that for he even told general Aronburg of his purpose for the ride and Emperor wivien too and warned both to look out for the safty of all on board. He almost feels like chancing his mind. How he could the information I do not know. But if he backs out now he feels we'll look upon his as a fraity out."

"Then we'll fix the enemy if they try enything." Heclared Radeliffs who was standing near.

The man now came up to the raft.

"Please do not no too fast. "he said" and keep a good watch sheed as well as do not no too far from our own territor "he heard. "There's danger whead. A large part of "Intetra's army is on the advance, and ind by general Granier."

"In that case Angaline"said Radoliffe who had been for the time being in the cabin with the wounded girls and Pennod""de've got to beat these Glandelinians by some few minut a minutes. I'll warrant Myletze is going to try to win the race for Abbleaus by a trick." "Fyidently General Aronburg has not himserred. "Laughed Jann. "He has been able to advance in the face of gen anyother general but Concentin ian Aronburga is didf different, and beknows it."

"It loke that may surely. "agreed "innie. "But we can watch out." After recleving explicit instructions regarding the location of the noint where the messages were to be delivered, the boy's and wirls filed up the gangplank onto their raft the officer following. They had a new engineer now, the dead men having been brought to the camp for decent burid, and this engineer followed the example of seeing to it the engine was in perfect condition before announcing that he was ready. Several of the boy and dislacou . had advised the engineer to let off some steam before starting, but to these objections however the engineer returned but one enswer. They needed all the steum necessary in case case they addidentally had to run a gauntlet of Glandelinian mens, and he would not now spare any steam. If he had to it would only be to their own sorrow. The raft was soon under way and in a short time the meanest section of the huge comp had been left far in the rear. They had not gone far when there was the sound of a series ofpistol shots as if it was the startling sign al for something, and two long huge looking craft shot off fromm a cove in the shore. One of them had opened themuffler for the start and Jean who had seen this declared afterwards that a stream of fire seemed to burst from the exhaust pipe and go s mile down the stream. The roar of the bosts motors completely dromed out the exhaust stack of the rafts engines. The foremost boat which was a long ratish green looking thing and counted with guns easily took the lead, and etendily guined on the speedy raft, in spite of the engineers hest efforts. He men something was wrong and therefore used every trick and device of which he was master. Soon Angeline Jennings who had been usive g her night binoculars constantly announced that shecould see a 1 rgs group of gray clothed men o standing at a part of the long hoat and that it carried a Glandelinian standard. Not with wishing to shoot at the host Radcliffe shouted to the engineer;

"Ran the host.Do something."

The engineer did start the raft swinging around as fast as the huge thing could do, placing itself in the way of the ho st. Saning this the driver of the hoat prepared to make a quick movement of his own. His action was excallent but he didn't do it quick enough and both the raft and the hoat meet with a resounding crash that must have been heard a mile. At once hundreds thronged the railing of the raft with leveled istols and rifles.

"Those in that bout stay where you are. "cried Radcliffe springing into view."Sorrender as hundreds have you covered."

Eyclamanations came from the hoat.

"I'll run back to the end of the raft and see what's doing there "saild Jean.

"Jon't wanned Jack. "You might be exposed, ghe took the him t and recoined.

That other confounded boat may have the advantage and rake us while we're overhauling this one "or led Jaan . u suddonly. "This boatsaust have picked this pour spot because theme beyond doesn't have tos op."

"That is some trick of those Clandelinians I nur must say "Chined in Jane." Hut we'll crash thisons too isces and drown then all if their assistant [descon us."

Raddliffe ran rapidly along the deck. The boat wanted to bry and make a get away.

"Hault"The voices of a number of boys and cirls commanded.

"Yes a surrender"cried Jean. If you make amove we'll sink you and you're hadly damaged already. We'll pay you rescals for making war on us dilldren of Abbiennia because we're so good. We'll fight you as we fight the devils."

Stärtled by the unusual circumstances of being overhauled by so many boy and irlacouts, the Glandelinian boatmen paused in wondernent. They claimed inquitrengly shout searching for sight of the other boat hoping for it to come to their assistance. But it now was no whore in sight. And catalying it a brick or that the boat was sorking somewhere around in hope of superished the raft, the driver medided to take the chances and started the boat agoing a suddenly intending to make a heasty get amey. Then already the dronlag of the motor told him there are need of herte if he was to make a get many from these dungerous christian child socuts who were figurer little soldiers

thing even the men and hope to even par the help of the other host before

a dignat, dispater happened, impatient at the trick of those on the raft the Glandelinians funed. The nothers started.

"Halt I say "again came the command from some whose also on the raft this thee. "This is the last time we'll mare you."

The driver was plainlypuzzled. He now many of the boy and miris couts shall and higger living the railing of the raft with weamons leveled at thim and despite the darkness detected a lung row of very determined little eyes peering forth from the sloom of the roft. With a start the driver realized however the that the rifles and pistole leveled at him and his commades on the host indicated the presence of the girl and hovecouts all Glandelinian generals adreaded The Wandering Pangers". His thoughts roited from frontically. His inpulse still and to turn the boat and hasten from the spot as rapidly as themotors would go by lying low as so the shots wouldn't hit him or his courades but he rentized that they had mine atomoside the raft too, and those the children on board were of a dangerous and determined themster, and would not hesitate to let wo a fire that would destroy the hout and kill every man of them. A volley of questions from George Zi mermon in German issued forth but the language wasone unfamiliar to the Glandelinian driver, and he could only shake his head.

"I cannot understant you kid. "he at length ventured. "Are you mur legaers. Can't you speek our tongue. Perhane we might understand

anch other better if you com:"

"Abbicannian"Repeated the German boyscout from his location . "Tes I speak the Abbicannian language were good. "This statement was replied by his assent agent and pronouncation, but the Slandelinian driver accepted it at its face valuevgiving his whole attention to the matter of carying on the halting conversation with the hop of making his esca e.

"Thy do you have and girlscouts stop me and wreck my hout!"the driver asked. "How did you get on the river with sucha his boat in

"Thy did you persue us with your houts!"

"We are supposed testopall strongers o tiln a from the differ top

of the christian lines"Rablied the Driver.

"I thought so. Well sir; you and your comrades will remain where you are, while your conrades steps on board to be disarred. Remember we got you all cornered. There's hundreds of us covering you and there's only seven d you in the boat. Seven trying to capture us. You must be

"That's nice"scorned the Glandelinian driver hotly. "why you are entirely at taken. I have never been in Glandelinia. I am from general

Concentinian Archburgs army."

"You have had a long tourney then, "replied another of the how scouts, with nock sympathy." nd will need a rest before proceeding. If you're frue conoral Aronburhs camps then shy did you person us when you know we're christians boys and girls. Therefore dince you e persued us, and have some excuses to make we will be glad now to accept the homitality of our quarters on the raft untill we bring to back to the lines. If you can prove your christians and made a mistake in persucing us all right. But you'll have to prove it."

"But I'm from the christian army camp to the westward of hre. I was not prauding your raft! was in q in a race with the other boat and you will cause me to lose the race. "stormed the driver barbulag to see that nothing could make the boy and girl scats believe him.

"Yes, and you sure came fullspeed tword our raft. Next thing you'll say you couldn't soo us in the dark" surcastically declared the German hoyscout. "As I stated before we have very confortable quarters here."

"Well occupy them then enaped the driver. "I am going on."

"Listen" command ad the boyscout. "Intess you obey commands and lange your mempons on hourd four boat and come on hore we shall be oblied obliged to fill you and your comrades full of holes. Don't you son you reckless full three achine guns are trained on the boat and within close range so close that you couldn't ascape."

The driver caught the simificance of the remark, and decided thate he didn't care to take such on chances when it was sucide-He know full well the temper of the "little Rangers" , and therefore winely oc concluding that nothing would be rained by further efforts to try and convince the boy and pirisocuts of his identity, he driver of the heat put put away all thought of irrediate escape. Boats from the other sds of the caft full of boys in uniforms and sirls too suddenly appeared to the left and with such startling suddeness that the driver

and his followers nearly lost their composure. The one in the storn carried a rope as he app the rowboat approached the inunch. The driver held up a protesting hand and waved away the bond.

"You don't have to tie me and my comrades up. "he said. "We'll go with you and your scouts peacoably. To shall not try to run nway from

such girl and boy scouts."

"There's no need to the you fellows un you couldn't escape anyway." retorted the lad. "But we're going to faster the bont so it'il come slong with the raft, and some of us are going to occupy it too. Hur ry step into the raft before we lose our patterios. You're delaying us long onough. and ispossible wo'll capture the other boat too."

Believing coupliance with their wishes the only way to placate them, the driver and his man followed his captors on board the raft where they were placed in one of the cabins, where the doors was securaty locked and guardeplaced so the prisoners couldn't escape from even the windows. A bunk with straw natteresses afforded them slooping accommodations.

"I do not understand the a angement." the soldier began, as he surv ey d theinterior of the cabin. That's the idea. Why bring us here!"

"And why did you persue us if you're not foes"demanded folores."If we had not captured you and your seven son here, some of our shore comrados might have done worse to you as the shore was lined with troops fust as soon as you and your other boat put off after us. Not att of the Glandelinians are considered enough to recieve durter from us; but I liked your looks, and so you are here nowinstead of your budies riddled with holes and floating amov down stream. "she added tapping her rifle and smiling significantly, while she still tooked cut from the cabin window.

"Glandelinian soldiers are not isually welcoo in our cabins"Added the gartscout Joy St Claire somewhat severely add no had no round for you out alde so we were good enough to give you a cable for quarters

till we bring you ashere."

"But we're not clandelinians we're for lorders, "brotested the driver vicoriously.

"No"! inquired Dolores not too impolitaly. "Worldmers ah! Well that makes it stillworse for you. Whalt a moment I hear an officer approach

ing. We shall soon 1-arn if you're Glandelinians or not."

The Clandelinian driver was startled to discover a situ rat friend looking howsport some in, with a very good looking how called by the other "radoliffe". The latter was evidently the officer. Smith ing the boy and girlscout began a report concerning their captive. Fuldantly full datails were being asked and given for the conver sation consumed very much the

"Come with me only you "the hoyacout officer sheeringly said to the one who was known as the heat driver at length as he turned

tward the door of the v cabin.

"But officer of the boyaccuts "protested the driver'My conreduc are out there in the other boat walting for me toreturn. I cannot leave

thom. We were in a race."

A few words of command from Radoliffe caused a number of boy and girlscouts to make heaty paparetion for departure on armounded bouts of their own. They were evidently shouth tosally forth to capture the crew of the other heat. The driver filmed. He had been very foolish he thought to make soriah a statement. The officer indicated pretty sharply and severely that the driver blussif was to proceed with him and six other he scouts on to on to the deck. For some distance they passed along the deck. Into another cabin they

"I'm to keep you seperated from your comrades"the boy said. And he went back again to notores and were foun and others were stand ing gro ped on the deck. polores suddenly called his attention to a clump of trees on the shore some little distance away, which was easily seen by thehelp of the glow of a distant campfing.

"Can you see some strange figures 1 ike men moving about?" she questio gurs tioned.

"Yos. I do ."

"Well presently you vill see one of them throw up his hands and full.Our sharpshooters will get him. Those Glandelinian gamiers are too reckless. They expose themselves too much. I suppose they're preparing a position to aim a run at our raft. I hat ther're putting into posit ton a min that hig"she formed her ares into a circle."Then the ranges will be given them and they will start towing to shell this raft. They will bit bits raft perhaps."

"I collidat't see how Glandatinians ould be populate up everywhere and have a readiness um in r a readiness so soon." protested Radel If the first might honoughisto however that a Glandelinian swift her so buttury wight have been following its because they alght know whome are, it its no didn't know they were there. It we haven't stowed and on tured that Glandelliden revenue dutter we wouldn't haveknown Glandel bilded ward servatione Hehir."

"Ah" ejeculuted delocam, eyethy the scene closely. "I khos you

toll the truth."

"But come"he added "We must proceed. "

They went tward the cabin where the threeon wounded child scout led leaddry lay in their hede; and which date cabin was in particular the one Gertrude deed, fille to ich mes thie de more lementes for him er of the others. A is large mirror was on the wolf of large above in the corner and a telephone instrument rested on a stand mode one of the house. As they appreached the cabin shouts out laughter greated their cars from the short-Ryddentive ven all the hardshies of a wer life had not destroyed the sold kind comes of the service 1955 the obt they were fightly a on. An Andottte ontered the early where matchers were setted he critedout alow order. Instantly every und was on her or His feet standing at attention and simultandously their hands we e ore raised in willtary setute; sid rousing so dut it the sainute had been ret ried by he th bolores and Redetitte. Then picking up the telephone; Radeliffe spoke rapidly for a few mumonts, then replaced the instrument and directed a question to one of the boyscouts who was watching at the window from the outsidelooking in. That how replied at length pointing out tward the same chimp of themena than not dres had indicated to Radcliffe. Evidently something income was taking place. The Hythere chee a sharp exclamanation from the bayscuit off the which, which brought the others totheir feet. They could observe;;; that he was nothiting most excitedly, tward the trees, and speaking repidly. tiolores saw a hig heavy white cloud of make (poke) appoar in the grove, and the heat shock from the report as if there was a sidden cartif isless

Following the gladges of the rest she was startled to see stroughly through the air a streak of the as it it was from a sky rocket, and it appeared to be approaching the raft. joiores clearly followed the enlaste untill it toll into the rater but a short distance away from the ruft And nedrecty had is sevened the crisical and post of Seture the raft was slinked siid rooked; siid the catting witnested by a might explosion that heried a huge cloud of mater and stoke high late the sire it i, the cil states and river had be debris foll on the whole rast in Lucited abovers dresiching all those who were on deak and polit his them with a cloudwindt of moutt stones, went send and mild and aron a corted of south fishes and a number of mater shakes and turbles and oven from oner down botonen hat alreaded her hands to her ones se the chinat fell litto the water expecting an exploatoniend this did not suffer, the painful ; on a peladul shock that with atherwise have been rate. Asheding the the whider the san an brieffee cloud of a oke hover him all about his mater and own mont but or the

"ift and an await odor erest fitte the calify hearly checking surry body. The raft how started on the way the olichian both y dean destribits to evold that min. Aceta a cry came from the boy on mutch which stor 1-d startled octores. Another high exclusive shell was conting. The concusator of the explicator and burst open the door whre the prisoners were. They had putten out and ran back at my the deckney but one of them stunkled on the uneven floor end flee fell. A shoult from Dolores roused him booking backwardhe could see her leveling a revolver in his disction, and ton to the in screenthing to his fast funt by the he dedged medad antis of saidhass for shot after shot came tearing with the burn-buckily the smidbaga were thouse.

In half a runto the assumed glandelighan primorar, record as fast as he was able dome the decks of the him of raft. The one thought was be on in the matery odes, and find his other commundes who would be front to at his long delay. He had gone tut a few stone and till the earth and the raft seemed torock violently . A burnt of air from the near swept the Glandelinian and his six followers ort their feet, and their ears were designing by a most terriffe blast that shock the entire surroundings. Hafore he or his followers a utd schaubleup and to their fact they found themselves surrounded by a swarm of shory boys and ofrin.

A heavy black stoud over or make letter over the a senior, where over bild been the Minidelliling out and its a more. A minior of boardille rath had fired and strick dome the Glandelth tan edinions before they could fire again. There seemed to be a year big pit whore they had been before so suddenly surrounded by the boy an mirt scout a the autonished prisoners were undied what to do. They and that after all ascess from them one toposethie. They were broitest back to their cubis. Soffin of those on huard charryed the trak trank of the explosion on

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"It have a an night tong time. " and one or then limitement Incksoff pearling domi the durkness of the river. It worder if the bout and the crew find been part removed by the part and all drouged or

last or ceptified!

"Howk or captured a or drowled nothing, "exclaimed dologet James accountuity. "You can't form canting Westerlus. He's probably tost tile handline in this duriness or one have averbuilted those on board the rack and therefore may be harble an arminent with them in trille to tildine them to surender, for those direction dogs will do saything they can t to delay him so they can take antistake. They be duly a buich of christian children playing marall

"How do you know they were playing wars "Said Junes: "I had inve th they more those child societs known as vivienites or Annous and it he has averhanted them thit to emiracte for his and his seven

men to depture them ult sin single handed."

"that ween't exactly a fair thing to do envious make he go but and permit such a strong torce. "Grotested Wrang tous. "I think our dominider arrented to have a hiller toke of the

"Joke!" quarted dotonet thrite brintling. "toke. if those things are to as I have no sense of hunor then. This is no loke."

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"That what it is abited in Private timile a hand say Fret Limitement Francische no went du, we like you and youten a good friend of ottre but please don't buy to muchh over this christian do s

does settons in a prosing us. It won't go.

"All right"replied the efficar. "I don't approve of it any more

then you do, but I wanted to make pence, that's eft, it

"Walt wou just recent neutral, and 15 11 he ati Float. Agailared landed white up at their duction duct engineer, too they att been that this glanted intencerteer whose more was threat tored neutroitty arong his coundre and reserving. If the the thirty by get bloom. Maching the claser of the learning and makesteeks a consend. The nelso had been prowing touder and ogno that hat falt now Ited name ontheale and that we aid tarish was not own in state. Thereto the driver stood up in his piece and peored enxioner about, but could not see a thing in the darkness.

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wirned Driver Ned to he emreful."

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"Pine" stored the boy fast losing parlement. "This is not alay you Of misting dog on you and your committee about towns town t shull not nemteat

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"United States" scorned the horsecut, white communic come free the other children. "four a darn disgrace to your our country and should tale lost your cir citizenchips You've sourned your um fine the stars and atripes for joining suchs wicked saum you treasonichie Yankens you. Bot that beat going,"

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Randing at this affiliation glundelinian of there and soldiers would do nothing clas then mackly permit their area to be resoved. "New then "went on Garner" there did you go with the others There

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there were three of the boots out on this river. "

"The other book retreeted. "eneweredone.

"Where is it now!" asked the hovecust Ned keeping his automatic rifle

The only reply was a characteristic shre of the shoulders At that instant the Glandelinians and the boys and girls heard a dreadful screaming in the air followed by the rolling book of distant common. Instantly they folt the shock of many sholls of large pro portions bursting with a dreadful thundering roll and aranh

"book-book"orded the boysomt James. "It's the obviolan smalls firing at some boats on the river-book at the swell black stake."

For a poment old eyes were turned in the direction india. delt was

indeed as the boy had said. The dreaded smoke was there. Again they beard the dreaded surems and this the as the shells explained the tranor of the earth was greater although the detenations were not so loud as in the cast case of the former shells though there was an awful eruption of water in the air.."

"Those shalls hit the boats. "declared one of the boys excitedly.

"Where are they nowing front"naked Fred. "Who's shooting."

"Those are the dreaded christian shells. "replied the Clandelinian

For amount all resulted silent expenteing to hour other decline None however demo and they were about to it their attention to the aspiured Glandella den soldiers, when the boat was pulled to the raft and fastened by ropes.

"Well looked what the boys and gards pulked in "Excluded the pussenger officer rushing to the gang plant. "Miere did you get the other boat tond GoorgafAra you not doing over landman to night. Thin is the ".bardondone you omptured."

In a few words he told the details.

The new prisoners were pushed into the orbin andplacedurier curit. "There's a bit bloud of flame rising from the enstward."xried oried Honriu Henry.

'T bet its a forest fire."ductared Jimmis."It's a big one too." When seeing that huge bloud of rolling flame bright vellow helow or eleust white, to yellow in the middle and blood red above the glandelinian soldlers who were prisoners in the ophine were panie stricken. They declared frantically that all were in danger of balag enveloped, and begged the calld somet leaders to move the raft down the river where only low mefty.

"Kery gulate you cowards" oried the boy Radoliffe. "That fire won't

dome here. "Another yelp out of you and you'll yelp no wore."

However as they wished to be under may andput the the prisoners ashore in the christian Lineston I time was lost in carrying out this sung a suggestion. Their enxiety was however not lessened for the fire seemed to apprehen dongerously does accompanied by a wind and a fog of macks. Their renewed hunger, added to the discoufort of the heat, and the stoke stench compelled the bors and girls to consider a change . "indian repairs to the distandportion of the first contact bont Imposetble It was sunk altogether.

"het's no back for general Archburgs great map and get another lie

tunch for a then before retire out. "Jeneproposed. "Ti hungry."

In a short the they were on their way. All about their swept a saoka fug and a ettle wind wer blowing of the anat. Bounds of Materia firing ones to their encastiddenly a great anabing roar of curs startled them and a nortes of threaten screenes tuddested the passage of may of the stant sholle. A tour lile rour told that they had lended on shows to and and explodes. Beyond these on the concelle shore there came a midden great long series of flashs of light accuspained by a terrible room. An unknown qualtar of group carmons had been filed.

"Miero are se Delevest"guayered Angeline Jennings. "I do no' thom and informs "Gen you tell Jannet"

"We the pight between two fires, "replied Jenn, "They seem to be firing and fired at."

"I halfave we're lust in this for of necke that's what we are. "Grad eried Jack."And we still have no compute."

"Lo-at!"was Angeline's startled exclammation. "Don't say that girla." "The notf" Inquired Jane parties but the history of make the envelope anyaleped then and the caft, "ahe not may it whenvit to not the me mire

Gradually the din beyond them increased becomely as but bey after battery of gunn was aded to the master by action. It never that a governal bombardeent mee in progress along the whole line. The enginer

increased the apend of the engines for the cake of cafty hoping to be out of range of the shalls which wight devolishe the raft or sink.

"Suppose we just speed itin for a fre few minutes the way the engineer to head in g now, and one if we cannout get away from this ranket. "Urged the hoyecout Junie" It'll he had for our wounded

The docmand was gien to the engineer and with a nod of consent the engineer touched the throttle, sending the raft sheed as if ingh. The whole ruly doubed through snoke so thick t been fog or cloud they would have been soon dri pping wet. That they were not sufforated was a wonder.

"On, and on Engineer" ordd Dolores. "He're into the worst of the

Bauke.

A quick pull at the levers sent the raft going as fast as the en gines couldpull it.A great shoot of flame like a rolling cloud passed the raft but overhead but almost scorching those on board from the terrible ha heat. The terrificoloud of flame ever growing bigger was pleared by a narrow margin but inflamable things ob board of the raft caught fits and had to be some ed. Angeline Jennings glanced about and shook her head. The engineer had barely saved the hig craft and its hunan freight. Slowing the pace now, the engineer located a wide stretch of the streamwhere heintended to drive the raft. "I see a highway on shore. "announced the boyscout who was throwing a bunket of water on a smouldering convegs. "Also I hear the noise

made by hens. Gress som of us had hetter Guess I'll for age and gets eggs and things. I know scaebody will leave us have them." The boys therefore selected for the forage were sent off in boats.

All the rest were surprised at their short absence. They bure all sorts of provisions, a large number of eggs, and were all back

with little delay.

"We were lucky"announced one of the boys. "The house is all shot u p the folks are gone, but there were alot of hens . There were three or four hig cases of eggs and we brought the whole outfit, but left the henc at the gugastion of the girls who do notlike to not then i killed when they egg layers. How will you have then frid, scrambled, builed, broiled, baked, stewed, ponched, orelette or justplain soft holled eggs or egg on toust or--or whatever way they're

"We'll need planty of milk too"directed Angeline Richee"But don't let the free in the stoves show. No tell there may be more of the

e e enemy securting around here too."

"nighto"ac agreed one of the to's in alow tone." Jud 'willyou getout the broad, the bacon and the milk, and I'll look after the stove [des.Hank there's still enter on board for soffee to those who like coffee."

The sloves were soon lit. Plenty of eggs were available and as no one cared for coffee the will was to be used for drinking. There was this time no need for a likely for anyones appetite. Many of them afterwards declared that they never tasted between warm wilk or eggs on boread. Daring the progress of their meal in this safe spot the sound of cummonading had been very conth continuous. No shells had struck near their position, but one of the girl socuts when onshore foreging had ventued to mount a risingpiece of ground not far from the demilished farm house to make a survey of the situation. She had reported that withthensesing of the hig fire the smoke was thirning

but was still too thick to permit of navigation the raft to go back to general Archburgs army. They advised now of getting a little rest for the night, and gladly all of the tired boy and girl scouts availed themselver of this citration and only the numbered mands took their terms of on and off duty by the respective house hours/

Thanks to a constitution inured by practiced hardship, and hard work and many trying experiences and so forth of a mirlscout life and very healthy living and of the prayers from all during the night till morning Gertrude, Angeline and even Penrod Emproved rapidly under the nursing of "Bright mod Mary, and the efforts of the ductor ment by imporor vivian, aided by Radeliffes skilled treatment of the wounded fortrude had suffered. Angeline michee being the least injured improved the fastest. Resides Radeliffeknew the sort of medicine and herbs that draw out inflammation and allay fever, and without the use of antisepsis he kept Gertrudes wound clean with thepure river

Past Midnight Gertrude had recovered consciousness, and on the early morning the doctor whostayed all night pronounced that in another t day the crisis for Gertrude would be passed, andthat she would soon

be sittingup in her had and demanding solid food. Penrod was not so badly injured as feared, but Angeline Richee was recovering shead of him. Indeed Radcliffe and all the rest that morning were the happiest boy and girlscouts probably in the world wo, when at last all the officers were admitted to the heads, he Radclife asked the cause of the primary and what had happened and Penrod told him all.

"Nw T've got some very good news. "he said, when Penrod persisted in asking about the efforts of all on board the raft. "We've attured two boats, sunk six, and have twelve prisoners on board under strong guard. Many of our wounded who recleved their in juries in the battle on the Vantura Red are all back on the job, and we have

a strong body of reinforcements hasides."
"You recieved two thousandmore boys and girls."

"A little over said Rac Radcliffe triumphantly."They asked to become members of ours and to you ought to see them working. I guess they feel the enemy certainly have one us alla dity deal to by sending dangerous boy and girlscouts of their sie emong us, and Angeline Jennings in this case is instructing them well. Anyway they know now it was the butt in and Jeff spies whosent that Darger boyscout intoour lines in order to frustrate our purpose. They have gone away from ou camp and its a good thing as it is now too hot for them."

"For Good George"!

""ell I couldn't say that of that sort of a boyscout that strikes girls with his fists, "answered Radcliffs, with a look of scorn in his eyes."But he isn't likely to show his face in general Vivians army again in this locality again, I understand, or hop so anyway. However he and his two companions leftuit campraging mad, and that Targar hoy has gone back to the Glandelinian camps. Well that's the first ofour dangerous enemies far away. And general Vivian has turned out a trump fighting the enemy confronting himat Hangar overtime and making his army move forward victoriously, and it begins to lock as if we will win out after all..."

This was good news. It was still oily in the month of October and it was hoped that in little more than a mon the snow should be coming

to put out the big forest fires then raging.

"It tell you George (to Radcliffe") said Angeline michee herself, "It's too late now I'm afraid to think of intercepting those six spies, but next summer we'll ins introduce modern methods and double our efforts to prevent any spies getting any where in the future. If we have been able to showour country wat we have been able to do in the past we're able to do more with mod's help in thatfutire the futures. Then we'll have no diffucity about raising cain with spies and other enemies who try to frustrate us. As to that boyscout Starring he sure struck me good."

, "If he hand't struck you with his fists like that we would not have drawn knives on him."said Penrod."nut to see any one of those boys or any boys striking a girl why heavens that's maddening. We couldn't think when we did draw knives. We never dra drew knives on a fellow boyscout before. But we had to as he had a bad one with him too and we strove to prevent him from drawing it, and finally did not succeed."

"Well now you're talking the way I like to hear" said Radcliffe enthusically. "I tell you Penrod and you too Angeline it sure makes me tired to have spics, and Clandelinian boy and girlscouts doing all this when we could find ways to prevent it. I guess with a for improve

ments our sutiation wouldn't be so bad after all."

So they discussed their plans, untill! Jean Saunders accompanied with

hor sister minnie, and several other girls came in-Penrod or Angeline had not however asked much about the glandalinian boyscout

and Radcliffe had been glad to avoid the subject. It was however
Jack Saunders who took it up a minute later having come in with little
Jean-He humad and hawed a good deal, n and finally the truth came
out. It would be easy nough to get all the Gemini from Angelinia
Agathia and also Gingigore or Hendro Dargar, but the quartert of
Glandelinian boyscouts would have to be laid by the heels before they
could be captured. Of the four Dargar alone had disepoared entirely. "
He might be anywhere among one of the Glandelinian armies, he was always
a "ranger" boyscout of the enemy, and wanted by every christian general
throughout the war zone. To look for him however would belike
looking for a pin in a high grass pasture. General clance was said
to have gone into the woods with a big pirty of cavarly to tryand
run the boy down but of no use. Simeonia Buvallie was running his

his spies everywhere. The chances however of accomplicing much by this means were not therefore hopeful when too many enemy patrols could be encountered to , the boy could have fled to the protection of one of these. Too Gertrude, and the two others well knew that the reput ation of that hoyacart would enable the boy to escape because of the protection giving him by the Glandelinians. It would also be very undignified and revengeful and even ridiculous to go into the enemys lines to try to find Dargar and thrash him because of Gertrudes stab. On the other hand it was still more ridiculous that Tredreck or Jacomia Dargar should be brazing it out within the Glandelinian arnies and doing his boyscout work as if nothing had happened. The situation was certainly amost plexing one. The three child scout lendors had no desire ofpunishing him any further just now, but they meant to deal with him and all the Glandelin ian boy and girlscouts when the oppositunity arose. They meant to even ifpossible rid the very Glandelinian army of them and Darger, and his two chief, companions, but they had a strong reluctance to let even such a matter as being frustrated in theirmission because of this by that boy and meant todeal with him accordingly when the proper time came. In the end Radcliffe went away with theunderstanding, that Gertrude and Penrod and Angelinw were gettingmuch batter since that fatal morning and therefore that was great satisfaction.

"But what strength, whatpower Gentrude, that boy had, to hold out so successfully and desperately against four of you "He said regrettingly as he realized the fact." Do you know Gentrude "he continued thought fully," have often thought that we need many such boys in our ranks and girls too. If I had the strength of that Dargar boy what I wouldn't

To the three child scout officers their recovery was a foretaste of paradize and especially for bashful Penrod. It was won: wonderful for them to see many of the girlscouts whom they loved with all their hearts about their bedside all that sad suffering night long, waiting on him especially while Gertrude had still been unconscious and Angeline too anticipating his wishes untill he felt sahamed to be so suddenly rendered helpless, his pride gone. All that night Bright ryed Mary had been very quiet when the beauty of reviving life was stirring in the injured boys heart and casting a glamour about everything remourseful and humble, very restrained. When the threelearned of the part fittle clorinia had played also in their rescue, and thanked her gratefully, she could not meet. Penrude eyes.

They wondered however when the first day would come when they could leave the cabin and be on duty again and where they could feel the crisp autum air providing the forest fires did not keep up the unusual record breaking heat for that time of the year-Nowaver the birch leaves were already a flaming red,,,, the ators had sprung up profisely everywhere mingled with goldenrod. Yet many spots ever where else everything was in ruin, and yet the three child scout leaders had sometimes the inexplicable sense of having come house.

"Mary Sunshine"he said to I ttle Glorinia"I hope we are going to have better luck in our compaigns in the future!Nevertheless the good will goes with the kindness of all our coarades and friends, even i

we still have to go through risky campgisns and the like."

she broke down.

"That must you think of the carry now!" she cried.

"I think"began Penrud.

She sprang to her feet facing him.

"That that Starring boyscut and all his followers know of the plan we were upon toeven learn the details and causes of the Abbieton dissats, and clour efforts to capture those six spies. Yes they did know but only alittle while before we started. And listen—I was on my way to warn you, and Gertrude, and Ange, the , that Starring and his two contributions Tredrick and Darger were three of those six spies when my hose holted, and the shock of the fall made me forget for the moment afterwards. Then it was too late. An explosion scared the horse."

Her words flung a great hunden from the minds of the three. They have not been able to reconcile the thought of anything else but that those three Glandel inian by south had been mainly guilty of the conspiracy, with his knowledge of them and all the vhistian boy and girlar arts. Yet Penod himself realized that his own att tude had been one rather that one who condnes an offense than of acquirel.

"I iss sure that you, and Gertrude, and Richees could not have known -- at least I knew for sure you did not know, ,,. At frat

I believed that Starring was incapable of such a crime. But he was one of the spice onaployed by that 'but fellow. I then after you were hurt, I couldn't have the chance to tell you, and that is why I was so very unhappy."

She raised her head and met their eyes at last."And T was on my way to ask you not to try and capture Starring because I knew he meant to kill you if you interfered, and he's three times as strong as the three of you. We is an avariatous, greefy Glandelinian by scout, and he would have been an accomplice in even the destruction of the Vivian cirls if it wasn't that their beauty so fascinate them, even though he and they too are the hitterest of enamiss."

"I presumed once"began Angeline Richee,,,,, quietly, though her heartbegan to suddenly hammer,2,?."To ask you a question about the small spy called the personality of the "Jeff" fellow in the Funnies. Whether he meant more for the Glandelinian generals thou the bigger fellow or whether he was the main one. I decided to ask

it again."

"He's got all Glandelinian generals doing as he advises" she said in whisper. "The higger fellow who'resumbles with never meant so much and couldn't do a thing if it wasn't for his leader the smaller fellow. I know it now- and since the day I have learned so much about then, they don't act like Mutt and Jeff in the "funnies, and neither are they any true individuals. They're worigen, they'll work for any nation to get the money. And they charge enough to get rich too. They're very dangerous of course, but their character thank God in one way is not half so evil. They do it only for the money. Refuse to give them anything and they wouldn't care what happened a to a Glandelinian array."

"Her breath came quickly as she spoke, she was afraid of these two

dangerous International spies.

"I have since I ever entered the army said Penrod loved all of you deer girlscouts as if you were all sisters to me and as he said this he held her hand fast-she did not try to disengage herself but she was trembling, and he could not see her face.

"Golrinia tell me---"

He was conscious of a stuperious fear, all the fug future hung upon the situation, and still she gave no sign.

"Wh won't you be able to tell me when Gertrude and I and

Angeline will be able to be up and around again.?"
"At that"she raised her head,,, and flung it back with a proud

gesture, and locked, into his eyes."

"Poor Gertrude will be the longest in the bed, and how we love her and wish her in command Penrod"she answerred with pride and misery combined that forehade denial or coquetry. And "And you Penrod have always been loved by all of the girlscouts, and lack told me recently little Jean Gertrude, and Angeline Richee loves you best."

However now Penrod feared no longer. Everything was changed to joy that seemed to blaze about him lighting up the derimess of the smoky day. For a long time the night before nothing had been known. Now she remembered what she had to say, something very important.

"I should have told you. "she said; "The waiting will be quite long before either of you are up again. The doctor couldn't never consent of you getting up too soon. You'll be sure to be here for weeks."

"" ll we will have to stay here. "said Penrod lightly.

But she was very serious now, and Penrod had to full into her moud. "What has the Glandelinian boy and girlscouts got against us, we never depredated on them." Suid Penrod. "And as for that us boy and rilscouts who fights for such a hely cause surely can justifying themselves in defending the right of the children of their own country. These Glandelinian boy and girlscouts fight more for gain and honor and praise than for country and cause. I know it."

"It is not that Penrod. It is because, well because you yourself are an American that makes the Glandelinians hate you so bitterly. The Glandelinians does not love the for igners that goes on the side of the christians, and they hate christian for igners the most. The at is what drove Glandelinian beyoccuts and girls too to break their 1 pledge and drive war upon us by their own. He believes that for igners betray Glandelinia to the world, that is Starring does. That Gerold Starring is the main danger to us all."

"I don't know how, but I sure had no hand in it. General Greatheart adopted me when he was on a tour in Canada and brought me over here. But Glandal inia is dreaded by every nature in the world. If you only knew what Candadathinks of clandalinia you'd open your eyes in wonder. You

see alorinia after Faperor vivian took Calverinia uills from general Monley ad Germaine vivian at the buttle of Abbienm or Geroniam Greek we French and Faglich in Condada cherished the hope that the christians could regain all of Calverinia again. Even there were Glandelinians who held high offices in Canada and they were heverloyal to us and God and hoped the same thing, saying that Glandelinia's war was very wixked. Then when the news came of apprentprogress of Glandelinia and of Glandelinia holding Calveriniaunder her sway, Starring heard of the conduct of many foriegners especially Trench, German and English who had come over here at leaset for sight seeing at first, now joiningour ranks. And therefore all Glandelinia generals resents it and broods under it. You were the first foriegn boy to be brought here to be can become a boyscout, and that made Gerald Starring declare war against us."

"But that is all Tom Toolery"said Penrod. "As a key to conduct the antuquarian motives of Gerald Starring appear impossible."

"Not to Gerald Starring"answared answered the girlscout sadly.

"You don't know how crampedour lives are here sometimes in such dangerous campaigns, and how old things and memories are chrished and preserved at risk of manyl ives and injuries and suffering nd sorrw to many of us. And then my own fathers broading over these things and worrying as to my own safty arises very often. He is a general also his name is Oliver Warkuwhs r., Glorinia and he has g fought a number of bloody battles and Elways won. Once he was wounded badly and blinded for a time and his life was despaired of, but he was brought back to health and his sight restored. He however. E he not yet returned to the ranks as his dotor won't let him. For my sake I hope he never will."

"My father is very good, and very just "said said very tenderly/
"But he is violent in tempr against the enemy, and lets the situation
of the war take hold of him too much. He wants Glandelinia removed
from the map of the world forever, he wants Abbieann back, he loves
his land an d God far better than he loves even me-- at least I believe
he looks on me as anacessory of it. "She hesitated. "Penrod"she continued
presently "That is how it was arranged that Gerald Starring wasoto
go for St with his own boys and girls and to try and prevent our own
efforts at any costs."

Penrod and Angeline Riches essily noticed her unwillingness to

pronounce the Glandelinian hoyscouts name.

"It is because he haska greatpull in the Glandelin ian ranks, and too if he would ever succeed in frustrate any attempt on our part we'd just die from the shock of it that's all. We got a more dangerous camy in him than ay an of the spies or the Glandelinian generals. Radel ffe knows Gerald Starring more than any of the enemy generals do. The boyscout Radcliffe became more and more suspicious of that boys efforts, and learned that the Glandelinian rascal schemed often to get hold of the Vivian Girl Princesses and to destroy us all if it was possible. He wanted to be the chief of all boys couts in the clandelinden army, but he found that high in rank as he had become, he couldn't attain the rank he had desired as were Glandel but Glandelinian girlsout recieved a still nigher rank. So he set to work, won the confidence of those twoydangerous "International Spies, and got them to try to do us out of our own too. We seen to be in histower even though he is a hoyscout. We have tried to do every thing to apprehend him ifpossible. But we need more clever boys and girls than he is. We all felt obliged to Radeliffe for he had accomplishedmach by his long terms of Tying work. I knew nohing of met of Radoliffes work because I was at a girlscout school in Angelinia Agathia at the time. But when I come to july the ranks after my mothers death by the hand of a foe my father was in the army and found out the boyscout. He tried to capture the boyscout himself by trying to disguise as a Glandelin ian officer and servivin g force a time on pretension. "e could only bring himself to do this because he knew that some day the Glandelinian boyscout must be captured, and all the rest of his little devils would go ad we all should haveour better times again. But he cedel more spies to help him. So he get the Semini, and they failed too --and---that's all Penrod escent tosay that although it was expected that he would come within our ranks diguised or not to try and do us harm though at first I never expected he could do so.My own father knew the danger all of us were in, and he wanted me to set the day to make a desperate campaign againstb All Glandelinian child adouts and try to run them out of the Glandelinian army. But it was all like a dram to me--

a very bad dream, as T know now .-- T could screwn from it, and without the advice of violet and her sisters I could never bring myself to consent on such a dangerous mission. It used to make my father afraid however for my safty in becoming a Ranger as he said it was more safer in other secut ranks. He that is Gerald Starring hates you so much Penrod, and he is also jealious of you---he seemed to devine--and he caused or accused Canada and the United States of sending you over here to kill him. That is what made me so angry at all the Glandelinians. And he told me that you entered the christian service by means of a pull and that you wished to only make a gain by writing me an inguiting letter. It was not true for I knew you secretly ever since you was brought here by General "eldonia Greatfheart your Foster Father, I knew it could not be true. But the lying words hurt me, and because of that I tried to hate the Glandelinians more-and all the time when I was away from the ran's on other forced duty I-used to think about you, and wondered howyou got slong with the Princesses whom you served so nobly---and I was afraidindeed I was afraid when you went out there to expose yourself for that cowardly Englishman at Delights Junction, for I saw you."

"I think I did a rach thing at the time but I'm here yet. "Penrod

"I think I did know." she answered softly. "And I tried to hate the Glandelinians, before even I know there was a hoyscout called Gereld Starring, because too of the folly of the Glandelinian cause,, and the wickedness of it. It was absurd I thought, and it engered me to think that my heart should be at the mercy of such a wicked cause as Glandelinia's. "

"Noes that Gerald Starring kn ow ofour decision?"asked Penrod his brow blackening.

She nodded. "T told Radcliffe when I discovered Geralds wicked design against all of us. Thad always been hypnotized by my sense of duty t my country. But Penrod remember this -- her cheeks glowed and shelouked very earnestly at him"If your love of coury and God is as true as ours and mine, and as unswerving as ours, you can remain happy in the knowledge that we all do love you too. Your love ofour country and its cause has been shown too. Nothing can alter our love of any boyscout whether he be Abbieannian or a citizen unless we find his love is not a true one. And although thin gs may go wrong and perils become greater I will never give up my attempts to cause Geralds capture -- never Penrod."

. She was now crying softly, her cheek against his shoulder. Penrod took her in his arms as he had done many other friendly lovable girlscarts. Now in the light of Mary's story, which recalled Radcliffes forgotten one he could intrepet the dangerous situation all were facing unknowningly. But with the realization of this he felt on in dignation that swept away all other impulses save theone which urged him to go when he could before general "ivian and tell him the truth, defy the enemy to the last.

"I'm going to report this dangerous situation to violet and her sisters as soon as I am able. "he said.

She started out of his arms.

"Penrod you must not. It would kill them to know."

"out it is our duty to let them know Mary. Don't you see nothing is to be goined by delay or keeping this awful situation a secret from them. It is our duty that they should know. We can tell Pumpror Vivien and he'll tell them."

"And that dangerous Starring boyccout will fight you to the bitter end for it."

"But T shall not be off my guard. What harm can that little devil do me?"

"Listen first" she said as she sat on his bed near the pillow"The other day, before we startedout up here general Wivien bluself went down to the Tu Flamingo scouts in his own command. He gave them considerable and good advice. He told them that they owed just as much duty to the ranger scouts as they did to him. It was because he loved us all Penrod and they didn't seen to join or communicate with us in anything we did but from dread kept in the background. General Wi i Vivian thinks it is their duty to sacrifice themselves for us too. So we never must gie up Penrod dear."

He laughed andput his arm about her.

"I can't believe Gerald Sterring willslways go on like that, just because we want to fight sostrong for the cause. No dear Mary, we must tell waperor vivian, but not to day perhaps as I'm not in any condition to do so. Put you see with less than three mon the more we can't drift any longer . I feel the war is going to assume terrible proportions and we'll have to keep our eves open."

she siched. "I supose you are right,, Penrod, "she said. "But then what will happed happen to us. ?"

Ts the st situation very bad ... ???????

"It is not the situation Penrod."It is the principal. Our situation is not so bad. But the Glandelinian child scouts are twenty to thirty that more numerous and stronger in healty means and weapons than we are--and if they ever get the upper thand I don't know what will become of us. Few of our own kind of children care to be come scouts and wielet and her sisters dreads the idea of drafting any one for the ranks. Penrod, our own whole total number of child scouts throughout the whole country entirely is only a hundred and fifty thousand. And think twenty or thirty times that many of the enemy."

Pe rPerrod looked glum. "Th

"I don't know what we can do he said!"

"Isn't there any chance of raising that many?"asked Angeline

"There isn't not ance of raising that many unless violet and her sisters can find means"Put in Gertrude Angoline for the first time. Tt seems as if it isour turn to despair. If they draft any it would 3 31

Trongs"
"The and there's another thilly said Angeline Riches. "If we draft boys the another waild and girls for scout work, so would the enemy do the mane. Drafting would not help us none."

"Are you sure though?" Penrod asked"That sucha sacrifice is worth ounteffort. !I would feel like a beast to force children to become scou's when we're usually in as much danger as the soldiers are mayby mera danger. To force little boys and girls into our service;"

"But it's more dangerous for children outside the ranks, at loast so we're a hundred per cent safer. "said Gertrude." "How cone!"

"Don't you remember the frightful massacres of children of the past and while still occur sometimes right now!"

It was Mary's turn to be surprised . "I a am sure we all love every one ofour child friends and comrades"she finally enswered"and from that fact, to makeour small r brethren to sacrifice themselves into the scout force against their will, and when many of them might be control for wond; moveand mayby sinful and we wouldn't do wrong herounder any conditions even, if we had to all die. A : to there is such work to break them in, to educate them into the driller of the scout force, and the army too would permit them men they are too little. You know eight in the younges youngout accepted and this of a next to get in at that age and those who do have a palle"

So they resolved tong an artisor, smeat it, to tell Empror Mivian of the situation as soon as o portunity presented itself, and to wait. though the waiting for something to eventuate which would resolve the unusual difficulty seemed useless. Only a miracle could save all christin boy and girlscouts from being frustrate of to hand dangerous clandelinian no, and girlscouts and their grauping hands. There too had been one thing that puzzled Penrod for a long, long, time and new it stayed in 14 horists and reald not leave him Why and it was using a G Trish man called Junes Glancy to organize a Gemini of his own to try and oust the Vivia. Brand of the A. Irana territory and the Reg Bongall State, and why was it a big army under Myleton or . To se mear what was left of Abbicanniumy did not either one of them balk at murder of all armies if possible " e fact, creached this subject with " ary florinia who looked at him in wonder.

"I never thought of ig it in that way"she answered lowly. "I thought it wasjust that Municipal and a, just sensed that we christian copied barlactute were going to be getting the best of him too far to make nis langs, and he'd give anything to have us all destroyed. He calls us the "Human plague."

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"So we are a human plague. Well wo'll make him think we're worse. " used Penrod."Te 're not as mach a plague as he is to us. Tut I don't credit him nor any of hu his generals with quite so much unusual things as that and somehow I fancy there must be a deeper reason"

As he concluded 'ary stopped suddenly and clutched his arm in agatition. Outside in front of the cabin stood a tail general and he was talking to the boy and Arlscout officers on the out side. Then he suddenly whooled and cause in. His rage and concorn over something which he made little effort to hide was putent. It was pitfully clear that he was the depended man in the christian army.

Jack and Jean were about to enter but when they saw the general

inside the cubin they hesitated.

"Come in Jack and Jean"said Mary turning to them. You will excuse me

I.am sure"she added to Gertrude and the others.

"No declared the general"It will be just as well that we all understand the situation. Everybody knows me as a great general, and therefore I speak without concealment to any one who cares to listen to me. So Glandelinian boyacouts have been giving you and your conrades trouble eh Gertrude, and your two friends!Because you try to capture one of the snea ing little spics and pledge breakers he alleges a plut to murder you?"

"ithout answering him for the coment Gertrude turned to Mary,

and Jack and Tean.

"If My Uncles business is with me alone no doubt you three will

excuse us for the present. "she said.

"It ain't with you alone."said General Aronburg. "I was just telling my opinion of that Glandelinian boyscout the same as I'd tell may Glandelinian general no matter who or what he was. "It is with you Penrod"he continued addressing the boy himself. And it ain't private. Private! Diable, it's too public. What has happened here I has made all of us the laughing stock of every Clandelinian general in the war for I found this out. Every one has heard that you Gertrude. you too Penrod, and even you Jean, and Angeline Richee have been

killed by Starring Now Starring will get a complesion for a murder a two doublemurder he never committed. "hy? I have kept it quiet as long as I thought it was just a whime but it seems it ain't! Why! Have all of you boy and girlscouts changed. Are there too many dangerous Glandelinian boy and girlscouts. When you make a bargain with the, Vivian Girls stick to it. You four should now diguise yourselves as some body else and let the scoundrels believe you're dead and you'll have less molestation."

"Your Excellency"protested Jack"Te boy and girls do not break our pledges. What ever h we boy and girlscouts have con tracted to do will be and has been done. Why did the Glandelinian child scouts break their pledges. But this is hardly the occasion, or the monner --- "

"I know it ain't said general Aronburg subsiding slightly,, ad and Penrod felt "ary's hand which had gripped his arm tightly to hold his attention relax its tension. "aybe I forgot myself. I don't want to be anythin g but a gentleman to anyhody who are good and friends of ours and in the presence of little ladies especially, but its hard Gertrude my dear neice, when everything is as good as settled to have it again put back into the meltingpot. Heaning Gerald Starring and his "landelinian boy and girl scouts. I don't see where they should come into this interfering business. Then you Gertrude were brought here and said to be dying, which I hoped would be a mistave I was almost frantic as you are all I have besides your disguised sister. And when all my officers began to talk excitedly about a glandelinian be scout whipping four of you, and striking little girls in the face with his fists and then using knives on little girls it is more than flesh and blood could stand."

The general lookedpitifully distressed. His face flushed with resern resentment was was also soulded into importre importance by conflicting impulses. The general stepped foward.

"T am sure general"said Pearod trying tosit up in hed that the Glaudelinian spiesput those claudelinians child scorts upto this. Those two International spies are more guilty than others and you know too sir those secrets those rescals know about Abbiesnn. "ary I suggest that you and the general have a quiet talk together. I know that you hold yor word as sacred as we girl scouts plways de and us boys too have always held our word."

fary was a pale as death but she stood foward bravely.

"I'm sure the Glandelinian javinile scouts never pledged anything with us though it had been rumored they did. "she said in allow tone.

"Are you sure you know what you're saying!" the genral asked. "I sure do. "s girl and boyscouts have been misled, and have ta'en too much for granted. We all made amistake. I remember when the Storring buy and his two main companions treacheriously conspired to cause general Clancy to cut up genral Hansons army at the battle of Lebanon, when the they planned the assassination of the general and Violet, and her sisters, they lost watever chance they had to even get within Hansons lines. We are frustrated, hoodwinked. He knows all our plans and intentions. He knows a good deal about the disaster at Abbieson tou." General Aronhurg staggered backward, come up against the table, and stood staring at her in incredulity, in feer, end then in fury his own face whiter than her's Jack sat down in the chair heavily, seeming to collage there. He looked about him in bewilderment. as if he did not true, his nearing. Then general Aronburg flung his fear asile and laughed, and it was the most terrific h lagh that anyone had ever heard. He addressed Penrud.

"T understand new"he sneered. "T at fine Glandelin ian boysout hus been at work in this matter. Ithis he who had been or isone of those six say as completes of the "att fellow whom the Orincesses wished to have captured. I don't bisme my neice then for drawing a knife when he strike Angeline Riches. Inder i I don't blame you Penrud nor Jean either. And I expect my little neice to be true to her country assent is to God and me no more or no less. T'll take care of all the love. I ain't a hard man. I can make all sorts of efforts for human nature. I expect to bring you another troop by and by as I know you'd do this same to me. But this is different Penrod"he shouted furiously brandishing his fist into the air. "He's benn trying to break down my anales too. That little Glandelinian comp and also the Professionals had been the case of Myletzes army coming up here for the purpose to try to crush my amy and ruin me. He wants Myletze to drive meant of the Abbieann territory. However I'm not the man to allow that. I hope every one of you know what I .e mean. I'll deal with Myletze and all his generals as soon as I can get my army up there. I'll make him see an adversary that with the help of God he cannot heat if he has whipped others. But are you girls and boys going to continue your dangerous campaign tward Abbiean, or are you not! Better follow my army in its advance if you intend to do so. You know what's it going to cost you all if you take a chance without a protecting army near you."

"Wa'll go along with the advance of your array"put in Penrode "We'll all go "enouted Jask."We mit have a chance. "e'll make Geralu Swaring see as in our true light. Te have always kept our

ledges why didn't he."

"And I'll get at Myletze ad clear Abbieann terri territoy of the energy for good"said the general as hemoved too the dier "ou have aide. The the second that are need and gains, you're better then even ans soldiers. "e'll show the enemy that we can be all "Good devile". The malignant smalle upon his face seemed frozen there giving hum and wayed, of a sawyrs mask. The Lieuvenant whom they had taken abourd to give a ride on the raft had a look of agony and shape that was the most vivid of the po picture. Tack and Mary and also Jean stood Tike at t statues besite the door watching the general made his way down the raits decks. Jack put his ame shout Jean supporting hereller sea - de rage was gone, and she was weeping uncontrollably. Penod astohed the three with an inscrutable face. We waitied untill Joan had released herself and stood facing him by his bed. Then he burst out in pussionate words.

"Unless we do something everything to us will be all gone."ne colled. "And everyone of us will be out of existence. The countrys cause is nearly everything to us but we need more help. Jean and Mary.Our Boy Socut Regisents dome means little enough now, but it never shall he hoodwinked by any of the Glandelinians. "He raised his clenched fist and shock is in the air with a passionately dramatic gesture be if to register his wow. Wis face was atmosphing the red with red

"I offer you my humbl s humblests regrets for what has occured because of those Glandelinians penrod"said Jack. "There was a time when I should have exacted personal regultal. To alas we can only do out test to hear the cross, and the b r burden."

"But as for you Jack, you who fortunately came herevin an evil day to help as cut down the energyspurposes of the past you who are one of the best boys, what have you to say alout Gerald Starring

wh c has almost bought this ruin upon us all."!

Jean started forward as If to protest to such a question but he

silenced her with a gesture of his open hand.

"I ask you what you have to say over the stuation we're in Jack"he repa repeated. "I ask you how we can justifyourselves and form a 'otter movement, you who are one of the bast 'oysouths in our ranks(spanks') and have often presumedupon the fact that you knowlets about those Glandslinian boysouts."

"Starting knows about ourplans of the Abbi ann se x searches."answers

Jack simply.

The words seemed to sting Penrod to the autok.

"That Glandelinian boysout is presumt presumptions Jack"he ordd, "Perhaps he too thinks that we are already beaten in our work--or that after we three have been so hadly wounded will givenpthe carpaign and all go home."

Jean cried out, and laid her hand appealingly upon Penrods and, he however did not repulse her, and continued speaking as if he were not

conscious of her presence.

"We shall never give up any compaign. Of course the Glandd inians have one enough horn to us, Jack. Then I am well again I will put the raft at my own disposition, and go forth for Abblican and discover the cause of the destruction there, or die. And henceforward unless we can claim our own efforts to a success—we hope to see no mure of those Glandelinian boyscuts."

"Every thing that has happened to our country and its good righteous people is very unjust "cried Mary Glorinia." "very body in this Country leves not as much as the Saints throughout the world does, and do. There exist no reason why Glandslinia cannot be proven of the guilt for we know she destroyed Abbiesna. We know that the Mutt and Jeff Spics were at main conspirators of it all. Abbiesna was as good ax city as any other and yet it is no more."

"They are the con spirators even though it cannot be proven. "could Penrod." That business have they here. "Glandelinia is not their country. They're for ignore ad have notesiness serving a cause they don't even know wheat just for the cake to gain money and secure their own call selfish ends."

"They are responsible for the destruction of Abbicann."cried Gortrade. "Uncle told so that long ago."

"And they're not Clandelinians eff her. "retorted Jack botly. "That's

why they're wanted worst than anyone."

"Yes and he and his companion were not too proud to pledge the christian countries to the morey of Clandelinia and her whime, who is a nation whom now the whole world fears and hates because of what she had done and is still! doing. Everythingingpoined without our knowledge."

d done and is still! doing. Myerythinghapponed without our knowledge."
"They have done enough so thome."cried Penrod botly."And it'll never

be a past."

"Yos andthe memory is not past. Those crass International spledged us to Glandelinia and placed the firstlinks of chain about the neeks of our country of Calverinia hoping that the understanding, to which she was no party would gradually one coush Calverinia, cause her a sepure and passession, that the country should be one a part of Glandelinia and memonics us still wore, and save Glandelinia so she could dominate the whole world."

Penrod turned on her a lock in which humilation structed with unger. He seemed stupified by her statement that is Jeans Jack interposed. "Penrod we all levecur Matice Scuntry, and we all intend to stay and stick to our work through thick and this." He saldogle calmly. Put "But I realize your failings Peerod, and I realize how great a shock it has been though I didn't think you'd feel it this way being of Toriogniarth. That proves your leve for the country that has adopted you. You decide to go through with it when you're well. Believe may we all wish you were well enough now, and Gentrade, and Augustic too. But we shall return see day and see general Vivana, all senior again I appearance as now no resear, no valid reason; for Genald Starring and his accomplices;;;;;;;;;;

Penrod, Lesing all self centrol. "The day when he and his companions showed their traces braches locally methods to the "ivian firls and caused them to be separated and taken far away andone of them to be under that coineded confounded Augustine St flace was even the most evil day of my own life. To could be missed of the trip even in The not well enough to sit up. To 'll see to 12 he'll tounte us no longer."

Penrod then raised his roice, and shouted;

"On Angeline Jone's Jeneinys. On Angeline Jennings....."

From outside on the rait but from the far rear of its a quavaring dry snawared blue. Indied soon through the Journay of the cable Angeline Riemmings entered and stocked at the salute. Jean herself case up to Jack settly, andplaced her fingers on his and, livit looking into his face withinly.

"We will go shead with the campaign"she said. The "The whole situation had been a term b termible blow to him. Sometimes I'm afraid

for everything. I shall tell you later on; --- "

"Angeline" said Penrod" lack has decided much to my satisfaction to sum assume command of the boyscouts in my steed until I'm well enough to take the graduant you will have the goodness to prepare everythingpossible for him so he will know how to take the full responsibility you too will see to it that the endineer moors the maff here untill memoral Aronhurgs army moves northward. We are soing to follow him tward Abbienm."

The leader of dirlacouts nuttered acquiescence and walked away. Jack turned tward Penrod. Frankly he heldout his hend. But Penrod did not seem to see the gesture. He lay staring at the open doorway, and Jack saw a small man brought in, one haid clutching his spreading coller and his face was purple as if hewas strangling. The girls cried out in fear and the man would have fallen heavily to a chair had not the boys who we brought him held him. His dyes closed his arms dropped over his ades, his head fell on his breast-Jack ran to him.

"He's shot by a Glandelinian sniper on on shore"said one of the

hoys who had brought him in. "Shot in the lung."

The non was an officer. He was unconscious. The three hoys tried to rake a him to carry him to an empty sofm, but thr man seemed made of iron as he lay, a deed weight in their arms. At the cry of the girls the sl soldier guard had come in. As he perclaved the soldier lying in the chair he began to utter wild whimpering cries. He panted up to him, ben over "bent over him, kan kneeled took his hands in his." "He's bedly wounded by a shot "hemseled took his sure;"

"Help me get him into the next roum, into a bedwaad Jack. The guard did not seem to understand, but he aided the boys to raise the wounded officer, and the four of them helf dragged helf carried him into the next cabin roum, and laid him on the cot. Hery and Jean knelt on each ade of him, their hands clasped, their eyes strained on his face. Jack was loosening his collar and the unperpart of his clothing to find the wound. The guard had gon sout to call for help.

"Oh he's our best man, a good guide. They've killed him. Those snipers havekilled him"cried Jeen in published pathetic grisf. "They have killed him!

Jack sould do nothing. She seemed distribute, and the soldier lay like a fallen tree, and his rettling breaths blended with the little rirls sobs, and there was no other sound in the room, seeing hearing the sound came in sew, and explained where the sniping had done. "Locate the sniper, and for heavens make GFT him whispered Jack. "You have keen sharp eyes, no some fake movement to draw his fire, and get him with a grapeshot."

"T will." and the boy was out.

The guard case in with the doctor Mary herself had brought up a basin and a little shrp knife. A towel was on his arm. She mattered something something to Jean, who rose from herkness andlooked at Jack with a brave effort at self companies.

"She is going to bleed hims "she said. We always bleed such wounded courades so you kn ow yourself for that's the only hope. It's the only chance while the doctor works over the wounded to see what nature it is."

Jack feeling helpless and forlorn took the luncet from Harys hands and looked at the edge as she said "Boil the instrument fast Jack. You know how to do it well."

"Can you get some hot water?" asked Juck on of a boyacout coming

"Boiling water! Why yes. There's some at hand right near. I'll get it."
And he hurried to obey. He came back with a pan of stemming hot water. Sack watched the two little girls in great lwe and addiration at their courage and selfpossession as she they went to end fro intent upon their task. While the water was boiling over a stove two man had been surround by the doctor and they put the wounded officer into a cubin bed...:!"..!!

When the water was boiled sufficiently enough Jean sterilized the lancet, and then handed it to Mery, whose little fingers which were shaky before grew fun as die performed theoperation. When it was over and the arm and the wounded which was near the shoulder bun daged .Then as the dotor toosrose a slight importement in the wounded mans cons condition seemed already manifest. But the doctor shock his head. "Mortal wound. "he said regretfully. "Only a miracle will save him. The bullet went through near the heart."

."I should like tostay if I can be of help"said Jean.

She spoke doubtfully for she felt that if the man was mortally wounded she could do little, and in view i of the wounding of three child scout leaders, and this added burden the situation second worse. George yet too had not succeeded in locating the sniper.

"I think we'd better so back into the other room with Gertrude and the others said Angeline Jennings owe all must be very careful of owselves. We'll have some one take care of him and have Hasses

said for his Recovery."

She put an arm around Jean and Jaci, (Mary Stayed with the man) and said"This incident makes us love each other and the countrys cause all the more"and she kissed them both.

It was evdent as Angeline Jennings paced the length of the rafts decks that she was greatly disturbed, in deed she was angry. At length exhausted, she returned to her cabin wearily sank into her chair, and then a hoyacout entered and announced her sister. Dolores Addressed her:

"I see your wearied Angeline. It's a real treat indeed to find you here slone. There are so many things wi which I wish to speak to you about . We are going to hold a meetin g right after breakfast all of us officers and we are so enxious to have you head it and Jack will be president. Can we count on you sister dear . We feel there is so much you can do to help us. Your exertence too has been so great. The demands of the whole Chlverinia for help during the past sixmonths have increased sorapidly that we ouselves facing so many perils are a scarcely able to cope with conditions as they exist to day. Will you attend the meeting. ?"

"Yes I will he glad to go."

The meeting started with the Lords Prayer and several others was a very animated one.Brilliant girl and hovecout leaders and all the privates, all attended, and all advanced their theories for handling the stuation, hoodwinking the energy and soforth, in deed of handling a situation of the whole war which had become terribly colossal in in its proportions. Angeline Jenningslistened attentively to the speakers. Their arguments appealed to her, and yet at time it seemed to her and others too, she could detect a tone of sorrow, of disconsgement of want of lack of despair, shewas aroused from her absorption by a clapping of hands, for her name had been called. Graciously, and dignifiedly she took her place on the speakers stand and after they all saluted her she looked about her.

"First"she said "I want to thank all of you my best friends and comrades for asking me to lead the meeting today. I deem it both a pleasure and a privilige. There islittle I can add to what has already been said. But our management of the expedition who we have planned is worthy of the highest recommendation. There is justone suggestion would like to make and I hope no one will feel I am over stepping my efforts in making it . It is this; "The situation is unusual, We are facing conditions proceed by the war to day that would have staggered all historians of the past. It is theold ago horor. Glandel inia's war had become a business of destruction of all children . It is for this I blead that we all so through with or commpign for the discovery of the cause can the disaster at Athieson no matter wht obe obstructions are confronting us. We know Glandelin is is guilty, but we want proofs to expose her."

There was a clapping of hands and a most hearth heart felt

applause as she took herplace.

In the meantime most of the boy and mirlscouts had heard more firing far away in the distance. They wondered if it was any con tinuat ion of a or the same battle, or whether it was a new one starting sunewhere else as they believed they were too for usuay to hear the buttle raging along general Viviens lines.

"I hear more firing" said the boy scout,, Ned. "I'll bet it's a new battle starting. "replied Jack."

"My goodness see that hig long line of wagons and autos and men and nuns out there on shore. They're headed southward but opposite

general Aronhurgs shore.. Maybe we'd better move on a little. They're Glandelinians. I don't believe this cove is his enough to his us from them."

"They're going past prety fast." "Hut in the boy scout Jimmie.

"Yes those fellows with the College Student hats are headed N orthcand not south. "put in Henry. I believe they're zimmermannians. "aded the boy in astonichment.

"I guess guess you're right Henry. "Jane Mollfort agreed. "How dos It happen. Whose arry is 14*"

"I know opoke up Harry Andreas "To rikbe on tolo we are In making our trip we came close to where Myletze must have his army on the coposite shore. We are probably therefore close to his army. And what I've heard of his army we'd hetter look out. They're not like the Manleys. Manley is nothing compared to Myletze."

"I wish it was bree kfast time"soid "ildred. "I'm hungry. "I wonder when

it is ready. ?"

"We got an hour yet. We're up earlier than usual this morning. But why don't you get a small lunch"advised Jane.

"If we have a chance we ought tochange clothes and wash our old ones before the christian army advances, and hang them uptodry. That adventure we had made us all -- oh --- so dirty."

"There's be a nice close line handy if it wasn't so far on shore on the enemy side. "announced Hildred. "See it!"

She pointed to a long bress wire suspended,, over on the shore not very far from the ground.

"hat's that!"demanded Jane looking astonished."I' ve never seen that kind of wire before. !

"It looks brand new"said Mary Stanck also looking at the with her fiel. glasses."I wonder what in the world it can be and what it is doing there. Oh I know "she cried. "It's an enemymailitary pip ne

line. I've a mind to bring it down with a good shot of grape and danister."

"That would be a nice idem."Jirmie laughed. "Hello Centrail Catach a big bunch of little"christian doggieschere Hello.Hello Wrong number oh all right----Oh looke girls see the nice big waron coming

·long, and no officer near. It's full of soldiers too."

All of those on deck turned to lok look shoreward, at a wagon whose horses were tearing along at a rapid pace. However one of the front wheels struck a hole, wrenched an anie lurched heavily to one side and then stopped before topoling over as the driver had shouted frantically to the horses(three) to halt.

Several men in the uniform of ifficers, suprently so chich generals jumped quickly from the machine. A number of men also came out of the wagon. One of them a sergment produced from the wagon a case from which he took a set of telephones. Se stepping to the side of the road and attatching a clamp to the wire, wildred had discovered, he pushed a long brass pin into the ground and began a conversation. Mildred touched Joy St Claires arm.

"Get out out joy" she exclaimed. "Maybe we can get some information.

It must be of importance to us."

"I'll try but I don't know though, whether our phone would work here"she answered. However though they did find their phone worked all right, they could not make out much information because the officers spoke in a code language that sounded for ispn.

"It is in German"said wildred"Go Joy call George.He'll understand."

George was summoned and he listened.

"They're going to play a trick on general Aronburg"he said. "The fellow said something show us too, and I know Myletze is making a long detour er und Archburgs army to try and flunk him out of his position. Possibly he is telling Myletze of the ruse."

"Must be some dignatary if he can also get a troop of cavurly whenever his wagon breaks durn"continued George. "Suy "he continued "Suppose we capture the wholecutfit. They look easy. There's no n one

"Go as far as you like George. "Mildred agreed. "There's is a good chance. We'll have guns ready tward shore if there's any help at hand

In a moment deorge was leading an expetition of boyscouts and girls toc. nothing was as men after that but twenty minutes later, the child scouts were coming back in the boats in a rounabout way and they had the o ficers and men with them. They were soon ob board.

"Onto the raft, and helpycurselves to the cabin ware we have sume of your comrades"George cried. "So you were going to hag ust . Well we have you begged. Good thin g we overheard your convergation.

General Archings knows the movement already for he's been signalled

The prisoners looked sullary as they were placed into the other cobinnd and a stronger ward placed. However bfore breakfast, the soldiers were first given something to eat, and then under guard of soldiers transa transfered to the christian side of the store to be brought to

Breakfast time soon came for the hos and dirls and accordingly they fall too with vigor. It was noticed that the officer whom they had given the rds on the a raft was a tall man of commanding apparance for they had not recognized him during the night, and whose well knit figure showed years and years of hard training,,, and he did not sent himself as all the rest did upon the floor of the raft,,, but remained standing. His stern yet kindly face he hore evidence of nights and days of great anxiety. And the koon eyes seemed to tak take in every detail. The hove and girls at once felt a liking to this general. After all had been supplied, with a plateful of bacon and eggs, n and stewed chicken, with glasses of a ilk and coffee for those who used it, Angeline Riches addressed the lender in an a effort to be of assistance to himas he did loke rried shout squething. "you have had had some experiences during your many trips on this long raft. "he said to Angeline Jennings

"Yes indeed"was the reply "Even now while waiting for general Aronhurg to advance we shall be delayed for some time."

"you sure have a good raft boat here" clunteered the officer"ind if you care to accept I can have a goodly supply of long range ,achine guns placed on board which could sweep any shore on which the end enemy may be on."

"Thank you for your courtsey" replied Angeline Jennings" put we have desired traveling more than fighting and hesides we arenore suply supplied with guns than you soo here. By the way!" she continued do you know why we are always making these tring!"

Feeling sure that she could trust the kindly face befor bor. Angeline Jennings reccunted as short in detail as possible the main i c incidents leadingupto their present position.

"what is yourpleasant plan!"asked the offder.

"We wish to go forward tward Abbicann as quickly as p ss possible!"Angeline Jennings replied eagerly. "We will try to find some clues as to the cause of the disaster there, findout who were the real guiltyones, and cause their cepture or even destruction ifpossible."

"And what persons do you really suspect if you say the Glandelinian surthorities are really responsible, and yet there is no proof against them?"

"The two Mutt and Jeff Spies. They have also stolen many great and importantplans sometimes ofour fortifications and other this gs." "Ah and they have disposed of them to Glandelinia!"

They have done that of ten. I and all my followers and even Violet and her sisters are at a loss to know how to provent their doing so in the future.Perhas I can get in to the enems I ines sometimes and I may try Myletzes someday. I understand heevr that that Glandelin ian general is verypowerful."

'Yes and he's very dangerous too"said the officer. why not try to get the assistance of general Aronburg. He is very much delahted to assist you in all your worthy endeavors, and if I see the gon ral I shell speak to him about the matter. We approciate all you boy and girlscouts have done for the cause and shallhope toreward you all. The morning is very hot and smoky again"be concluded as if the subject were closed. Turning away he removed his outer coat.

"Here comes a party of christian troupers. "announced winni e, who had been scanning the christian ade of the shore, as well as keeping a sharplook out all am und."

"and wat's more important here comes a troop of the Concentin ian cavarly"Jean rejo ned looking across the rier. "They've also got a let of empty san saddles. I wonder if they have been in an engagement." "They must have I believe"the officer said preparing todeport for he had his dutds to fullfill.

At this coment a sudden roar far off to the north for behind the wods on the energ shore told of the planting of one of the far dictant Glandelinian Fatteries which had so recently passed... Another and another, and still another caused the earth totromble. At regular intervals the cannon were fixed almost as rapidly is they could hall unded, and shells exploded in the river denoercialy close to the raft. "We're under fire"gasped one of the Poys/

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Admit the frightful din, the boys and girls saw the coverly force desc stop not for from where the shore met even with the raft but seperated by a strip of woods. Their attention was diverted for the moment by the arival of another wave of hosemen. Shaking hands with all of them whowere assembled before them the officer turned. A quick sulute was exchanged, and he was rowed ashore to whre he was assisted to mount . The horse was a magnificent animal.

"Look there"whuspered Bob into Jeans ear. "See there's a whole throng of Glandelinians on shore over there. They're getting into hoats. She the booch who happens to be their leader getting into the host. The way he's dressed he surely isn't much of an ermy officer." Jean smiled as she turned back tward H Gertrudes cabin, and she began to explain to her friends how the man had gotten into the hoat wron g and the joke was hugely enjoyed untill Violet also explained that she understood that to be the only way a certain man can enter a

"And who is the officer if you please. "one of the boys asked. "I do not know. But they're heading for the raft."

"Well good night. In the face of generals Aronharys and Well good night. Some nerve I'll say shouted Radeliffe who stood near by. "Now that you mention it I can see what dare devils they are. Well what do you know about trainingour loudest guns on them. That'll arouse the army and it'll bring a hot fire down upon them."?

The guns were trained and opened upon the boats with a loud thundere ous roar. Instantly all was confusion, ten boats were demolished and sunk, and while the Glandel bridge by the modes were desperately swimming for the shore, al all of the hoys and zirls began talking and shouting at once, the Glandelinians were our sing, swearing and blaspheming, and all on the raft seemed unwindful of the fact that scannihere else Glandelinian comon were booming but a short distance away, and one shall had almost hit the raft, and that the enemy was replying with a rifle fire from the suviving boats at once.

The other men on board the raft had brought more guns to the rail ing, and now Angeline Jennings seemed to be aware of their dan ger-Breaking into the din she said;;;

"Comrades we'd better be getting out of here. These Glandelinians are shelling us, and sending many men to try and capture us and if they come closer in the fare of even general Archburgs army we'd he in a mighty badplace."

"Hiss Jennings your right"said Jack. "This locality is getting rather warm for hoys and girls shout our size. We'll have to get closer to the christian lines. I'm ready to go."

As Jack turned to give an order to the Engineer by his magaphone a big shell come screaming through the air. Ruldently the energy was getting the range, for the shell landed near the edge of the raft and in exploding threw a huge gayser and a wave of water upon it awamping scores of the boys and girls, and drenching many others with a blinding spray, killing six gunners, destroying two give and tearing a rift in that potion of the raft and sending fragments in all directions but fortunately none of the children were hurt. All of those also on deck were covered with debris andmud from the river butto-And in all the excitment Jack suddenly ords

"Oh look"and hepointed tward the engine room sabin. "See that fellow by the cabin-Hold on there you or I'll fire."

A tall man beside the wall of the cabin, seemed to belighting a fuse. He had loid a buse parkege by the wall of the cabin, glanced at Jack and a score of others running with drawn automatics, then bounded away, but they all opened fire and he fell dead riddled with bullets-guddenly two other fellows, one resembling the "Mutt"ran from another part of the raft and before anyone could fire at them had leaper into the water and dissperared.....

"That's the mutt "fellow."shrilled Jack. "He's been on the raft and hir ed those fellows to blow up the engine room. Harry, gury, Don't let him get away."

At once the boys and girls deshod to the western railings Without stopping to recken the consequences Jack darted for the mackage, seized it with its still sputtering fuse, and started to carry it every from the cabin. Jean who had been close behind her boy on chum reached Jacks side in an instant with her drawn knife in hand. It required only a moments time to out the fuse close to the bundle. A list spurt of Claus showed indeed that the effort had been successful . Both Jack And Jean then realized their very

narrow assays indeed(you are in need) "That shall we do with thus this stuff, Jean Jack asked somewhat

"Throw it overboard into the water as far as you can. "she an swared. "But I'm wormying about George the German boy and some others. They dived into the water after those escaping men and are out there all alone. Gen you learn and follow where they have gone. For tunately for as the shelling has stopped and the boats have retreated. A mass ofour own coorades teems the shore."

"I sure don't know about that?" Jack hesitated. "It would be hard work for even all those boys to battle those three men, but they'll come had all right. They won't stay out there long."

"He won't be back right away if the "Mutt"spy gives th him the worst of it. "decided wildred anxiously. "I'll swim into the mater with a party of men and find him"

"Thank you "ildred" said Jean gratefully. "We can 't afford to lose the German boy, and I'm afraid the "Mutt" fellow is getting demorate." Mildred broad a boat and men getting in she started to row for the spot where George and the others had disappeared in the water. The had not rowed far, when they heard the roar of a huge Gasoline launch. In an instant one shot acrosss the water.

"There he is "Mildred cried. "There's Gourge on the boat with his

com unions fighting some man."

"It was indeed true. George and three other boys appeared cleinging to the bow of the boat and second to attempting to climb into the body of the craft even while it was running full speed. The boys and girls on the raft also saw him and saw him lean far cut to peer round the curve of the hoat. As the hoat proceeded onward the piolet described an immense circle evidently trying to confused those on the raft in case they intended to fire on the boat. With the added hurden of the four strong hovecouts shifting weight, and the strong counter current; in the river he seemed to have trouble in keeping the launch steadted/. "Two shots then three at once in quick succession were heard. The bors and the may were exchanging compliments. Neother however had scored. The hoat was now swinging back tward the wider stretch of water, whre on o all on deck were amzed at the sudden predicament of their friends for out from shore shot half a dozen boats loaded with men in grav-

Mildred who was nearest the gun, un limbered it, sixed it carefull and brought two of the persueing bowns down and hurled a'l in them to oternity. Again she loaded and fited, again and again she did it, and nearly fifty surviving men floudered in the water. However she finally ran out of ammunition for the gin and couldn't get no opportunity to shoot the others out of the water. Jean had a magazine rifle and she aimed at some boats when a shot came from one of them and hurled the gun from her harting her wist badly.

"Somethings the matter with the policy of the other host"sold Jack. "He's coming right tward us."

"Sure he's trying to circle round, to try and clear us. "Answered Jean nursing her sore wrist. "But how can we help George."

"T & Take a shot at the pilost"Fred"advised Mildred engerly. "Don't shoot, Fred"cautioned Jean. "You might hit one of the born." Nearer swept the boat, and its four warring passengers, and nearer came the persuing Glandelinian boats. The boys and the man inside the boat, (not the pilot) continued toexchange shots, but the condition was unfavorable to accurate marksmanship. Suddenly one of the shots from a gun fired by Radcliffe caused a terrific splash in the water near the boat and almost upset it. Horrified the boys and girls on deck stood in theirplaces as the persueing bonts drew closer unable to move. The Glandelinians were firing shot after shot and finally the three boys were killed, and George seemed to lose his grip on the framwork. He dropped from the edge of the bout into the water.

To prevent the other houts froming saining too close some of the others on board the raft opened with a roun of pirton and rifle the. and a machine cun was turned upon them and the Glandelinians terriffed at their I uss began to make a hasty retreat. One of the boats in its haste struck the roots of a floating tree and Jack a med a pivot gun at it and blew the boat, the tree, and the rasculs into the air. War t ex esting to find George hadly man gled Mildred my ged her beat which too had been under fire without results away in the direction of where the boy went into the water. Jack followed in another boat at a rapid on a pace. He raised his own magazine rifle and sent shot after shot in the direction of the retreating craft with windictiveness. The clanor of the motor suddenly of the work

Evidently several bullets had reached a vital part of the machinery. Real ing his danger. The po piloet slowed the boat, lack and Mildred rowed their boats in the draction of the boy intending to land their aid in rendering what assistance they might to George. A. shell from some distant for fer tito the water a short distance in front of Mildreds boat and barst sending into the air a huge column of water and smoke and almost swamping boat hoats. Stangered and stunned, the two, determined to do their best or die blundered ahead. A soore of bullets whizeed past from shore, but they present on Another water eruntion occurred bt ddddnochhrma. A and the art of the man not overhead enough.

But did no herm. A shrapnell bunged in the sky but was not overhead enough and the fregments hit no one. Another attacking party, sent foward by boats under obestion of the Glandelinian guns, was evidently traine to immediate the resour of the toy, and which is try and cepture the raft.Other bullets same at the across the water. Frantic with fear for the safty of themselves and George, but determined to rescue George ifpossible before he was drouged, the two hoats went on, those of the boys fir by non the persuaing bonts that were closest. Directly both Milaren and Juck and all the rest were overloyed to see then is the coats returning though still persued by the Glandal in ians. Radeliffes heart, indeed the hearts of many sent how for when

they observed that Mildreds boat was bringing in George a fore-yis ayos were closed and his head rolled side to side with them overent of

"Is ho----!" Radcliffe did not dare to say the dreaded word. "Don't know yot!" gased Mildred, as they were bring him on mound board. "More dil you find him! What is the blood "asked. Viclot. "He is bleeding at the nose and from a wound in the arawren led rep re plied Jack answering the latter question fist. A"as the Glandel inlans opened file two bullets hit him glancing boys. We pulled him out of a mess of debris floting in the water from the other boats and from among the bodies of dead Glandelin ian soldiers. The so bots are charing u pen us, and trying to shoot us and so we did not dare to stop cut them toexamine the h peer p hoy. Open the modicine chr st. and And got some water."

Two of the boys staggered with George across thedeck and into the cabin and laid the boys I imp form on the nearest cot. One of the or boys had dashd shead and now ran up with the modicine chest and a bucket of water. Mearly exhausted with his violent exertions and the experience he had gone through Jack at once set about measures to revive the boy ifpossible and see where his wounds were. To others contri u contributed their efforts to the same ends, and in a vecy short time they were rewarded by seeing their commades eyes lids twitch a little. A gasp and a shake of the head told them that Geor o still lived. Jack threw his head high upon into the mir.

"Glory to cod"he shouted. "Gan't kill a German so easy as that." "George.Goerge."called Jean"are you hurt. !Can you speak!" To both questions asked frantically George only modded his head. "Miere are you hurt most , Geor'e. Speak to me 11 you can!" "I was hit twice"was the scarcely audible reply.

In a few minutes or a little longer two of the boys were finished with treating the two bullet wounds which proved to be a trifle.

"Just two bullet scratches. "announced Jack gleefully, us they fin is finithed the dressing of the wound.

"I'm going to sign apledge. "came George's faint woice. "That was a lath too much. The Edded with a forced grin at his friends. "Step it Georgapless "commanded Jean. "That was too serious."

"Did you get him!" inquired the prestrate lade

With a start the boys and girls remembered the "butt"fellow and his boat. They had seen the loat stopping in the water, but in the excitement had forgoten him, and they had forgotten too, the dan ger in which they still were in with one accord, they acrembled to their feet and began to lock about.

"I move we not cut h of here as quickly as possible"Voted James. "You're right indeed. "Jack assented angerly. "Let's carry Goeres into his own orbin, and then be on our way to the shore of the

christing limes. He will need a little help I guess."

Supported 'etween lack and Fred, George was helped back to his com athin. The engineer began the engine of the raft, past as the raft started a terrific w room in the auter greented all of the boys and "I girls. A terrific blast reverborated through the cir right on loand the raft, and through the sacks they saw i muster of ten flyings

deching for the odge of the coft. Jack shouted an order to his ou. par comparions further dom as hepetuted tward the four men. Tus' note: they and a minter of others with rifles at the ready deald for med acrosss the deck. The men were very quick, quicker than they ever were before, but were not quick enough for the spouts, and they were quickly surrounded by the boys and even many of the cirls, who threatened them with rifles and long knives and pistols. Jack ran up andone of the men said something in German.

"I cannot understand you"he said sneeringly. "Gan any of you christian

dogs speak Garman."
"I can answered George Zimmermon"but we talk you to surronder. Escapa is impossible. You must come to Cahin IO with us."

"meat is the christ"quoried the one who was a German siding with

Glandelinians." What have we done!"

"G orga laughed to d loudly. Apparently the joke was a hure one. "Charge"he repeated incredullously. "Do you know that we have as much a right tocapture you when your on our raft, so much as you would have to capture us if we were in your lines. You are prisoners become o you were cought on our raft setting off on explosive that after all made more noise than it did damage, and it is not necessary for us kids to have a charge of a warrant. You are prisoners because we cary our warrants in these?" indicating his revolver. "You must obther come with us or be waifed or shot. Which shall it bef"

"We surrander" stated the Glandelinian cantian hopelessly "There do WB 50!"

"March along tward Cabin No to with us. We shall go slowly. disarm them fist boys."

"This was done.

"Butour coarade here has just suffered a had fall in trains to ascane"the caption protested. "He cannot wilk far in his present condition."

"So " c gamented George, with a quick suspicious glance at the colding Livicabet. "You he is evidently makened, and is but nearly a young man. Wo'ls see that he is carried in carin no TO. Yas other five men can walk however or the cabin is but a short distance." An order was sooken in alow tone to two Abysoinkilian soldier on board the raft, who at once set off at a shrp walk. The others still surrounded the Glandelinians to prevent their escape. Refusing to anserer any further am stions, and deligiting a o explanation in regard as to who constructed the caft, the buye slowly was and has prisoners tward the cabbs whre they recently had placed the other prisoners earlier in the morning. They were placed in, and the door locked and the cabin strictly guarded. The raft was now going at a rapid puce and they soon left the whizzing of bullets and the server by of shells a mondly distance in the rear.

"I see general Aronburgs camps come distance shead, "cried on of the hove.

"Tes there is where we are going. "replied Jack. "There k he adquerters too where we'll also sent these prisoners, especially relatives of the Muletze. And others who have red hair like that Garman one har" he added with a chuckle. They muon were back to their former goot where they had reached the camps on shore before, and the party of men who were assigned to take over the prisoner wentoff with them. Then a party of other christian soldiers wished to come aboard the raft and at the wang plank w they were halted by a sentry who however permitted them to peas on after recieving the proper answer to his challenge.

All who remained on deck, it being daylight now gazed with frenk curiousity at the ocones about then. It ramged like a hure page clipped from a hig story book. There they recognized the many fontures though which they had begut at encount Amarting m army carne but scarcely believed existed. It was considered best he the doctor towhere the wounded child acoust under own to Accordings cars, and it? they were well enough to be on duty. Therefore they were sent down on stretchers.

For a few moments while they carried the three, they found walking over the rough road wery difficult.

"I wish we had some warrons heady, "announced Gentrude, "I feet puther tired comehow. This has book a hand day for all of use"

Redelt' Radeliffe was at once overtaken wi with remoursavat her almost formatfulness of her sistans shoken condition. The distinct eight wis horawar quickly busy with arrepresents for the confort of the whole three.Other Indersthered about engar to help."

"I gow officer"Red office enliedout to one of them rid be un"Our wounded committee and to be themeternal to menoral Aronhungs handquantare."

"Mendauerters. I that's the house right there. "O Pointing to a most smell red Schoolhouse not half a hundred feet awar.

They were notemished to recomire the officer as Ned Perkins. "How do you do mir." menested Radeliffe, pleased to recognize their friend. The officer dignounted, stemped forward and extended his hand, which the other ernsped firmly.

"ion're thee little leaders!"querded the general. "Are they hurt he 47 m. 911

"In a forwards Jeen berealf out lined the eirquestances of the day before. She told of the enforced fight in the harm after they got Gerald Starring s trepped, and how unfortunately the bur of them were worse worsted as the how was too strong, and how he s ended by stabbing them or the three she showed by her a bandage ground her head where Starring struck her with the butt of himistol. The rest of the story was supplied by Gertmide and Paprod.

"Bring them into general Aronburgs headquarters." commanded the officer."He will provide comforts for them without delay, elthouse,

this is for from being a bosnitel.

"Ican walk "protested George Zimpermon. "I'm more shaken and tied u o than from my wounds. His a Jennines matting or system of setting un exercises has kent us as hard as nails, and from aside from heing she en tonienng. I'm all richt."

Smiling of the exhib ition of crit the general helped Goores to his fast, and then milded him into the door of the buildin me The little namety were conducted to what had evidently been a luminious had chamber in the building which was a old time Little Country Red Untholic School House, and half Convent. Here stood a minet four noster had with a great comony and into this Gertmide magnisced. and Angeline too, while Penrod ans nut into another room.

"Now you my lie there and sleep as lone ashyou like. "announced the managal."I will have some food brought to you directly on food will help your wounds to hee heel. Then turning to Redel tife he con tun continued"It is necessary under the circumstances to detain your reft and your whole re-boomt for a time as general Aron burg is not coingto advance untill he formen Myletzer intention. We are informed that you are acting an aptes for general Vivienda in the interest of the christian cause, and therefore we too may med your service. But for the gekn of your Commended 6,11 of you need to require to meintain a strict surveillance. You will make it appr to under stand. Unless of course you wish to up sheed alone and leave wour f wounded to aredes here, ft 11. he all the store."

"He world nother nome in and rest in the reciment of goodle a hit gin" replied the cirlecout Anceline Jennines, while Redoliffs modded his q ascent, and crateful for the paristance to the landers."To are cols partour to make gure that the two men about whom we make thismorning is not allowed to care out h their intentions."

A smile creeted this remark. General Ned Parking then went on:: "Don't trouble your mind in that direction. I think | | I mm safe to say that none of the Glandelinian sods or boy and cirlsomats desires to risk coming to general Aronburgs army, and sertainly does not care to run into Camp wire mi girls of the standing we have here."

"Thank you arain. "redaliffe evel alred. "You are very kind mir...... "I will leave you now for a three "stated remaral Parkins. "Should you need on othine, you may communicate your wishes to the used on duty just outside the focur. I have much work to do, and the time mismas rapidly. It is already post breakfast time. I will see you seein precently, and if you wish I will wire a mersage to company! Vivian atatin- where you and your resigent as"

"The ank you sir ... """SAASSYZ

As seen as the reneral had departed Rodeliffs classed out into the mass a passacoway. Soveral coldiers in buight reddich purple uniforms stood on merd not fer away. At Radel iffer unnearmance he first brought his rifle imposition that isone of them did, then stepped Command inquirety-lu-But as he didn't think there was a anything needed Redeliffe cave the socut selute, and withdrew arein buto the anartment. Gentrade and Angeline Riches had drawed off to stappen.

"Gritte little rirlesquire. "commented one of the marde indicat ine with a not the two alconton therean, "that at attaining event A transfer told be, but won't admit it and saye the nothing."

When tendence que shock full of enth myl + od gon a manes and laughter to their source, and lots of fine o qualities more than we can south declared Rudel Ifte benderly water in the alterior will courte.

"Don't know what'd we do with out their Jean almost shoked." I we he there mane . Let more of them or wiris and hous like themselve and at with a Touch that probe aloun the of between her affection for her Lenders.

Truth indeed to tell(puppy to the well), all of the box and cirlscont followers had been far more alarmed at the recent danger of the two girls, and Penred then any of them were will for to admit."

"Have owner a littlemorning lunch." announced Jack in a bon e of rell relief. Of course we've had breakfast some thee are tut still I'm

arrangh for the pleman. "oried Radeliffe advancing to meet a man hearing a bure tray piled hish with dicher. "I'm hunary mouth to est · 1109."

"what's that short an excepted Light"naked George attemption to

"Go to sleep George dear. "advised Jean. "Nothing is point on that you might be interested. In at all "she added with a whik at the others. "We're only moing to have a little lunch."

"All right Jean dear-I'll so to sleep for a long long time---

after lunch."

Indeed no time was thereby lost by old the bunchy ones in the building in attacking the food, which though sleple as army rations are was plantiful, whoesome, just w h what they liked to ant and well accked. There may even " besne" which they attacked as heart Ly as the rest. As they are they discussed the effection in angulation the broken paid to gait to the fi√.

"Title to be the on many preture of the above as

This looks like it has been a prety good schoolhouse before it was deserted because of the war"said George rlancing about the apartment. "It would be just the place to play school in general and teach all our new recruits while we remain here."

Honson Francois"asked Radeliffe"Do you know the coin try hereabouts well enough to tell me what town may be near this schoolhouse district! It looks like a very n ew establishment."

"No I do not know the territory at all" regited the hoy. "But I do know we are in Bengal Coun tty, and therefore I have not yet learned of it. I have not seen all of the Abbienn territory wet" the boy anded., with a smile ."ind to me this is just a schoolhouse."

"Those headquarters would it have been in the overy were here instead

of general Amonburgi"asked Jean.

Thy it would have been the head markers of reperci Limber Cheese and his staff would have been generals, Skunk, Choke-me-t-odouth, and so as ? and and I Knowle will, Olive Off, Orator Will Big State in se dish. and general Swell De Elegant upper bread crust bard as iron ." movement Jack promotiveHis Hisragest for titles of Glandelinians one cometimes unusually comical if not also insulting and incolor-t. Ge and litther theses is also a helf brother to concerd Smilling Bits Porter Protell a red demanation of the Dies De Gook Into the etoot one day."

by hingly the boys and girls greated this sativalendelists rebut nated:

"And where are those kind of generals now, that we little Christian "Dongles"are here."

"Typy are down under the harm bilitie thou me en all note and bilting do."declared Jack wravely. "Kittens and cate always rum away from us." "Herk I hear single somewhere in the place. "anid Jenn." I do not 'mow the song."

"That's not strange. "returned Jack. "Inst's the Star granted S a Spangled Benner or Oh Can fou See By the Dawns Early Light. T Gan recognite that some out of a milition."

"How trep to buy, not got you the 111 fee . It to web top and Gapres. " It makes me tent on it I wonted to me out and do constitue ment sign, o "When doe a 15 case from?"

"From where there in the nesteet goloot stees room, " "Lat 'r no out and laten to it. "minregted Arestine Januines." no oue atroine they aura have good voters, title that before as about a fundament

Opening the four into the actualingue they now nothing in there. That from the fire of the supplementages the accordance ages, the . .

organ the sound of music and laughter. Stepping closer the house and wirls parted through an open decrease, and erm a erent room full of soldlers and officers. Standar alir or they perved they oned her glore row and It may amonty, that of the goldfare were seated on the set out dashed the mante information and it is man, to make playing sinds other others lay stratumed on the floor at full teneth in a row, while others maked about matching the card playing, and others still played school for the fun of it, with a private acting as a teacher. All second at onse After hard work for here and there one had removed the heavy hobbit 11 ad shoes, while helmets and service caps were dep sited on a convenient rack. A number of stacks of rifles in two corners s c spoke wrimly of the business which had been temporarily laid anide while the moldiers rested. It a uning, a tall officer was sented.

" He played with a great deal of skill and a group of suldiers was mathered shout him and same with Excellent voices. Whe the "Star Some led Bonner"was dinished, a grand tenor voice started an encore"Silent "Midit"and then finished with the "arch of "All Abbleannia Forver" ourst of wrest applause greated the last peice, and a reed him to repeated

it. The "isle of the "All Torver Abbieugnis" sounded strangely sweet to the listenine boy and girl scout leaders, and the privates who also nobe listening in.

As the Barch anded, the paintst struck a few churds of a liviliar tune, and Jean unconstitutely same Oh where is my Wanderine boy to night. "So interested where were her communions that they too lifted their words and some unwindful of the school room fift of soldlers muckl Quickly the man at the plane ade accommanied the meOn by one the soldiers loined untill the entire co-mful were couring out the words and tunes of the sone . Usushinely the hors and wiris were s-lived, and thrust into the room(the boom) Greeted by cheers and exclominations from all the soldiers and the officers,,, they become

stightly subrased, and bersed to be excused, but the soldiers and others having found some new object of interest, and almost being fra fascinated when bear ing many children singing, would not let them so. They believed on having then aims some more songs.

"Te can't sing very many songs really we can't protested Setatlean

"Ah.But one of you looks forden. Do you speak English!"esked the pian ist addressing George. "If so sing us an English Song, if you nleage. To wouldlike to hear one."

m a Garma hoy"Grerge soid unconsciously shruading his shouldars. ""one of us know may r al "molten somes at all.""I know what of German somes though and they're excellent too."

"So!" inquiringly the officer commented,..., drawing out the world word vary long." han parhaps you will sing us one of the songs of that Country. Thave on to touring trips traveled your country a bit, and The United States too and have heard many source in both c a countries. Thi "ry this!"

He strucks few chards of Die Facht Am Rhine, and at once the boy begin. As the boys voice filled the room with the tunes tune so familiar to all the world, their audio audiencelistened attentively and with appreciation barsting into applause at Its conclusion.. Others followed but all the boys and girls with great delight joined in when theplayer again started the "Star Foundled Banner for all Abb boundans love that some more than any Matteral Human humm even though its not a song of their country .. 11 of the soldiers were femiliar with the tons and while none of them did 'now the world in the English language they san e it in their own.

Tounk you appreciatively" the nainist said as the child scouts concluded.""n have enjoyed your affort very mich. Will you not remain here.""I believe we would bessers model boy and girlscoutz is we stayed by our room, shank you answered Angeline B Jennin as herself. "To are t here with three ofou wonded wounded commades you know."

lausbinely the officer accord to excuse then under the circums series and washe an interenting their on thate worst afforts and on their model conduct as how and mirlscouts, he cormitted them to relie to the un road. Secreta hisself erails sought the confort of his "great 2Red deal ne bug that he bad not also in a road bad for need, and this was so good he was afraid it would not last. The others began on importion f the place to see her extensive was the schoolhouse.

"Hallo"eriad Jack progratic. "To the selection of the tea; that's this piece of wire do ing here. wonder what goneral

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Separal Acombien was I do by with such a loding in a place they "blate "Maybe Asta to see the charge of " to deal."

"tet me baye it please"isquested Transis.

""Hey covered of been found a hold in the well as it is were due there or no if remains had been not been both into it. 't looks vary vary lauftbyg."

Secret brought therefore of what o Jack and watched blu as he investigated the intention of at the were entrious bote, and wendered how it came to be in the wall.

"Well what what do you think of this!"he shouted in a moment. "Hore's the mate to my turnyised keybole Jacks It looks justilke me of the door of a Dunces room."

"Maybe it is a keybole to a dinear room . "chickled Jack. "Ter to

nink it . "

The two strange holes were a short two fact spart, in and the wire bee here then three feet long. Juck bemeelf select the free and and without disturbing the others bernn prodding about in one of the holes he discoveredddd. Bireatly he was surprised by a stranga rued inc sound, and it seemed to come from the wall. The while essently lo had up startled. As Juck withdrew the end of the wire suddenly be noticed a flash of strange fire from the Intertor of the key hole ... at which he had worked.

"Hello commides"he orled. "I made fire flash fust a commit and." That are you two boys and Jean triling to do!" inquired Redoliffe

enproaching.

"Just getting somewelstric transment have that's all "replied

Jack.

many it again. "Radoliffe suggested sugple lously. What me goe it 500.11

"You do it like this directed Jack"Jone had the end of the when in that hole over there and I had the other end in this hole. I a we had it consected we both almost let go in an ingtont as we reclosed a slight eintric shock. Then just as I pulled the wire of out of this hale we heard a noise. I saw a flash as of an eletric spark, and heard a little supplier or crackling sound."

"Try is are in places "urged Padeliffe. "Keen the viras is both holen. If there's to be any shook wear your small rubber gloves." In a moment Jack and Jenn(not beam) had followed out Endeliffer instructions, and all were startled to hear again a strange rughling noise theneing to a lott snapping, clicking, and a graider sound.

"Keep your wires in piace." Radeliffe whispered. "Somethin a is coming coming off here to that ten't on the program. Oh look there. Oh look

thorn."

As he speke the characout leader pointed to a ad sention of the will. It was stowly swinging in and from the room revealing a mort of will revalving on a pivot. A damp musty aren ader came tree the two ependnes //, and beyond will mes pitch darknosses. The turning notion or section traveled easily backward untill the wall stool wide open. A and med from the modern the attitute make modern than the mill like door slowly swing into place nomination

"Well of all balance" compad George and Penrod all the up in led. "I see the guessmirk of it eried Angeline Jennings harself. "Than that will door is opened, and that strange snap comes, the wire should be taken away for you see it forms a sort of strong circuit to a concented me for which swings open the wall. I but have it will almy oren if you take the wire away when It makes the snepping noise. Try It upnin I ack and Jean"she ground.

Amin they obeyed again the door was open, and north they bold the snap-autobly actioning the old and boy to break the elecutt, Ance line, and Maisliffe and George who had noteen out of the bed was delicht ed to notice that the whirring noise stooged ...: : ? ?

""hore are your sourch limbs commana!"Badetings waked. "" Hered have you still out your automatte bendy. "on didg! to me it I special

"I dro sed tills when I felt from the bout and it seek down to the water "confessed George as Mildred produce produced hers. "Have the rest of you est a most have mine and a seasont tout."

ers, all have ours the rest andd, while Pennod banded Secres bis. "Jome on then all who wishes to. "Anget his Jointhus book out, "out, to stor and keep put to " do not more what'll waith each with in that dark place. This a dod thing reside not afraid or the dark.

"m it a minute let me met my mines offurntested George.

"As neveraled your shoes, "grand fack, "We san't andt." "Batter let the Garmon boy put on his shoem. "agreed Budaliffe. "The word," wint to lasve may shing here in this come, bet's take all our belong burs."

"Mry where are we supposed to go now Radaliffe"saked George bissy with the leading of his shoes, "Are we not auging back Here." "Mot boday if my musi suspicions are right. "replind Radeliffe.

"We want toexplore ad see where this lends tou."

"That going to get out by this route just as if we were ex escaping prisoners and make for the Mary Ann assur Raft is called and ridout for more educature!"questioned the ind ingradiationaly.

"Me not expetity, of you see its like this; "explained Badeliffe." As we ours up here I noticed that this adjustings segred to have been under viene eft it een bin et mitsevri et union til anemer emen ye benim had not done mything under the building before it was taken possession of his our own friends."

"I son interripted George. "And when this secret door suddenianonal up and flattend we could no down into the teament of thin not a transport and the the statement committee for underground, and also to bry and find whe are there is a secret assaurance tonding outside. The If there is such an evening we may be able to areal out to devilont to the same it easin from another rouse and make those limbto mortage how we got out without them quaing us. We'll play a loke on our f lends and they'll never get wise to the genra. Then if there ever breaks a hettle, and we're here still and theplace is attacked and surrounded we can be on our way out without any of these Glandelinians being the wiser. See the noist ... !!!

"Exhatly "Agreed Annaline Jennines."Now letero enrafully and kemp mintaThere is no telling whather we shall succeed in gotting out or not, what begans no mend of disturbing these soldiers without to 14n at the control of the standard their In either case when we must be play a toke on them on a they think this is the only way in the way we come. Get your searchlights

"But Anneline"protested Jack"Widn't general Perkins say that we're safe here and that he'd do all he eculd to untilon't you think he'll he shin to keep his word."

"It is not that disposition I missition." the replied to much as the unknown shillto of the enemy beyond. I don't know what the enemy would haup to any moment you know. If an httmkenne suddefly has here wo'd he hauling a "Swell" time;"

"Gunen your right"out in George, "Let's he on our day, and see if we ash get out."

Cornfully throwing the rays of their searchlights on the flooper of the passageway, the loys and ciriscut officers silently stepped through the lare comming inthe wall which had been found by sich a penuling accident. After entering the passage Angeline femmings turned to lok look over the mechanism that operation that atrange meetion of the mull, and after some difficulty who discovered finally what she sought. After a moments coreful serunty the minimout leader touched q a a part of the apparetus and was highly 1 sleased to notice the wall swine mack into place. There was not even a sould scept the slight humains of the motor, endominated by the operation. Indeed the daylos worked perfectly.

"Now how in the world can we entuit content to we find to outlet and we have to come trakt questioned polores with a slight measures

in her volon. "I'm s fra id, sinter you've not us in here for life." "Not that long at least" sold An geling. "IT's ensy to getout. All that is necessary is to touch the lawer completing the circuit and the motor operatos/ enaily and without making, the eligitest noise. "It doesn't make any difference whether the circuit is completed, from the room or from this passagaway. The motor operator when the it. Is otorec."

"Where him the world does the eletricity was front"cakedd Jean the was somewhatpuzzled. They can't run or in tors and one other erchinery without alate telty."

mlaying the achoul had some other building commented with it superfrom where there must be an engine room. ""anid Jack.

Maybe that wes possible but what keeps it running nowthat they're mond . . . ""!! ! * * * ""

"No one knows I'm sure. Let's not worry about that."

They proceeded along the presengeway way very slowly and cautiously, and they had only gone a very short distance then they came to a flight of rickety wooden stairs running up alongside the wallill. There was very little room on the nerrow steps, and if they had not been guided by the flame from their eletric touches, they would have suffered a fall. And they had to go upsingle film as it was sathere was norous for two. They then came to a black opening beyond the top ate p from which came a damp musty over odor. George began to smiff suspiciously and shock his head.

"Come back girls"he urged. "You're going to the botom comp where the 01d Buke The Gook de pook alook slaughtered little children when he didn't love dem ony mostre."

"No we win't going back yet"declared Jack.

"Let uspush on and see what there is shand. "said Jean-Nayhe Asgelines conjecture is correct."

Without further perley Amgeline Jennings took a few steps along the passage until she finally come to a turn-Hero she passaged to wait for her commanders.

"Look here commeden"she encounced. "This passage splits. One goes straight shead, end the other turns to the right. I famou that one russ back tward the entrance at the rear of the schoolhouse."

"Then we don't went to take that. "he guards might did discover us ambdistake us for Gladeliaion accuts having been prisoners and trying to escepe."

"If we go straight cheed. "Angeline Jennings continued" I believe it is possible that we shall come out at some other ed of the building theats."

"We'll go straight on them for sure, "spoke up Jack, and as this seemed to be the decision of all, Angeline turned to proceed. There came a tremendous splant mingled with a choking cry from heregie found herself floundering about in almost ice cold water, through abovers of spay all over her commensions, who came crowding forward all excited.

"What's the matter sister?" cried Dolores. "No you need help. "Ash
as she sp ke spot spoke she turned the shaft of 15th from her
flashlight tword her sister, revealing the girlscout dripping wet, stand
ing in water a littlemore than maist deep. Her hat end torn were

"Come out of that. "commanded George Loughing.

"Queen I will thank you Goorge." realist the girl. "I failed to see that water untill I was lying down in it. The stenes of this tun mel is so black and the mater runs so smoothly I neither saw nor heard it."

Examination revealed a broad streem of meter ure and clear issue ing from the tunnel to the right and flowing along the one in which they now found themps! themselves. At one side a marrow shelf afforded footbold. After menuring Angelines flushlight by searching around in the water, which owing to its mater proof covering, was not we wat or damaged, they all proceeded along more out onely. In a short time they found the peanure going in a cert of downward ground, end them they were blocked blocked by a huge lake of mater and found themselfes themselves in an underground cert of cave with no outlet except for the mater. A faint oder of muck clung to the place and the ceiling of the cave wad driaming water.

"Here's where our trip in this location ends or I'm no good guesser."
rentured George. Although a careful search was made for an opening
by encircling the lake none was discovered, and their they only found
at the further and of the came that the tunnel like place continued and
through this they continued. Directly Angeline Jennings passed
and held out a warming he head, the st stopping the advance.

"I heard a strange noise"she exclemed"and could not make out what it could have been. Can any of you tell what that sound is!"

"Oh I believe I know what itis it is. "announced George." Maybe a decrtain powerplant has been installed in the undergroundportion of the school. This stream of water must be coming from a sort of spring or stream in the hill far back of the battle line near gowral general Virians army and the trustees of the schoolhouse no doubt just led it slong here. The streammust be running through a water wheel and the waste water therefore runs out a nice big hole in the cellar wall. I'll bet its a ram and it cause them to have water in the

schoolhouse (moune de graine) "

"I believe you're right George."ngreed Angeline Riches. "Let all go that way and see ...:: """

They followed the pranner for a short distance, and they discovered that what George and had been right. A complete apparatus was found, oper ated by the power of the stream(don't screem) flowing through the broad, tunnie.

"Nevertheloss discovering this doesn't help us snyome hit."James protested. "There's no opening for the or to theodeside world except for the water."

"Well all we can do is so had and look over the wallls more carefully and see,,,"Offered Jack. "Maybe we overlooked conceening in on hury." hurry."

Accordingly they all slowly retraced their steps examining every inch of the walls on either side. Shortly after they passed passed then have where Angeline had fallen into the water, Jean & o had been t in the lead, turned hack with a muffled him and one finger acrosss her mouth and singuped the switch on her searchlight. "What in the world is it Jean!" queried Jack, following does behind

"I believed I amw the flicker of a nort of glare oragint in the massage. "replied Jean. "It flickered like a condic light, cand seems to be always dodging about."

"Maybe the place imponement by his Majesty the Decvect." wh s whispered Jack with a grin.

"Hush"hiered Jenn. "out out that nonsense."

They proceeded contiously, and reaching the cout the three boyscouts, and the girls,, saw a faint reflection on the wall. In a moment they heard voices. They observed that the 1 ight came from a small opening about three feet below them in the wall, and through this opening also ceme the sound of conversation. The In an instrumental Jean, stooped and was perring through the hole. She then arose shaking with excitement.

"Guess who are the demonsposensising this place. "she gritted in a whisper. "You'd never believe it. Two Glandelinian officers whom Inrecognices as accomplices of the patt and Jeff spice are prisoners in there. Strange too."

Acton ished the boy and girlscouts crept carefully to the opening to peer through and lieters It was an little Jean and enidelms Gladelinian officers were standing near the middle of a smallspartment. On the table near by sputtered and filekored a candle. As they gathered about the opening the boys and girls head the higher officer spoking.

"And so"they hourd."I heard that Glandelin ian boyscout Gerald Starring settled for the two little golden haired devils Gertude Angeline, Angeline miches, and the blacked haired little Frenchis Imp Schoefield Penrod.No person could survive a stab likethey recieved. But these chrätian dogs got us after all by shooting at our horses. We were captured as we got caught under the huses. "I'm mightly glad that you apeaking to a third one now coming into sight"happened to show up."

"Yes indeed"replied the third men. "Ifelt you needed me. After reaching Etheldrede I found you were captured here and therefore I made as good time as possible, but too I was wrarised when these christ ian dogs as on imped me, and put me here in here with you."

"No2 Now"continued the first spokesman" Ney're awaiting the arival of some christian dog officers of unusually high rank so they can try us as spice. I'm efraid mostly of those boy scouts who came in this building recelty with three wounded comrades, and whom they are I do not know, neither des it worry me. Fut I'm afraid of those who just came in in particularly one of those boys whom I recognized that is a sat of leader. They in our cames call him "THE RATLENDARM" though for why I could not guess. Maybe when they preside at the trial which is most likely, maybe I, Il be scarched, and I don't wan t them young christian dogs to find this package. If they do my name is mud."

"They're the main chasse . These officers act under their orders."
"where's the mackage!"

"Here." As he spoke he drew from itsplace of concealment at his inside coat pocket a flat package about the size of along business envelope.

This is something is that Irish dog general Clancy who swer sup reedes Manley gave into my possession to bring to general Inner Heidddi Myletze. What I want you to do is tocarry this for me untilli after the examination is over-I believe it is better if you let me

put this inside of your which to it'll home down your back. It will be out of the way there. He careful too as that little make Redeliffs is worst armore clover than even. Sherlock Holmen or Hawkehaw the so world femous storied detectives and can opt mything."

Intentlythe hope and girls entened the adjust adjustment of the flat package. Indeed Angeline Jennings eyed every movement very closely and very greedily too with fingers itching to get possession of that large envelope. However she knew that the opening through which they were peeing was too small for her to reach in her hand and grasp it and it wasout of the question to ext expect the Glandelinian to step through such a small hole and hand her the package. Sgain the Glandelinian spake;

"Now if my story goes with this Gln Abbicammian boyscout chief, and they hold the others whoming are under suspicion and let us go, we ill be all right. If however those girlscout landers decide to let the others go and hold us. I'ld have this little can of Splatter Dose in my pocket which in exploding is a hundred thou and times worse than a stick of dynimite hundy in mypocket mere he indicated his contpocket, which hulged suspiciously and at a favorable moment I'll hurl it twend the Court Marchall Court. If I can get Angeline so much the better. The three others, An gelinia Aronburg, Angeline Riches, and Penrod are dead, and out of the way, and that'll settle one more who is equally as dangerous. In the excitement we'll slip through the crowd."

"Good scheme"agreed the third man. "And you say your assistant has secured four horses."."!

"He claimed that he would be able to get them in a hour. He will wait for us at the spot I described for you. I rely upon him. He's looking out so he won't get killed or captured."

"And then we'll be off. There's a big fortune for thebne who delivers to Myletze Clancy's plans. But why take them from Clancy. He's not a christian dog. He's on our side. "?

"I didn't say I took them stupid. I said he asked me to delier them to Myletze. It's a warning to Myletze to look out for the two Vivian page." And there is a fortune to us if we succeed in deliver ing it, and a higher commission too. Three other great Glandel inian generals are diskering for them right now-We'll makeout pile on this and cause the christian down a resounding good defeat."

"When is this christian dog expected to arive."!
"Quyaminute now-He's late as it is Now don't give yourself away. Just stick close to us, and remember the arrangements."

Jean tugged at Jacks slaces. Turning away from the operator

opening the boys and girls turned away from the little hole, and forgetting theirplan to play a joke on their friends returned quickly tward the room in which they had come to rest their wounded friends, and too Angeline Jennings found the lever to operate their secret door more easily than they even suspected, and they all passed again into the chamber. As Jean closed the door with the short length of wire she went to the beds where Gertrude and the others lay and told them first about the prisoners and the mackage and then said that the rescale thought they were dead.

"Well then comrades we're dead after all. "Sailed Gertrude."W-on't those prisoners be shocked when they hear we're here!"

"Yes and it seems I'm about the same"replied Angeline Jennings soberly. "That fellow certainly is a rascal. He's planj planning on blowing all of us up."

"No he isn't"protested George. "He's planning on a fiasco or I'm draming.Remember your boy and girlscout motto and he prepred. Our Motto is God helps those that helps themselves. We'll give him and his three companions a very hig surprise and shock when the time comes."

"Thank you lack or George" replied the girl wout smiling faintly.
A soldier was rapping on the door.

"The court marshall is about ready. Are you going to hold it now" was the soldiers question.

"Man'll be there right away "said Radcliffe.

In the westerly class room of the schoolhouse, the teachers table had been arranged as if school was going to be kept. In it was seated Racfli Radcliffe and Angeline Jennings the former examing a pile of papers placed on the desk. About him and the girlscout were grouped several officers and an orderly, and all the dild scouts who were called were in their respective school sents and desks as if Class in school was being held-lighted by two lawss

the interior of the schoolrows pestended an imposing and beautiful ploture. As Jack and Jean now appeared one of the soldiers who was ann offer rose as the prisoners were brought but the thetschottlroom school room. Angeline Jennings slacked her hands and her face turned a shade palar as she observed the little grosu which now approached. Jack drew his friend Jean backs step untill they were almost against the massa massive wells of the room.

"Jean"he whisparad"you had better stand a little further to one side. If anything should happen you know itmight-"

"Meyormind"declared Jean. "We didn't come into this schoolroum to back out now. If he or any of his dompanions starts anything I'll plus them all three."

Further conversation was impossible, for the officer who was to say act as questioner spoke to Angeline Jennings and she holding warning hand which told that all must be as quiet till you could hear a pin drop. Then as this was obeyed the officer turned to great the new commers. Between two heavily arred soldlers marched the three rebel soldlers who approached the deak with vindictive glunces at the children in the school dasks.

He then with his companions glanced at those at the desk.
"No we're not playing school"mneared Radeliffe." "May is it that you three were captured in our lines."

At this question knowing that Radeliffe could speak english the rebel at once launched inton long story, using the englishtonius tongue. The others could not follow the speech except Jenn who know it a little, but judged from the gestures and glances, that the man was trying to say that he was not a say, and makingup a bunch of excuses as towny he was in the lines, by mere accident and so forth.

"You may speak Abbieannian."directed Angeline Jennings "Besides sir, we're not english here, and only one or two of us understand your present language."

"You haveunderstood just what I have told you sulked the prisoner. "Maybe but your statement will only be accepted for what it is worth to us. "was h r reply. "Just now all of us present in this school room are inquiring with special regard to your presence within general Aronhurgs Lines, the attempts to blow up our rafts, the attacksupon us under general Aronburgs vory eyes and other incidents. We captured you on the raft with your followers just the last time you try tried to blow it up. It has been stated also that you came in an airship from the Glandelinian armics, and that you landed near general Vivianslines and escaped him only to be captured by us on the raft, and that too you have on your person orone other of you have certain papers and letters and a map ofinterest to this country which general James Scanlion Clasy gave you to deliver to general Izner Myletze. All this I for some reason or other know this is true, and which indicates that you were passing through here not only as a messenger for that Irish dog , who fights against God for a lousy little prayer not being answered, but because also you are here as a spy in the interest f of clandelinia and her unholy cause. Also I know that is true, and there is but one course for me to persue. Can you refute the charge. "?

Overcome with rage at the evident reversal of hisplans, the Glandelinian leader choked for a moment, while he glared winkedly at the chief of all girlscoats and boys too Angeline Jennings. Then shaking his fists at Radcliffe and at George Zimmermon whom he had revognized a one of the boy prisoners in the enemylineslong ago he burst out in a torrent of abuse.

"None of your abuse" shouted Jack You are the spies . I can prove to any of the whole assembly in their desks here that you cameupon our raft to blow us up, and tru tried to escape, and that you had been an accomplice of that Glandelinian boysout Gerald Starring to help you gather information which would frustrate our efforts to reach Abbieann. And concerning yourself indicating the leading man I and my superior officers here | indicating Radeliffs, Angeline Jennings, and Jenn, and Jane Melfort, have heard and seen enough to justify all of us in holding you and your two friends for further cross examination on the original charge of being a pspy. Have you anything further to say on that subject!"The boyscaut questioned.

"This is only the subject I have for all christian dogs. shouted the Glandelinian prisoner, and he made a sudden swift movement tward his outside cost pocket. You'll never try me or my companions as a spy. "

He witherew his hand quickly and made a perfect swing of his arm and launched tward The boy and griscouts the deadly little can of

357 T.W .T explosives. Instantly he and his three commenions sorang away tward the other windows, but the explosive went through one of the windows landing on the soft turf outside and doing no harm. Seeing a swarm of boys and girls suddenly leaving the school seats to v try and capture him and his companions, bethrew another can directly for Angeline Rithes Jennings. He and they then had the chance to jump out of the school windows by sach ingout the glass, and landing six feet below sprang away acrosss the lawn the paths of the four seperating as they went. Angeline Jennings had not forgotten her own baseball tatios for though she is a girl she was an expert catcher and a thrower. hist as the fool swing his arm the second time shile near the window, the girl jumped high into the air, acressing loud enough to make all fandom throughout the world neavy her, and at the same time waving her arese It was just as she had sourdently desired. The second aim of the Glandelinian though he too was an expert thrower was spoiled. And too with the mostumusual and wonderful descritt destarity the girlscout leader leaped forward, and caught the small can of explosives high in midnight. The forced of the momentum as she saized the dangerous mizzle missle (which would have killed every one in the schoolroom had it exploded) whirled her around, but she regained her feet,, and for an instant held atarms length the object which meant frightful destruction of the whole school school house if the rascal had succeeded in carrying out his dastard intention. Involuntarily every one in the schoolroom had dodged under their sents as they realized that the explosive thrown again at the hard wall would bring about a dreadful disaster in which no one wished to share. As Angeline Jennings with a grin on her face turned to place the dangerous missle on the teachers dosk, she had given q quick order to the number of children who had raced to the open windows. "Get those Glandel intens if you can."

Theirpistols had been quickly drawn as they had swared to the windows from their seats, and fifty shots rangout as one. However the Glandelinians had got beyond statel shot range by that time

but nevertheless the groups at the windows were surprised beyond their wits, for they heard two deafening explosions and saw two clouds of smoke appear, and the four men dropped in their tracks at full length, and lay still as they had fallen. Everyone impediately left the achoolhouse and ran forward. They found only one of the four men non injured though he had been prostrated by the fall and the shock of the explosion. Hr w He was halved to rise by two of a number of men who came running forward, and then supported between the pair he was stood before Angeline Rither Jennings, and Radoliffe.

You gunners are good marksmen"commented Radeliffe. "nut how did you from that distance see these four men on the run!"

"We observed them running from the schoolhouse, and the many shots coming from the windows Master Radoliffs answered the gunner smiling as helifted his hand in salute.

"There is something poculiar about this matter anyhow."declared Radoliffe."But how did you hit the mark so easily."?

"My gunners took careful aim."was the answer." "I believe that is quite reason able magreed Radoliffe." I

believe you."

The dead bodies which were shattered were searched for the plans and those that thought the rascals would be carrying the ducument document in a belt about his body scarched that and not finding anything believed the explos ons explosions might have destroyed the plans. Just then George came up.

"The plans care on that man there"he said. He "He has them in a secret place hanging down his back inside his undershirt."

"You're a little devil of a black faced liar. "yelled the man look ing about for a chance to make another attempt at escape.

"You call me that again and I'll drop you where you are "retorted George suddenly drawing his pistol. "You have that pokuge ofplans that the leader gave you more than half am hour ago. I saw the exchange

"Shoot me if you wish but it's a lie. "again declared the man. "I'll admit I did have the plans, but they're torn to bits now, and you will never see them.

"Search this man and see if he tells the truth." said Radcliffe. One of the soldiers thrust his hand down the mans collar and to the surprise of all the packet was brought forth. With a rough pull the string was severed, and the parcel was handed to Radoliffe. The mans consternation over the discountry of his lies was complete.

"Pardon me comrades"Radcliffe then apologized to everyone present. "I think we shall have to go back to the schoollroom. I shall have to examine the contents."

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Soon every one were in their respective seats andplaces again in the schoolroom.Per Peering over Raduliffes shouldars as heunfolded the contents of the little package, Jean gave a shout of joy.

"Hurrah "she oried jumping about. "Hurrah. Those are the plans of the Abbieum territory and of the two armies concentrated near here to oppose Myletzes plans. We have captured this in time."

What incredulously, gasped George Zimmermon pressing forwards "It certainly is declared Jean. "This is a plan of the whole termi tory of Abbieann, indicating the spot ofour armies, where we go with ow raft, and our location and so forth, showing also the proposed barrier that Mylotze was advised to make to stop our trip with locations for batteries to blow us all up."

"Then we captured a valuable ducoment." anid Jack. "We've frustrated bloody Clancy."

"I hould say so. Other charts too are here of greater value. We've frustrated both Clancy and Myletzo by captureing these men and killing three. This one shall be condemned to face the firing squad as a spy to morrow at sunrise."

All were overjoyed to think that the deadly efforts of gen ral general Clancy had failed to bring about the di n dis aster that it could have.

"and now"continued Radoliffe as the mater seemed to be settled "We must hasten forward to the raft once more to see that it is perfectly safe for the onward trip when general Aronhurg moves. We all have some disagreeable work before us and cannot sare any time than is necessary."

"Gan we take the reinforcing boys and girls along with us who had wi h wished to join us!" queried George anxiously.

"You may take as many as there's room on the raft only "replied Jack himself."We cannot allow too heavy a load on the raft. It is too dangerous an undertaking"

T want to thank you good Rangers for your kindness you have shown to us. "declaredone of the Vivianite boys. "you have been kind in accepting us into your ranks."

"I and all the rest have been trying to be fair with you." was Jacks reply /"You s have shown example andloyalty to your country that breaks all records, and your devotion to duty has only been exceeded by your bravery under most trying conditions as the Princesses have informed us. We shall accept your troop in our ranks with pleasure."

Before the dinner hour many of the boys and girlscouts were again on their beloved "Mary Ann."

"Well I'm glad to get my face turned tward the Historic Abbieann again grinned George as they were working on the raft at eleaning it up and making repairs that were necessiary."

"just the same"saidone of the Vivianites "I vote three cheers for you and all your officers. You have treated us all nicely. We like you all. You are all fine."

"Yes"added Jack Saunders." But how about yourselves. You are just as good as we are. But we all go through the same experiences and find out that war is not a very nice game."

Gertrude Angeline awake the following morning feeling almost as fit as hefore her injury. But nevertheless when she tried to raise herself up in hed she couldn't hardly make the movement. Neverty Movertheless she had just finished her breakfast in bed, when one of the boyscouts brought her a message from Mildred Mac Maxwell, scribbled an hour before. Sheopened it and read:

"Dear Gertrude; Got news that at Hangar Run general Vivian was wounded again. He however slept through then ight; and is now slightly beter better. Jack Evans is in command. The wound however thank Heaven had been a very slightone, he can speak though he seemed still drowsy andunewere of his condition or how the days battle turned out. He eve even does not seem to have any remembrance of the events of the pro cending day. So there is nothingmore than we can do now but remain with general Aronburg for a time. Anduntill general Vivian is welll again Jack Evens is in command, and he advised us because of con ditions exisiting there it would be better for us not to come there as it is toodangerous, that general Aronburg can care for us all-He

He will com and see us and Gertrude as soon as he can have the chance. Meanwhile trust in the Love of .od."

M11dred

Maxwell.::LLK"

Radoliffe was on had hand before Gertrude has finished her break fast-she was overjoyed to soo him back. Werythin g sofer he told her was going well and the two other christian armies facing the foe at Bickmell town and Big Knool or firkmool were waiting for more rein forcements which was expected to arive at any hour-He informed Gertrude and also Angeline michae, and Penod that general Bup tiste was also moving forwards.

"That general is all right, and a dread to Clancy"he laughed."I know Baptists, and I don't believe there's 11 be any trouble on account of that. He's loyal to the cause believe mas. He was always a good helper to us boy and girls couts. And now he'll do his best to worst

the enemy at Rig Girl Knool when the time comes.."

The two girls and Penrod agreed with Radoliffs General Dupont had an independent army of his own, and Emptists was no tikely to have to fear anything coroning Manley or Scanlow Clancy. The probability was that he's have towatch out for general Rnymonds Richardson Fedderal. There was something more that Radoliffs had no on the mind. Gertrude was conscious of her disguised sisters hesitation and finally Radoliffs said to general Aronburg who had just come in to see Gertrude:

"Did you see sir anything different about your deak early this

morning!"

"Yes I did"the general answered. "I had looked at it. I found nothing wrong but there's a different key. "He looked at Radoliffs questionly.

"It was found broken opn yesterday afternoon"said Radcliffe.

"Broken open"said the general with a scowl.?

"Tes sir. And not only that tut ransacked from top to bottom. Like wise yojr your bedroom. Ad what was astonishing to me and the others nothing was taken so far as I or my followers could see. Leastwise your very pocket book, and your gold watch you left in it by mistake was left there. Nothing was missing. Come sir and look for yourself."

Excusing themselves to Gertrude, and the others the two went into the generals room. At the advise of Radoliffe the general unlooked the desk and went through it carefully and not hastily. Radoliffe had slightly changed the position of the papers but so far as the general himself could see everything was there.

"What do you make of it my boy?"he asked.

"There are only two persons who might have had keys to our headquart headquarters."answered Radcliffe slowly. One "one ofour boyscouts who is or was a stranger among us is gone."

"Francis Morrist"

"Yes. We didn't miss himtill thismorning."

"He must have left the day before this happened and----

"Then; "

Radcliffe nodded at the unspoken question of the general.
"Yes sir-Rut why?" the lad asked. "I've tried to think it over. It must
be he didn 't I hopeintend a raid, but maybe he wanted a map or
papers mightly badly. And it might be connected probably with some of
the statements concerning the Cladelinian boyacout Gerald Starring."

"It can't be that map of Abbieann." said the general, and he picked

it up from a drawer.

They thought over the problemalt was evident that some some runaway boyscout must have broken into the room probably with a duplicate set of keys, we but what he wanted was a mystery that could not be solved.

"Perhaps again it might have been that boy in disguise and wished to know how big my army was without taking anything awhy. "suggested the general. "If so I hop e the information satisfied as I do not know the size of my army yet myself. And it'll he a joke on us hoth. Anyway we'll get a new lock on the door Rad."

"I saw to it bring done" said the buy.

They turned their thoughts to other matters.

"How are the movements of our armiss?"the general asked.
"The officers are getting up more troops from the southe ast"said
Radcliffs."Put there isn't enough in your army yet to hold out against
Myletse powerful host in a pitched battle. I guess we'll have a few weeks
of inactivity after all. sire.s:::."

"Then we can't hold out on this ground. I propose we move."

"I've been thinking said Radeliffs and too I've been calculating. If we was to lay off from battle with Myletze and his armies for two months, and stop the advance of Glancy and his followers instead, it mish become the said the

"Out of the question me boy. It wouldn't be fair to my staff, and Violet, and her sisters wants me to move against Myletze and engage him if possible and drive him tward Abbienne. It would be fatal to our own part too if we was to back out now. NobRedcliffe I've been thinking too. How about the grounds near "Flood Abbienne". It looks like a good apot to concentrate my army and force Myletze to battle."

"But it doesn't seem to be on our limits"anid Radeliffs. "And its

"Who told you so!"

"Why everybody knows that Even when we had one of the Glendelinian prisoners he himself said so."

"He was lying then."

"Rut it ain't on the map. Why would the glandelinians went to?"---"I don't know what the reason of Myletze in, but it is some ensay
schemen depend on it. I saw it marked into the Abbiconn territory when
I was on the advance, and surely no Glandelinian general would give
his plans away to any of us, and if he did he must have been crazy to
make such a mistake. Anyway theres, the record. Resides I had the
plans announced to me by Violet, and her sisters themselves.""QAASSWE
"Now here's my ides"""said Radcliffs. "There ought to be deep

water in that locality, and we could form some sort of a trap for a

good portion of the Glandelinian army."

"We'd lest need lote of pontoon bonta."

"Half a million would haplenty. The cost is nothing. And even if it doesn't pl play well on the grme it might enable us to keep Myletze going until we can get the army preund him curselves and frustrate himsows in traine to set round us."

"Radcliffe pondered. Then he said;

""General Frank Morris said it was all good for it to be tried when I suggested it to him . He want over there with general Jacque Fox. But of course general we have to be caref I what sort of a more we make for too none of the Glandel inians would have wanted us to know anything anything about that territory. Maybe there is a good chance for a position there. Maybe---"

"Myletze isn't after plotting to run me out of Abbieann territory" said General Aronburg. "Heplans to keep me from gettingout. I wish I knew shoultely what he is after. Anyway suppose we run up your raft to that locality and expore the territor y."

Radcliffe assented, and no more was said on the subk subject. The tris was to be made as soon as the army moved. As the general

went out the building Mildred Maxwell came up to him.

"General Vivian telegraphed that he is much better said the little girlscuit officer."He is not wounded as bad as it had been feared and he can walk with help. I have telephoned the dotor in general Vivians lines, and he says that if the general is kept quiet and not allowed to distress himself in any way, having the comfort of having won a splendid victory i he will make a complete rd recovery in no time. Fortunately the wound was on the thigh. Bo you see general you better not advance yet. He intends to make a junction with you."

"But when Myletze is moving round----"the general began with a

touch of fear and anxiety;

"He won't accomplish the move as Viviania Angeline Richaes father is coming on general. And by them -- who knows what may happen. We will talk it over together. If there is no other way at least you know!!

"That I shall not have towait at least a month." he said happily. "You

have not yet seen----- "he co t continued;

"Yes "answered the little gil girl in alone tone."He met me this morning. He had ridden alog along the new road,,, and he was waiting for me. He seemed to have sensed that I was going out. He-begged gears! that we'd accompany him up to Abbieanns I told him it was impossible until we could get communication with violet and her sisters and get them to come here. Then he was angry. He threatened all sorts of things against Clandelinia."

"He has threatened clandelinia before said "said general Aronburg not surprised. "Usually his threats do come true wildred. To Glandelinia Mildred Walter John Starring is an exceedingly

dangerous foe. I know him. He never failed yet .. "

mater he was with Gertrude and after some conversation she finally said:

"And you will be entenful for the movement of Hylatza will you Uncle dear-tand you won't fight him without proper mournes and mennal" "R xcept in nelf defende int now. Yes Gertrude door I provide you that. I've heard a lots shout Hylatza and I don't believe any one would or could help fearing him. If I do lick him they'll all lock upon me as a great genral, but it'll all only be by the help of Gods"

As he stood by the window he saw Jack hale Mildred upon her horse and felt a wild desire to ride beside her -- anywhere as long as he might be withous of these brave fair child secutable watched her ride away till she had diseppeared in the direction of the river where the raft was moored. Then he went back to see to the harmenning of his horse as he decided to go out to view the river himself. A little later another of the girlscouts come to Gertrude glefully, with the news that general Myletse in his advance around general Aronhurge army was checked by the suddan appearance of general Francis Viviania Riches , and that the advance of general Vivienanne an 4 Reppo John Evens had been discovered by Hyletze who had nover magneted Street generals would ever dare think of following him, and that a certain parties of general Richardson Halateds army had been also discovered along a creek almost at the northern limits of polores Ferm. This when the name got to general Aronhurg drove the thought of his own plans temporarily out of his mind. The minutes presed into two hours endone helf after break, fast(very fas b) and my battle second to be thrustened hare in our nest as either general mere determined not to try to frustrate any move that Mylatza would make, but believed how glordous it would be if they caild even surround and force him to surrender. The weather which at this time should show several inches of snow on the ground an and the surrounding hills, and when the rivers should already have a than coating of ice was like in the hottest season of july in Afiv Africa although it was arry October Nevertheless with the arrival of these new christian armies never had general Archarg been more hopeful.:: "We will win out yot and clear this holy Abbicana territory from the

enemy Certrude"the general said.... Gertrude Angeline, one ions on ohe was, was for once disposed to agree with him. She wished that general wivian would arive, and Brownsassu ton. He felt sure Myletza than would altogether abandon his pretes pretense of working around general Aronhurgs rear, which would now have been become the coming however to general Walter Starrings movement against his own rear. Prouseens had not yet recleved the letter from general Concedinian Aunburg,, he had been to St Anne, and was marching up the Ste Maria Rao Road Gonditions there because of the behanon wittle had been had for quite a spell, all railroads were rep r reported close t closed to transporation, or at least doing only the trival business common of transporting soldiers and prov ions, andminitions. All other rods were closed to navigation. Also general Aronburg by a wireless telegraph had heard from violet, and her sisters almost daily, but they couldn't yet come us to the north untill general vivians army would be united with Hansons which wasmus moving hastily for Abbinum, and too they realized the ardent heed of concentrating all their thoughts upon their own military teals work. General Dupont had made three spirited advances, and general Hanson is Baptists who still was out of sight had, given complete satisfaction. General Aronburg sure meant to figit out the issue with Myletze paralyzed his army ifpossible.

Tward the middle of the morning the movements of general Isner Myletze seemed about to be checked, and success esemed now almost assured. General Dupont was getting ready to move forward, and general Aronturg turned his thoughts oncessors to the movements of his own army more from eagerness to explore that part of the Abbieans territory than fromeny thought of cutting through Myletzes army. Next then there came a lit light tap at the door and to his astonishment walked in general Walter Starring.

Hi am very sorry we couldn't get ahead of Myletze"he said. I"I have been away. Not I have returned."

CHAPTER TEN...".".

A RECORD OF UNISTAL SHOCKS LIKE MARTHQUAKES PRODUCED
BY THE BIGGER BATTLES OF THE PAST UP TO OCTOBER 1913////

//// THE BATTLES AND ITS CONCUCCION. WARS GREAT DEMONS OF DESTRUCTION//////

ACTIVE PROGRESS OF THE WAR......".""////

The Twin Provinces or States of Angelinia, Calverinia, and Bengall States since the beginning of beginning of the war had rivalled the record of all true wars of any magnitude in their experiences of something akin to earthquakes produced by the violence of battles. and great explosions during battles or at other times. The first of these made note of was at the battle of Delight's Junction in November on Thankagiving day, but they have been as areacrous as all the big battles if not disasterous since. Among them as spoken of before were the great shocks produced by touriffy commonades, and awful exelonions at North Bend and Sunbana Greek during the Delight's Junctions seventeen days battles ending at Evengelinta Grants and Jennie vivian town is with first day of the battle 13.000.000 were killed on the christian side, and the communitors of the battle of Anu Aurandenallie, with thirty three thousand communions, and at the battle of Jennie Turner, where I, II4,000 lost their lives in defending the causes of either sine It will and ought to prove more of interest to all our renders if we pass over these ruinious disasters of the war and the battles already written of proceeding chapters. one 1 ike at Abbicam and confine ourselves first to less destructive battles and disasters, which had taken place in the Angelinia Province itself.

The United d States of Angelinia Province large a section of southern Abbieannia as it occupys was fortunate so far in being in a gr a great measure destitute of the great war horror phenomena except in the extreme south and north early in the war, while destructive battles so far have been very rare so far as the sar progressed us to now The Calverinia States seemed to be the very "Mitripool" of the war. This it seems does not apply to the Angelinia United States as it is now but as it was early in the war. It however has annexed the war horror and the disasters it brought forth with the war raging in Calverinia at its very doors. Angelinia Vine Province is its mearest state, and subject to the wars worst surt of disasters so far as mentioned in previous volume, and throughout Calverinia and partic uar particularly in Calverinia and Bengall Provinces they now possess the most spectacular war disaster ever on all record still on, while the dreadful"red Plague" of the forests of Calverinia it is its most common attendant and a frightful menance to the sister State Angelinia. But in the southern Angelinia Province the war is only a tail lashing so far, and war phenomena are confined only to a more dramatic movement of armies and no disorder so fare

Mo part of the "war Zone was absolutely free from the earth concussions produced by the mightiest battles. Slight concussions of the ground were much more common than any one dan imagine, but the shock was not exactly like natural earthquakes, but nevertheless far more sudden, and the violence was in comparison to the numbers of cannons used in battle, and the force of the shell explosions, and the numbers exploding at the same time. In the war because of battles and great explosions even in Angelinia State there had been a number of eath concussions of considerable violence, and which made houses in towns and cities act as if demons possessed them, or objects in the buildings and made people at first believe these manefestations were supernatural.

Prior to that of the Abbieann horror, the most destructive to life

and property was that of the wild insane battle of Headrick Junction or Cedernine, on the creek of that name between Welkinb, or Melkinghurg and Stanck towns, though the battle convis convulsion of Evangeline St Claire in the valley of that name near Tobioque might have proved a much greater calema calamity and scare but for the fact that dreadful forest fires, and floods had caused the populations of those territories to floo to mafor quarters. As regards the number of strange earth concussions in southern Calverinia it was told to paper of imi that in St wichaels State alone 345, shooks of a strange nature were recorded in two hundred and fifty days, while a doubt many slighter ones were left unrecorded. Once maperor wiving while writing at his deak during the battle of Cedernine noticed that the ink bottle on his table stared or started to dames the jig without any apparent cause, pb tures on walls turned their backs to him with a sudden bang severe enough totach the gloss in the frames completely out, and that the window such rattled and baged enough to drive him out of the house in a panic thinking an earthquake had started o up. Taking however the whole of Calverinte there were since 1912 364 remorded in ten months from June 1912, and ear early in 1813 fifty nine most severe shocks were recorded which were felt in frenkish connors in Angelinia Agathia more than two fifths of them being on the Mic-Hollester Run. Because of this there is one house in Angelinia Agathia now known by the nicka nickname of "Possessed"house. Most of these shocks were very sudden. and undermonly severe, though they did no recorded durage though freakish phenomenes acoduced by them scared the prople into the streets making them believe their houses were suddenly possessed by evil spirits. Confinding ourselves to those of the nest in important in their effects, we shallspeak first of the wibratory shocks which took slace throughout the small part of southern Calverinia in December 1912 , and in the year and month of the great artillary horror at Vivian

Wiskey, andTfrinoque On the 13th of December of 1912 while the vibrations at Trino as still continued. Angelinia Agathia was violently vibrated and the whole country in that 11 locality locality, loud explosive noises accompanying the shocks, but to the surprise of the people the noise dian't come from underground but seemed to be in the very air and far distant. Along the shores of the Angelline Run River there was severe vibrations coming every few seconds in rhytem fashion, and there was much agitation in the river maters, and many dead fish were thrown up onto the shore. This event however though full of scary freaks and phenomenes of extraord harr kind, was of minor importance and produced by the battles of Delight 's Junction, but being much inferior to that of the horrors of gedernine in July 1913 in which all of Southern Calverinin, and Northern Angelinia alin alike were affected by violent vibrations which though not felt on the ground or in the streets were noticed becausely in the houses of towns and villiages coming in a throbbing faction and v with varying times a second passing for every sudden shook.. The convulsions produced by that battle took place simultaneously during the time the battle was raging at its worst, but ending with the stopping of that heroulean opnflict.

Throughout July too the southern portion of Calverinia was violently shaken by the Abbieann horrors, the shocks being so frequent and so unusa all, unusally severe that people abadened all their houses and slept on on the open ground. The most destructive concussions came in June of 1913 when the Bengall and Calverinian State cities and towns of the Central Province were destroyed with such awful loss of life, during the Abbieann disaster. It therefore may be said that Calverinia State has been proved more subject to dissterous shocks produced by battles and great explosions than any other section of Abbisannia. The Abbisann explosions shook the whole region about the very Bay of Calverine Green Burg City many buildings being thrown down, and in all others there were "Possessed" signs and Phenomeneans. In the whole city, so far as it was hardly any of the brick or stone or wooden houses escaped injury though few lives were lost. The disturbance was sudden and felt fourteen times for fifteen minutes, and felt farther west than Calverine, the whole range of the Vivian Hills being violently shaken, and the strange vibrations extended into Angelinia wine. Yet it was not felt at all by any one standing on the ground. The centre of a activity as all reader may know by now was north of Abbieann about fourty seven miles in Bengal County, and immense landslides occurred in mountain ranges close to Abbieann. It was said a tremendous fissure connecting with a explosion

crater was turn along the eastern been of the mountain range for ten miles showing the force of the explosion, the land to the east of the onening and of the orater rising, and that to the west sinking several feet showing showing that the terrific explosion might have undermined some of the landscape by the eruption of the earth caused by so much dynimite and gan cotton. All the reader knows the whole of many eities for from the blusts were completely or partially desclished by the sudden and strange vibrations, but the explosion consumsions caused no loss of life at all compared to the awful numbers wheel out by the great floods following following, and the conflagrations resulting. This calendar in greatness breaks all records.

And then throughout June , July and August in other sections as well as in Me Mullementt State of Colverinia many concursion s had cocupred mostly from explosions. As a rule they were more distinguished by frequency than violence, though on twenty or thirty occasions they were unusually severe also and had yery colemitous effects.

They extended along the southwestern consts of Calverinia, but the worst seemed to be in Mullenant's State, and their long series and continuous or continuence was remarkable in view of the territory affects

affected being far w from the dreaded war zone.

But never was any scatter nors visited than the Bengall State. The surface of Central Colverinia was a good deal altered by these asful vibrations—several big lakes being left by the floods to remain always, while rivers were drained till now their bads are dry. Several new towns were oblitareted. The ground on which the town of La Polema stands and the banks of the Norma Run River for fifteen miles above it near one of the explosion scenes strangely subsided persunently about eight to six feet, and a big Catholic Cenetry of the outskirts of the city is now under water. In the netabloring forests the trees from the awful concussions were thrown into inclinedpositions in every direction, and many of their trunks and branches were broken. But there was no symptoms of real earthquakes. The concussions were noticed by the destruction but strangely not felt underfoot, butnors in the air.

The ground did not ovell into waves like in great cartiquekes ne ther were there left any hollow depressions. The shocks were not vertical nor horizontal, but what ever they were they were far too sudden to be from real natural earthquakes, and had more the symptoms symo symptoms caused by explosion a than by earthquakes. Every shock was the same duration, the same kind, but varied in violence in accord innes to the violence of the explosions. The slightest shock and the slightest explosion was said to have made the Krakaton explosion near Java seem like a harmless "Puff" firecrasker in comparison. But nearest where the explosions did occur the force and the shocks did result in the subsidence of a large tract of country, but only in the territory of the explosions, between eighty and one hundreduiles in length, from north to south, and from thirtyniles in breadth from southeast to northwest . Lakes now mark many of the localities affected by the disasterous flood, where the water remedied in these depress ions. It is only to the reason that this part of the country was so thickly populated that such an unusual great loss of life occured.

Little Abbieann was a central point of this concussion horror

the twenty shocks there being of the greatest force.

The peculiar vibrations however was not confined to Bengall
State but affected nearly half of the whole of Abbicannia, and in
thousands of cities and thousan de of towns making the fresk
strange and waird "Possessed" manefeatations and do a doing also in
eapable damage and frightening millions of os peopleout of their wits,
and making them think the enc of the worls was coming. The destruction
of Fair Middred Greenburg, Francis Atlanta, with many to usands of
their inhabitent were incidents of this disaster as already described.

Even far as Angelinia Agathia is from Albianan, well say as far as Ghouago is from 8t Paul Minn, the vibrations were intensely felt seventeen times, and houses vibrated every time that hight as if they were "going to a dence", and all the "possession"freaks that occurred would have made a broken hearted person die lauphings.

The disturbance named by these explosions too was not confined to the Abbinannian Gountry, but affected nearly hallf of that section of the woils, eding in concussions felt as fer south as the Catheinre Catherine IslesThe destruction of the town of Blomlinia with many thousands of its imhabitants,,, were other strange far away effects felt as incidents of this "Abbinann" occur vulsion.

One of the Abbiennatan accentists told however that the oon quasiums were far more intense in the Abbiennat territory. The most destructive vibrations ever felt and caused by bettle in the whr so far was those which were felt in towns and villinges during the recent battle of Lebenon the injury causeachy the vibrations being largel, due to the facts that populous cities felt it the most and smaller towns the least. The shocks were felt for the full duration of the battle without hardly any shatement for a distance of one hundred miles, and the terror and confusion due to these withentions were greatly increased by the sky being dark with smake people flering in panic fear from the tumbling cracking, and tierelly jurging houses, to creak refuse in the wider streats courts and the like.

Southern Calverinia had been affected by the wide soread concussions produced by the shocks of the battles of Cedernine-These in some cases did some injury too, but the effect then was far such less than the wibrations produced by the battle of behanon-Early in the morning at the beginning of the battle several dight explosion like vibrations occured and were noticed with objects movable in houses doing many freakleh and weird stunts, but then did not excite much attention. But more distinct ellections were felt at ten oclock in the morning, but the climax was not noticed untill the afternoon-The atmp atmosperence of the day despite it being October hadbeen unusually sulty and quiet, the sky had the derkened strange apparance as if the worlds and a was approaching, the breezes from the cest, was almost entirely absent, and there was a little sunset like glow far in the southeast.

As the "beautifu I" hour of two thirty colock in the afternonie was reached, there was suddenly heard a strange booming sound(in the direction of Lebanon) compared by some as if a Volcanic eruption was in its loudest thanders, betters compared if to the sound of trains running at no great distance, by others it seemed to have sounded like a clattor produced by two or more considered moving at a rapid rate over a roughly stone paved street, by others again to the sound of cannons firing incess ant long rolling viberesting salutes..... It was simultaneously followed for every sid sount by a strange thumping and beating as if not from the ground, but against the houses of the town of Gyamberlane, and instead of rocking and swaying to and from as expected the houses seemed stationary but objects inside jumped up and down, and walls of some houses fell into the street revealing the rooms inside!!!

Fi Furniture was violently moved and dashed, to the floor, or jumped to the cailing and down again, beds deneed the tango(if they can) pictures were awing from the walls to the floors, and in meny cases turned violently with their backs to the front violently enough to shatter the glass, and every movable thing was thrown into extroardinary convulsions as if every one of the houses were possessed by insone evil spirits or ghosts and other phontoms. The greatest intensity of the extroardinary phenomena was conidered to have been in the after noon, and it was then that so many chimneys were broken off at the junction of the roofs, that even roofs of wooden houses fell in showers to the streets, and of tall buildings the upper sections came crashing down bringing ruin and death with it.

The duration of these severe and strange vibrations was the full afternoon, and the vibrations didn't vary but all seemed the same violence, though some of the concussions had lested without a stop to thirty or fourty five minutes. The impression produced on many was that it could be subdivided into many distinct house hitting vibrations, while others were of the opinion that they were one continuou continuous vibration, or succession of vibrations all the afternon afternoon, with the greatest intensity during the loudestvof the sounds or detomations.

In this city fourty seven prsons were killed outright, and four times that number died soon after of their hurts, or from exposure, and hundreds,, were injureds Among the huildings, the havor though not too disasterous was nevertheless very great. There was not a single building in the city which had escaped serious injury. The great extent of the damage varied greatly, ranging from total demolition

down to the loss of chimney tops and the dislodgement ofmore or less plastering, end of all windows being shaken out in the directions of the sounds. The number of hulldings which were completely demiliehed and laveled to the ground(hound) was not great,, but there were thousands of them which lost largeportions of their walls. There were very many also which remained standing but so hadly shattered or

so badly spring orjumped out of place and dislodered from their found ations thatpublic softy would require that they should beputled down altogether. However there was not so fut for an telegraphic communication would make known a brick or atome building which was notmored or less cracked, and in most of them the cracks were a permanent didiffigurement and a nounce of danger and inconvienience. However the concustions did not affect religions tracks allendly by west earthquakes railroads were display displaced lat rielly and sometimes alternately depressed and elevated. Occassionally several lateral sometimes many flexures of double curvature and of great memount were to be observed. And sometimes many hundrade of yards of track would have been shoved bedily out ofplace. . But no harm was done to rails during these vibrations . Weither was the ground financed at anyplaces, and resident were there may craterleta formed.

ceneral Comeanthmian Aromburg white returning from a Murlough had come close to the battlefield of Lebanon and any mome of it. He had made a cereful observation collected by himself and others with him concerning the manner of the glandelinian charges, and come to the conclusion, that one of the waves of Gl n glandelinian assault showed that the Glandelinian soldiers were at this time advancing onward at an unusual speed for their mean velocity was the rate that a men could run at the avar average. The men is force of one of these Glandelinian assaults which for a time hadditerally carried all before it, was also ascertained. Appendix to one wave of assaults was a double one, the two y were being thirteen hund hundred feet apart, and the skirminh

lime preceeding them running nearly the same sintence to the south of Lebanon. The concusation of the Bir Lebanon bettle was not folt as an earthquake tremor, it assemd to be a sort of air wave shocks, and affecting the the country as far around the battlefield as the concursions of a gignatia vi Volcenic cruption would have to me. The Vibrations were felt in every direction, north, south, west, and east, southeas, t northe ast, and so on, and also deflected to the east and west, and the appearent benging sound against the houses indicated that it was more of an explosion variety than that from asmnons, and must have been caused by so many expluding shells. Also these vibrations of the buttle had been attributed to other various causes, but geological experts think that it was due to both the terrible number of big cannons in a action, great explosions, and of the rattling thunder of so many thousands of shells per minute.

In heir g asked what was his one popinion as to how a portion of

To most of us readers I suppose, this war might seem to be unusual when a country like Abbieannia, and her states should have been quite a confortable place of residence. Of course however it is not so, the forces of the war, worst than the forces of Nature everywhere as at every time surrounds the population, forces always bringing more death and destruction to man and the works of his nands than Nature could ever boast of having ever accomplished. The war had also created strangely enough for est files, which for this coming new year is the story had decided upon that there'll he no winter, though the elternation of supp summer and winter is to us and them generally an agreeable relief from the monotony of a a uniform climate. The variation from sunlight to cloud, from dry we ather to rainfu rainfall was always equally viewed as a pleasant escape from the weariness of too great fixity of natural conditions which was now apparently brought on by the fierce heats of these gigantic forest fires, which the hotter they become the more they spread, and the quicker. Throughout Southern Calverin ia the change from day to night seemed to have stopped, it seemed now almost night, or twilight and night. But has Nature --- if we are justified in personifyingbthe laws and forces of the univ universe-----Has Mother Nature become to take sides with the Glandelinian foe, and is she in the mood to help Glandelinia sweep the christian countries like leaves from her path. !

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It does seem so to the unfor turate Calver Inian, and Angelinian, esecially to the dwellers of the Forest, and Abbieson regions. The Wind for instance in the forest fires is a demons in chains At times the farce heat of these raging blazes with flusses lesping many hun dreds of feet into the mir, creates terrific hot win determs, that breaks its fetters, and rushing on in mad and irrestible fury, rending and destroying,, sweeping such such trifles as cities and towns and those to live in their homes to common ruin and spread the flames so that whole armies of forest fire fighters cannot place themselves before the "DREADFUL RED PLACUES""... Usually the sun itself has in countries poured down in burbing rays for weeks andmonths together, scorching the fertile fields, drying up the live giving streams, bringing famine an andmisery to lands ofplanty and comfort, elmost making the blood buil in our veins. The forest fines, created heat that for three hundred miles from the blazes even in regions whre now it is October wouldnut a person in mind of being in the "death Valley"in California or in the hottest spot of Africa, and keep the air and sky always darkened with the smoke, and the sky line at night red from the glare. It's antithesis, the windstorm not produced by the heat but which usually originates from natural courses is at times a still more terrible visit ant and spreads the fire dreadfully. And the rainstorms which did occur occassionally in forest file regions produced by the heat of the fires itself, though it poured down in frightful floods, did not quenche the fir a in their storm path totally and only increased the sie see de more od bluve shut that the clouds would be seen at see six hundred miles from land. That number of IS 19103 while it had been looked forward to with joyious whic anit antishination, had become too ardent in its grasp because of the forest fires, and winter often welcomed by the Calverinians withlike pleasurently antichations, well probably there'll be no winter this year. Exclosions have torn up the landscape bringing ruin to man cities, floods have why wined out sections of Calverinia, and manymillionslost their lives in battle.

Such is the makeup of the war that is progressing and growing more severe, such is the vag arias of the forms of the war which threaten on every hand. But these enumerated are not the whole. Could any one in Calverinia or other states say with a stam of the foot upon the solid earth"Here at last or at least I'm far from

th e war, here the goodly winds will blow and the rains descend without hinderance of the wars furies, let the summer scorch and the winter. chilll the good earth still stands firm beneath me, and of it

at least I'm sure. !!!"A

Who ever says so speaks headlessly and heatily, for a wars horror can reach near and far and the farthest of the land can become as unsafe as in the absolute war zone itself. The powers of wers disasters as great as they are, and mighty in destruction as they become, could in this story never be surpassed by the powers of nature herself.

Nevertheless uch is the enemy which the christian countries have to deal, that even the clandelinians seem to control the ruthlesspowers of nature, and use such terriffic fore forces by creating explosions, forest fires, floods and the like with thepurpose to sweep the too confident Calverinians from the "earths sailing face." The main horrors of the war so far here spoken off in volume after volume , are the forest fire, explosion and flood, tearing and rending and so often bringing ruin to mens bousted fenes and palaces.

No one who ever he is who has ever seen a forest fire can por saibly forget the granduer of the spectacle. It's more terrible in sight than a volcano or burning mountain, castinf forth steam, huge red hot tones smoke cinders and lava. At night the scene of the forest fires is doubly terrible, when darkness shows the ernormous rolling clouds of red or white hot flames intermingled with black smoke. At times indeed a forest fite may be a big smudge, and only smok rises from the burning lands. Even this may travel slowly forward, but deep down in the burning rubbish, the red hot flames are ever preparaing to force their way upward, through the smouldering debris, and sometime when all is seemingly calm, suddenly a fierce wind springs up, and soon flames hundreds of feet high rise into the air, the conflagration becomes genera and destroyes everything in its path/

It is either the same with the horrors of forest fires as with the great floods that had raged over Calverinia and extended so far south ward into the Angeliniah States. violent vio volcaic eruptions were as the explosion of a childs pistol camp compared to great expl explosions in this dreadful war. Because of the violence of many explosions, the roar of the perpetual battles of the west, and battles everywhere, the air and the surface of the earth in Calverin is seemed

never quite still Vibrations like pounding at houses were constantly felt every day which could be distinguished by delicate instruments but only rarely were these air convulsions of sufficient force to be noticed, except by the manne of these instruments. At inter vals however, the shocks were of violent character, and when explosions w re were like that of the North Abbieann character no edifice or human habitantion could for a moment stand when too close to the scen of these great explosions, or the roar of so many big cannons and explosions of so manypowerful earth rending shells, muring battles the earth had been frequently rea asunder by terrific explosions. One mine explosion during the battle of behanon changed the course of a creek that runs into the Vantura Stream, and the waters were swallowed up by fissures rent in the surface by the force of the explosion, while ruin impended in a thousand forms. The cities during the Abbienn gorror became death pits, and the cultivated fields and lands are still even nowinder the awful flood waters or buried beneath floods of mud. sand and debris left by the receding waters .::..:,

Fortunately,, these convulsions of this unsuall, and dreadful wars ... were comparative rarities in thickly inhabited places

and the main one was confined to the Bengall State.

"What do even the renders know of those strange powerful explosives that tore up the Abbieann terrorities like so many violent volcanic eruptions each ten times worse than the worst activities of Mt Krakatoa! With all our own science we would have been a step beyond the ancients if the truths of the disaster was not revealed, as will be seen in early chapters of following volume. To all northern Calverinians they believed the Abbieannian disasters were of myster ious volcanic eruptions, but no evidence of volcanic mater was found. The worst volcanic scuptions everknown in the world or in the to attend with the confidence of the same along the same of destructions, whose flood results as previously mentioned, extended for thousands ofmiles over the landscaped.

By strangers in Calvariain the Abbieann disaster afterwards was regarded with stronge and superstituous awe, and it was considered that because the Calverinians up there were no unaturally good, that the demolical powers of Hell must have created suchdisasters through Natural means, and others now believed that the Culverinian would consider it highly implous to make any investigations as to the

nature of the disaster.

Emperor vivian was told by general Virgil that Abbieann marks the spot where the explosions in their shocks and concussions caused the sliding of one side of a whole mountain. To t the information of one of the examerners one of the "Explosion craters nearest Abbieann was claimed to be the force of an eruption from volcanic en ergies, for accordingly to with esses there came after the explosion more black smoke and a lurid glow as if from molten lavas. This old myth was in many respects more consent to the or the facts of the smell of gunpowder than that of the sulphurious fumes of volcanic smokes and

s ash. All who had investigated the horrors were a further in their theories as to the cause than when they started. They could only speak of the forces as "Probably" caused by Volcanic outbursts! The questions arose too when these heories were given out;

"Does Volcanic eruptions throwout the smell of Gunpowder and dynimit and Gun Cotton!

Does volcanic eruptions only throwout rocks of limestones, water, mud and sand, clay, trees, and rain fishes all over the land landscape as investigations had proved to have happened.!

Or was the earth underneath the State so farcely heated. miles below our feet, that at the release of pressure the solid rock under the ground was blown into the airlike explosions!"

Or was the steam,, from the contact of undergroun d rivers and deep lying fires the origin of the terrible rendingnowers of these strang strange and mysterious explosions, ca lled Kruptions! Truly none of them could answer any of these questions, with assurance,

and could only guess and conjecture from the facts only of what had

Howeverone thing is sure what causes suspicion of all these strange dieasters. In the early beginning of the war nothing was more remarkable than the extreme fewness of explosion, -shock disasters in comparison wh with these that occurred in June 1913 and continuing up to August. It is to be borne in mind therefore, that at the beginning of the war the number of disasters though great were small.

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The west increase in the number of disasters is owing to a great spread and violence of the workthe same is to be east of the strange concussions of battles, which also have beened in fury since the begginning of the withind titends wor. There may too possibly have been an unusual increase in these changement, but this is hardly probable, the change being more likely due to the increase in the number of battles, explosions and other war disasters.

The fury of great floods however is very much different from that of the other war disastors, really being more dangerous and having more force suggest forest fires too are equally as bad and probably more consuming, ad whother the Abbleaum flood was an immediate result of the explanion disasters or not is hardly wor h worth while montioning. though the greatest freak of all the disaster was of the long mountains of wrackage of houses and wa earth, muchi machinery and other materials which had been flung into forumtion none distance in front but very close to Hildred Greenburg city. The came of this however is easy to dec describe. In the path of the flood in front of Mildred Greenburg a small stream formed into a huge head where there was a sory of long e.e elevation of ground, and the floods swirling round this formed the wreckage windrows of immonse height and remark able regularity ... owever this windrow had been a scene of most unsurpass ing horror for so man in jured had been caught anidet of all this wreckings and could not be rescued and had to be left to perish most miserably. Such explosions as had happened near Abbieann could have easily blown the whole Island of St Hantingue to pieces in the case of the Krakaton eruption, in the East Indies for instance the whole mountain and island was rest into fragments by explosions heard over two thousand miles, and which were flung as dust miles high into the air. One of the lesser Explosions of Abbinann, had that happened at Krakatoa would have blown the city of Batavia off the map.

The main point we wish to indicate is that it seemed that the Abbicann explosions which all these boy and girlanoits are trying to have investigated may never be found out as to the true cause untill after October is past. They have had to so over debris of cities and towns piled up like huge rubbish hosps, rescabling some end of the world already having occured without any fire adding to it except where such was textants of forests are burning.

When one Scientists was asked shout the matter after he had investig ated one of the great his craters torn in the ground he answered;

"It must have been to the hurning heat of the earths crust and the influence of presence, and more largely to the influx of river water to the molten rock which lie miles below the smface of surface of Calverinia, that these strangs convulsions which destroyed Abbieann and caused the big floods are due-Water on reaching these overheated strata, must have exploded into volumes of steam and instead of the explosions finding free vent in the mountains must have been apr apt therefore to break into cruption from these level plains and rend the surface of the Calverinian Soil assunder and into hugo holes and fissures in its efforts to escape. This must be considered the most peculiar, and most transmous volcanic phenomena in all history."

"But how can it he possible then!"asked the other."I doubt your statement sir!"
"How do you doubt it!"

"Why sir if we should sask to give a general full description of volcanic eruptions of any sort, it would be in some words as follows; Anceruption is usually preceded by earthquakes, which affect the whole surrounding country, and associated with which are the unusually loud underground explosions, that seem like the sound of ast artillery firing. The mountain usually quivers with internal convulsions due to the efforts of its confined forces to find an opening. Even the drying up of wells and sprngs and rivers are apt to takeplace the water sinking downward through the cracks newly made in the rooks and soil. Finally sir the fierce unchained energy rends an opening through the crater, or the mountain side, and an eruption begins. It comes usually of course with a terrible outburst that shakes the mountain to its very foundation, explosions follow rapidly and with increasing force, while steam issues and mounts upw rds upwards into a lofty column. Too the steem and escaping gases in their fierce outhreaks hurl up into the air great quentities of solid rock torn from the sides of the orater. The hume blocks meeting each dher so often in their rises and falls,, are gradually broken and ground into minute fragments forming dust or so called ashes often of extreme fineness and in much such quantities as frequently to blotout the light of the

aun for days. There too is another may in which a great deal of volcanic dust is made——the lava is full of steam and geans, which in its expans ion twers the molten rock into atoms, often converting it into the finest dust. Yet here these so called suptions didn't have no such symptoms. The explosions each one following each other in rapid success ion were secondary in duration. And if so if these were suptions of volcanic ortein why was there such strong smells of mun powder in the sire!"

To this answer the scientist couldn't say a word.

Nothing however is great in the unusual mights than the great "Red Planus" of the Calverinian southeastern Forests, Ever since Sent. 1912 the Red Plague had becompressing like the wildest pastilence among the human race, ac hundreds after hundreds of sores coing before it sesmingly every second, and the dreadful red plague has cent up such volumes of smoke that the atmosphere not over nearly all of Calverinia but into Abbieannin far north, even near to the country and nation of Protestantia was and is louded with it since the horror b gan and the darkened and various colored vapors had have corried to the northern part of Mormonuia, six hundreduiles northwest of the main State of Abbiennia Abbienmingcountries in such quantities as to make the sun shine through it like a blood red half, and to make weird astonishing colors colors of the sky, or to blot out the min ultogether puring the raging furies of those conflagrations so great is the numities of the seas of smoke righn up to scores of thousands of feet, that whenever the wind is masterly it has caused darkness at Vivian Wickey, four hundred m iles away, and when the winds were westerly, the darkness was partly cone, but the sky looked the color of blood red copper, and sometimes to the color or yellow crayon, and then to b a brownish, and somethies the color of dun.

It was hoped by the frightened inhabitants of prostrated Calverinia that the great heat moves rising into the air from the immense clouds of flame would suddenly condense the sir with the chill of the upper air and cause rainctores, but though this cometimes happened it ine only increased the immense volumes of choke, which at three were becoming to such a great scale, that ships wavout east on the Angelinian seas reported soming huge rolling walls of it 1,000 miles away, and that darkness was over half of Salverinia for dave and weeks without a break, and the for of smoke so dense that to avoid suffocation people flad to the north-No one could stand the heat one hundred miles away. In addition to this phenomena, greay great "Fire Burricanes have arisen spreading the "Red Plague" with the speed of an express train. In the terrific Mic-Whirthern Run forest file of June 1913 the flames were so great in quanity as to be seen leading through the smoke clouds five hundred miles away, and to extend along the horizon from enat towest. Great explosions have occured, rocks have been melted like molten law a wy the heat on hillsides, and dirt and clay once wet have turned white hot and rolled down burning forested hills like melted glass . In the and Head Rick Junction forest fire horror streams of melted rock caused by the heat were no great in quantity as to fill a ravine sixty feet deep and two hundred feet wide, and to stillextend over an open meadow to a dist adistance of cighteen hundred yards forming a like of miniture lava fifty feet deep, while the flames of the conflagration were said to be leading over fifteen hundred feet high and threw such a heat as to be felt in a parching smouldering degree for fifty miles, starting new fies at that distance. Forest fire fighters gave it up and fled in panic from this roaring hell;

In the course of the succeeding months following the beginning of the conflagrations progressive horrors of this fire have communed much more forests than would have been seen along the whole Rockey Mountain Region of Galifornia-These great conflagrations are not only confined to forested mountains, but rage also in the forested plains, and look as if the very country itself was in a great crupt ion.Occasacionaly great forest three have tekemplace also in the west throwing up added columns of the dense smoke. The formation of these immangurable forest fires is blamed on battles, but such a theory is not well founded. During the battle of Headrick Junction, that desidful forest fire just previously mentioned was heading that way, and yet the battle is blamed for it. The fire even struck Headrick Junction first, and the battle is blamed.

During the Battle of Jenie Jennie Turner a flood of fie fire was advancing, but a sudden change of wind, reaved both the enemy and christian armies from a mudden disaster because of it. And the battle of Jennie Turmer also was blessed. And it was an arm of the South Eastern Colverinism fires.

In the progress of these forest fires since the beginning of Stempter September the amount of fir forest burned over is estimated to have in this story contained enough timber to cover the whole of the United States, with fifty miles of forests burning every helf hour. These great immeasureable forest fires are however series in number, andone extends as if all the forests were almost hurning at once along the whole Rockey Mountain districts of the two sections of the North Americas of from north to south, though of couse not all hurning at one time but the fire to take up that immense territory in due time without there hains any home to check it. The horrid ded a Cedernine for est fire crossed the extreme Eastern section of the Sunherm River territory not far from the femous Annie Arenburgs pun ste stream, and after the passage of this hell these rivers and lakes in the vinicity contained enough dond finch in such a nwfil abundance on the boiled dry bottoms that their doony began a sort of plague in that vinicity.Lake Sunbeam boiled dry leavingmillions of dead and cooked fish strewn over its bottom. The burned over territor empared as if a storm of volcanic ash still mouldering and making have fallen for ten veers without stoneing.

The worse of the forest fires traveled at the speed of fourty miles an hour s

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An overveton Ar charrystion of the forest'fires could show those who watch and studied their process even at great risk that they have three well marked phases of action. The least of these forest fires was or is the huge mmoker burning where there islots of ground rubbish high impenetrable brush but not enough trace to burn un to their tops. But this state of forest fires though slower is also a very dangerousone, since such a smoulder is also if huge hard to overcome, and rain if coming on would increase the make to a terrible degree, onlyputting out the fire on the surface and making it a worse smudge underneath. The second stang stage is one ofmilder activity with an occassioan occassional somewhat farce one, according to the nature and formation of the forests, this is not to be still more dangerous, there plenty of high flames, though so swift in its progress though a littlemore so then the smudge. The third phrase is the three fold fire or what is usually called the "Combination blaze" Ground and brush and trees to gether turn at one time. This happens where the forest is very thick till its nearly dark, and growth also is heavy and thick from the ground and great thickly set vines and other forest moss hangs down from the branches. There are also some peculiar dried up swampty regions in these forests where pouliar enough may be found immense dried up peat bu bogs, and large open clearings where there's bogs of influmable tar and p oil. These make files that quadruple the ammount of smoke of different shades or quadruple the ammount of flames. The worse of all is when all trees of the forests have pine tar and Turpentine for the sap. These forest fires of the latyer sort o are of extreme fury, and cause wide spread destruction. In this case its sucide for fire fighters to try to stop its progress.

Such are the general features of the vast furies of these progressive forest files which is being frightfully perilous to the whole of Calverinia, causing the threat of pestilence because of the lack of such sunshine, and by the terrific heats which even now threatens to allow no approach of winter for the coming season. Yet even then hundreds of thousands of men have volunteered to fight this Red Plague, armies of soldiers not in battle have tried theirmost desperate efforts to check and overcome these swful forest blazes, namely too for the sale of the value of the forests endangered. Of all the wars disasters these forest fires breaks the d record. The forest file once struck an abandoned munition depot used by forest rangers, suddenly the earth quaked from the force of the explosion, the blast rered as if a volcano had broken into eruption in the midst of the forest file, or as if a mountain had been rent in twain, and great clouds of smoke rolling like caluiflower had been seen to be hurled thousands of feet into the air.

Though the first formation of the forest fire(St Anns's Countty Southeastern Calverinia) had not been observed quick enough to have determined its cause, it would seem that by the speed with which it spread that it was of incendairy origin, followed by the outbreak of other fires in other localities at the same time, but with no such evidence at first as to reallly blame it upon the enemy. No battles had reallly occured there.

The forest fires began on a long range of low forested mountains. and as one of the mountains was an extinct Volcano called by the name of Mount St Peters, it has at fist been helieved when the smoke was seen that the Volcano had been in eruption and had set the forests ablaze by its streams of lan lava. The first clouds of smoke from the fires were so white and heavy and had such strange rolling forms that those whowitnessed it believed believed that large volumes of steam was issuing from the Volcanic vent, and from the color of other clouds soon coming they believed that the various gases followed siut. But at night nothing but copious flames were seen issuing forward upwerd and a/s also downward, and the mountain itself showed no glow from the crater, nor were there any explosions that accompany any volcani volcanic di disturbances. The conflagration therefore was investig ated from a great height by scientists who had been called to view the scene but they predicted that there were no t traces of any hydrogen, neither were there any such gases as nitrogen. carbon, dioxide, hydrochloric soid or any sulphur dioxide, but there was plenty of odor of burning pine wood, leaves and ground. They did detect some sort of explosive activity with the aid of their glasses. but they believed that the fie struck something explosive, and that the strangely white clouds was not steam, but shoke, from flumes and burning grounds of very high temperature, tainting the atmospheric oxygen so as to make strange unatural coloring in the sky far above.

Devaily too much emoke can too naturally disturb the electrical conditions of the atmosphere, so that stronge appearances in the sky, as noted with the advance of fires of this sort would have been noted. which afrights observers and makes them think of the approach of the

end of the world.

Resides these symptons of the fire observed by the scientists there was great heat waves, and that too it was important to notice that the clouds of vapors did not issue from any side of the mountain spasmodically, nor was there any signs of activity from the crater, neither was there any other sound, save that which is produced by a great fire. Though it was risky, as the fire might come round that way too, nevertheless the scientists took the chances to climb the mountain on the unburning side to the crater to make sure of their theories and were able todiscover that the mountain was as quiet as it was days before the discovery of the fire.

A great mass of people mostly men, want out directly from various towns to fight this great conflagration, but the rocks and slopes of the mountain being mostly laves became intensely heated if they were not in an incandescent state, and came down slowly as if lava floor were onland therefore the men, ddn 't believe the scientists and claimed it was an eruption that started the fiesiThey fought the blaze nevertheless, and had it partly overcome by their great energies when another big one broke out ten miles away. Most of the games of the forest fires were from the burning ground, and from the trees, and therefore that it was as claimed to be a volcanic eruption was soon disvoered discovered to be un error of observation, due to the discovery of new fires breaking out elsewhere very mysteriously, and the reflect ion of a far distant blaze upon the clouds of make at night.

Explosions however were more unusual sometimes in their force. solid stones were known to have been thrown by explosions in the air during battles with ernormous force and to great heights, and those not hurled vertically by the explosions felling in consequeines at 'considerable distances from the battlefields. A huge block of stone said to have been weighing two thousand tons was said to have been thrown ten miles by one of the explosions at or near Absolann; indeed masses of rock weight assuch as thirty and fourty tons to have been hurled by other explosions during disasters and battles, and during the battle of Jennie vivian Town on Sunbaum Creek ston's were suid to have been hurled to a distance of minty miles by one of the big explosions there.

Other materials thrown far by the explosions were earth, rubbish,

mud, sand, clay and the fragments of trees.

Though on the investigation of the Abbieum explosions masses of great limestone rocks had been torn from the ground and hirled to a great distance by the force of the blasts it was thought to have been caused by eruptions which must have blewout the solidplug of rocks which must have cooled at the bottom of some volcanic crater or that some volcano had been blownup, and that the bulk of the solid particles of which the volcano itself was composed of but none of the stone was found to be from volcanoes

"When reduced to its simplest terms, a forest fire may be defined as a "Red Plague of the Trees, or rather a "Fire Pestilence, and through the forest it goes as if nothing could chok it. The finnes in these blazes seems to consume everything, the very heat penetrates the coul and ridi rigid rocks under the forest floor, and causes then to burn the ground through so that the very earth turns red hot. The extent of a dreadful forest fire of this nature can only be conjected conject ured but judging from the approximately kn own rate of increase in the conflagration, with speed(on an average of sixteen to fifty miles an hour if wind is blowing, and the temperature of which the flames rages the heat) they must somningly have a length in the worst stages of probably one hundred miles each . There are other factors to

be considered, but in general terms it is safe toassume that the formations of advancing conflagrations are irregular, manymiles in

length, two to three miles in whith.

During forest fires of the slow andmore quieter type, the flames burn more alo ng the rubbish growing on the ground and climbping partlyup the trees, and moves forward with the speed of a girentia smildes/. A farce combination fire however spreads widely andlike an one of these would form a conflagration several hundred square miles in length as had been observed in the territory mear Evangeline Evengeline St diaire. Even now in the story going over a portion of the Sumbeam Rier, there are sheets of flame which is advancing in the manner just named, some four hundred qu're aquare miles in length, and not over seventy feet in width. These conflagrations is flamingup the slopes of forested hills has caused melted rocks and so hes to almost case cascade down steep burning forested slopes and to flow through narrow valleys for several miles before hecoming chilled sufficiently to arrest its progress.

. Instances are also shundant where the forest fires are burning fiercaly over wide forestedpleins with immunealy expended branches. Illustrations also can be furnished in gouthern Calverinia, in which one of these fdes u burning isone hundred and fifty miles in length, with the flames leaping more than a thousand feet in height, but have a bread brendth of only eight or t n ten smiles. In the dame of forest fies illustrated by these exemples, there is no sheemed of many explosions and a person standing on a slope witnessing a file of this origin over fifty miles suffers even then severe inconvenience from the radiant heat even though the winds blow from him to the blazose

The quieter forest fires or smidges are worst however for the swful clouds of smoke they produce. If however the foest fires are mainly all flames, bthe vapors and games contained in the hurning trees seem to find more difficulty in escaping, and may be retained untill the main fire masses, and then they roll in bommans sens of smuke clouds from the remains. Forest files in which the scoke is copous is the main smudges, and the gassesundermenth the smudge seems to be retarded untill the pent up energy bursts all bounds, and there's produce enough snoke to cover the sky in such masses as to cause darkness for a very great extent. One characteristic example is the fires burning

near Evangeline St Claire.

Near Ev nevengeline St Claire during the battles of Trinoque there explosions had occured during the fires themselves which were said to have shattered would hillsides and hurled the fragments into the air, from probable gas escaping from the hillsides and becom ing afire. Wholevburning forests had been shettered by gleantic explosions coming from unknown sources during conflagrations. Clouds of amoke during these explosions were hurled manymiles his the large fire brands burdd in all directions by the terrible explosions commonly fell back into the burning forests, but sometimes the explosions have hurled upwards terrific clouds of sparks and burning leaves, and had been carried several miles by a wind then blowing to start new fires for in advance of the main one willo if a strong galo is blowing the sparks and burning embers had been carried namely three miles. Forest fires of the worst type not un commonly have melted rock on the slopes of forested hills which had flo wed for several miles. In certain instances these downflows of liquid rock occured after the hottest conflagrations and made a mountain

There had been edone of games nor had there been any stems accompanying the strange outhirsts,, and neither had there been any sort of volcanic matter seen such as lave, scoria or "bread Crust Bombs. oh Such masses whirling through the air in a plastic sta statevo often hec often become more or less rounded in form or shape, or the explosive for: force shatters them into fragments producing quainties of the finest Volumnio dust or sand-Mone of this could be located after the supposed oruptions. There was no fall of mud, nor was there any steum in the Meruptive Molouds, every one despite the theories of many of the scientist absolutely helieved it was caused by explosions for at the time of the fake Solicia gorror the air because of the snoke caused by the explosions was as dark as midnight for fifteen miles round for twenty to fifty minut a minutes. There was another ex ample which proved that the disasters were not from volcanic activity. Volcanoes when that start with arestions in a plain don't blow holes in the ground and leave them as holes but volcances are builded. All the great disasters of the war appear to be very remarkable. Owing to a gomeral sil similiarty in the concussions the battles in Colverinia and on Angelinian 8011 had very similiar symptoms, but the bigger concussio s concussions of fierce hattles, so secondary shocks had been felt and explosions have occured as violent as if a Volcano had blown up.

In size battles varied from mere s, skirmishes, such as themost numerous of the conflicts, to battles like Cedernine, with a loss of life add incomprehensible to renkon or 1 ike Evangeline at Claire with a atill higger 1 cas of life (gethyour wife) or behanon and St Ethau Etheldreds, the two biggest battles of the war so far be g barger buttlefields of vaster extent are to be remambered mear the territory of Vivian wickny, but many battles of even severe mature are dwarfted by those of Lebanon and St Etheldreda. If is of course fortunate in one way that there had not been any explosions of ing asureable force

st St Ethaldrads.

But from the directions forest fires take, shows they're not to blame fro from bettles. Several blazes have issued from different directions. Their sizes are and is ernormous. Yet blazes wary much in size and in the rate at which they burn forward.

This much depends however on the sundount of wild wind that drives,,,, it forward andupon the slopes of hills, and mountains the con flagrations have to burn up. One branch of a fuest fire near Evenue line St Claire burned up a hill four wiles in less than three minutes,,, while a conflagration near Cedernine burned up h eighteen milbs of a slope in two hours, paging at first live a long wall of white hot clouds of flame, the rear portion of the conflagration tail ends into fierce smoking smotiliers,, while clouds of smoke and great smothering heat rises from it for days. Thus is the progress of a Calverinian forest fie.

As to what was the causes of the great forest fires at first the Unfortunate Government, of Calverinia knew very little. Various theories had been advanced.. but nothing by any means of mr a facts had

been discovered, and considerable differences of opinions existed. In truth for a long long time they know so little concerning the condis conditions existing that caused the dreadful blazes that any views concerning the responsibilities was necessarily largely conjectural.

The heats of such forest fires was us unusual because of the intensity of the conflagrations. If we were to judge merely from sure temperatues reasonably believed to exist among such dreadful clouds of flame leaping someny fundreds of fact slong a hundred mile front, and felt toscorching twenty miles away, and if we might overlook the question of heat pressure of forest fire "hurricenes" we should certainly say that it is a wonder the flames didn't turn the mountain sides up which it burned into a temporary fluid state. It seemed at least certain that the temperatures surely must have been so high that on the slopes of hills the most refractory solids, whether metals or milerel, loose rooks and stones, sand slopes yeilded into molton before such tempor atures of so frightful a forest conflagration. But no one could tell for sure whether under the pressure of sch tremendous heat such tremend ous heat rocks had turned into liquids or not.

And it could have been indeed reasonably doubted whether the terms solid and liquid were applicable in the sense of which forest re rungers understand them, to the materials in the path of such dreadful fires. A principal which already should be well known in the arts is that many if not all solids may be made to flow on the slops of hills like liquids if such heat be admissinst adm administered. Whatever be the state of affairs in the path of a highly heated atmosphere produced

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appear to have the a characteristics of a quiet eruption. Sometimes too from the firre heats there is no fundamental differences between any types of great funst files into which it is convienent to divide the bir conflagration..... In extreme examples of dangerous forest fies, the forests have become afterms on the high mountain ton, and a volcanic eruption flares enough to blow two thousand fast off summit from a mountain couldn't make the apparent eruption of flame and smoke look more fleroes guch an occurance was reported in the case of the extent volcano Bt Catherine, when the flames of hurning forests raced up its slopes. The entire mountain seemed todisappear in the flames in two days time all the forests being reduced to should oring ushes and like debrisand the layes on the exposed portions ran down molten once more from the drendful heat. The essential feature of a big forest fire, as stated shove is the con combination fire, loading from the course of a everything burning at one time and making such heat as to run rocks like water. And the most murked variations in the the process depends on the intensity of the fires burning, and on the winds that is then blowing.

The case of the forest fires though believed incendary to be birning so fireely and on suchan extensive extent is stills inster for discussion. Gertain furest fire geographs contend that florod windstorms a is the solomotive power, while others consider that the fixes is forced forward owing to the inflamable meterials of the trees and ground rubbish of which it burns. The view most favorably entertuined at pesance in reference to the general nature of these swill for est fase is that so many fires had formed as to becomeone, owing principally to winds tearing blazing embers and southering them far and wide, and that the intense heat also sets the trees after more than three or four mins ahead of the me in configurations. As the fixes burn over creeks they buil away, and really it is the extent of the flamesthat produces the most conspicuous and at the same time the most terrible phenomenan accompanying the swift progress of the "RED PLACUE"::

The unusual character of the ernomous forest fires was strongly maintained by many investigators, and certainly gains support from the vast clouds of smoke sent higher into the air than any volcanic cruption by the force of the heated draughts of the flames. The quantities of smoke from ernomous smudgs fire to which is due the ernomous extent od darkness, and also sunless days over smuch extensive territory , leads to the same condusion. Many scientists indeed while admitting the agency of flames to the overheated country all around the red playe look upon this as the cause of so much sickness starting in so many scations of the country, to en increase of the Consumption rate and other lung diseases caused by improper breathing due to so much posionous smoke vapor in the airs for instance Professor Mic-Malon of the 8t Michaels Catholic Scientific School smid to the swarm of the 8t Michaels Catholic Scientific School smid to the swarm of boy and girlscouts attending his classesome day to hear his oration;

"My dear brave little herues and heroines of the nation, these umusual forest file cutbreaks, are the cause of the everheated w mather weather throughout the nation, and therefore the whole country some to be subject to such tremendous heat, that when the conditions are right its pentupenergry breaks forth , and causes heat waves to centin us even far beyond the season average. The process by which this unusual unseasonable heat waves becomes so extensive in this manner is a long and yet very much misunderstanding one. Some contend that the extensive forest"fire murricanes" cause it, but this theory is not generally accepted. The toomen belief by down little boys am girls is that the forest fire heat is undiated by the winds off the direction of the blazes, and therefore this process of heat can be extended by the various land winds nearly as far as the winds can carry them.... And each additional heat wave from each additional frest fire, while not being extreme at the greatest distance from the blaze neverthelms adds to the temprature of the weather just as the sun does, during the hottest july day. When the radiance of the heat wave of the forest fire has traveled to a distance of a few hundred miles to me and villiages even that far have been so terribly subjected to such a terrific heat spell even above season normal for the hottest Summer that the people have fled to save themselves. This hint general d steam I on rivers and lokes. The heat of the flames of the forest files had sometimes too held the blaze in a state of frightful tension so that even games made by conflagrations had exploded with tremendous force .. This view boys and girls is very probably

applicable to in many comes, and the exceedingly immense smoke clouds which so much less from the sandges of the resupertions of the conflafration, has deabtless for one of its causes the extensive darks ease over someth territory in Culverinia, and for the strange color phenomena elsewhere put that is the sole mode of the fire which is very questionable. It centainly does not agree with the immense volumes of smoke increased by small rains when fises of such extreme intensity as that now raging at Evangeline St Claire very strongly lead to the co-conclusion that sometimes people had fought the bla-co-blaze by thursting a levee and that a great mass of water has made its way through the burning smadge of peat bogs and other fires produced by the conflagration, and instead ofputtingout the blazes expleed into steam with a suddeness which gave it the rending force of dynimits or otherpowerful chemical explosives and made situations worse than better.

As in one way children the easy is believed to be so intimately associated with the forestities, that they are accused as being the cause of both fire and explosion, and also flood disasters, and the explosions toochildren like those at Abbieann have produced such shock disasters that they were suspected as you know well to be earthquakes. As to the leadinte couse 6 these explosions and the forest files there is no doubt considerable difference of upn opinion.But I think it willnot be doubted that the enemy is the main consequence, though perhaps the main one. They remotely too responsible for the fires which are the chief disasters to mbe mentioned. As this great fire pague is gradually getting worse, while the floods are gradually declining it follows from the law that we have already so often had occassion to use the term*that we're all either In Purpatury or in Hell"for not even committing min. Do doubt the exposious of people from so many towns and villiages due to the intense heat of the weather, and the smokey atmosphere must be exceedingly great, even in this short period of time. The cause hureer is continually in operation, and accordingly, the disasters of the war had been from time to time been accommodated to the fot that as your comrade Mildred Maxwell says the whole resistance of the christian armies to both fires and the enemy seems to be lessening. We hope however that that is a mistake. Yet at some points our success in this strif is gradually declining, for the enemy is grasping mue of Calverinia every month. We may hope to admit now however that I use to be a quanity too small to be measured by any observations as yet obtainable, but its a fact that'll he disasterous is if overlooked too long. It follows from these considerations

that at various points the christian symics because of the great Mes and the intercepting floods must have a lessening number every day and none coming in to reinforce them as so many had to join in fighting the files. These armies must necessarily submit to compression by the three form, one human, and the other two natural, they must submit either continuously or from time to time, and the necessary yellding of the armies before the conflagrations will and is in general tobing place where they are too small in numbers for offering successful resistance. These acts of compression dear children of Abbie annia is fortunately not proceeding with uniformity, but rather with small successive shifts, and even though the displacements of the whole lung line of christian resistance in these shifts be actually very small yet the pressure to which the armies are subjected by the triple fue are so wast that if something is not done soon, a vary on 11 shift or withdrawal may soon correspondend to a very great disaster to us all Suppose children for instance that there is a slight shift during a battle elong a fifty or sixty mile front in the christian lines between two ernormous wings of troops at a length of three hundred feet. It must be remembered that the pressure of an enemy assault

would be about the force and weight of an overwhelming number of insane men against it. Even a slight displacement overone extensive line over another, the sides being pressed together by the violence of the assault with a force of a race on the square inch would soon be an operation necessarily accompanied by violence along the whole line greatly exceeding that exceeding that which we might dildren expect from so small a displacement if the forceful attack concerned had been of more ordinary magnitude. Do you Understand my meaning Yes. Well children on account of this great addition of the intensity of the assault, merely a small rearerrangement of the christian line in persuance of the necessary work of accoundating the volume of assault to the perpetual shrinkage, might produce soon an excessive violent and disasterous defeat extending far and wide if rainforcements do

not be sent on time. The effects of such an attack would be of course in waves upon waves of men as you've already seen in battles, just as a violent blow given atone end of a ber of iron by a sledg harmer is propagated through the ber in the form of waves. Indeed when the effect of this war adjustment reaches all our activis christian armies in Calverinia it might some time be great enough to disable the whole cause or all the armies fighting here. And the assaults may become so violent that no armies may be able towithstand it no how, snymme than a "u building can withstand a violent earthquake. Such is the threatening phenomena of the war now. Foe, gire, Shocks of explosions, pestilence, discoungement, and the fires of the forests.

When such a long christian line i of resistance is shaken by one of these enforced adjustments of the broken portion which I have described children, the wave of attack that would spread like a pulsation from the center of wars agitation would soon extend all along the whole resistance, and would be transmited right through it. Taking advan tage of this the enemy would create a violent shock of an attack, and might be made powerful enough to produce destructive effects. The enemy for instance seems to take advantage of the recent results of the Abbieann disaster whether he is guilty of it or not. The convulsion from those explosions children, was monifisted over a far larger area of country in a way which makes the shock felt than supposed or thought of, though the demage wrought was slight. However beyond the limited distance from the center of the disaster there had been no destructive effects upon buildings, and did not even cause vibrations that was felt by ordinary observatories. In each locality of this war zone children in which the shocks of battles have a been cronic it did seem as if there was a peculiar violence in the artillery fire too much power in the shells, and too great explosives to be used by either side. A shrinkings in the resisting christian line in the course of the incassant adjustment between the interior and the exterior had taken place bet in many armies by occassional small lengths. The fact that in christian lines the enemy do force the formation of these weak spots at wi which small adjustments are possible may be provided as it were "A safty valve "of hattle for other portions of the christian lines if reinforcements arive in time. Then instead of a general with drawel, the christian line would be stronger. In this way we may explain the fact that immense sections of all the whole war line are so far practically free from battle disasters beams of the ability of their commanders, while is it is a fact too that in less fortunate armies the disasters have been very severe.

Now suppose another battle soon takesplace right here near the Abbieann territory, if there's plenty of artillery in action it'll originate a series of vibrations through the land as long as it continues. We must here distinguish b etween the two foes .-- I might almost say the compat comparatively strong bodds of contending armins -- which formup for a gigantic battle and open with intensely severe artillery fire/ The vibrations caused by the artillery and great explosions which carry the tidings of the outbreak of the battle, soon spreads through from town to town from the centre of the disturbance in gradually enlarging circles. We may liken the spread of these battle vibrations to the ripples in a big pool of water which diverge from the spot where a stone was thrown into it. Th The vibrations transmitted by the explosions of so many big shells, explosions of munitions, great thunders of so many hundreds of hig cannons per minute will carry the message over a good part of the country if not all over the earth. If the ar illery fire is unusually seare, or if unu sally terrific explosions occur the vibrations will be corres pondingly large and will sure ly travel o with vigor over the whole land. The Abbieann explosions reached as far north as the city of Pandora Abbieunnia three thousandmiles away and set the pencil of the seis ometer so violently at work that the very pencil(not the lead) was broken. But there are different ways round out country, from Calverinia to Abbieannia States, the most direct route being across Angelini a State, Abyssinkile and Ange, ine Angeline wine, the other route across Domdobia, Tripongonlia and elsewhere. The vibrations of those explosions children traveled also by these routes and the former was the shorter of the rest.

Sme breif repation may not be here smiss children as to the general cutcome of the forest fires, and other disasters of the war itself, of which much has been said in the proceeding pages of the of future volumes of our own histories espainly as many of the terms have been to some extent unusual in character. The most abundant of these great forest fires is steamer water those of Southeast Galverinia

which dear children as we have seen issues in prodigious fury over all our heautiful for est lands during its wild progress. No doubt in your adventurious travels you have seen many of these great hims blazes. But with the progress of these forest fires a great number of other disaster, horrors frequently make their appearance. Though we have known of a great number of these even from the beginning of the disaster, it will not be out of order for any of you to repeat of what you had experienced of the disaster has. What did you exprience beloares!"

"The chief among our experience"she answered was to three or four times run through a gountlet of those flowes. The chif among the towns we heard of that were menunce were Evangeline St Claire, Trinoque, Sepsenterminia, and Double Dayton, and I say it was a miracle that they were not het."

"You are right"said the Professor .. "And the h . heat w was of these forest fires ree t upon one enother, and therefore many new conflagration horrors are therefore formd. By the action of these flames the ruin of our forests are general. I saw myself a portion of the immense forest fire burn upthe slopes ofone ofour Volcences called Mt Joan I believe, and the red glowing light of the smoulders left by the passage of the flames was seen more than a hundredmiles away. Such draudful frest fires however were scarcely ever heard of bfore. The glowing sea of embers looked to me like a great lake of red red but molten lava which reflected from the clouds of snoke from it as much as the 1 khts of a great city are reflected from the water vapor of the atmp atmosphere during cloudly weather at night. Pesites the progress of all these swful disasters children which is terrifying the whole world itself, there are many other catastrophes to boot. and these have so accumulated in numbers till they have buildedup mountains of horror of vast dimensions, like, Lake Selicia, Abbieunn, and the great disasters of the west. Some of these also or every one of them is suspected of having been caused or being originated by the enemy, ' for they evidently are not Natural disasters

, these disasters having extended for severel hundred miles, and one explusion was said to have had the force of a volcente cruption for the blast had hurid upwards fragements of debris as high as they would have been by a volcanic cruption, and scattered far and wide over the fac face of the country. But the principal force of some of these explosion disasters is also suspected to be originated by forest fares or by the highly heated stmospher e produced by them. It is to this cause that the names "Calverinia Purgagories Purgatories" are applied.

Big forest fires do cortainly at a close distance present all the appearances of the approachof the Worlds ends, and when we come to study the progress ofone of these blazes and notice even the chemical act o action some of them produce from the very soil, and the hellish n ature of the rolling seas of impenetrable smoke, however we shall find that there are many respects,, in which they may differ entirely from some of the other kinds, they consisting of what sort of trees of course that the conflagration burns. In spend, they may be slow, fast, or at a race or exp ess express train speed as in the case when they go before a wild wind. The steam and other gases also seen during progressive former, forest fires . These forest fires have var ed varied greatly in character according to the nature of the material it has burned ans and is burning. In the man majority of cases the conflargrations burn over open forest country with lots of ground rubbish growing and the distansion of such a mass of smoke that is produced by it gives rise to the fm formation of such rolling clouds as to appear like huge volcanic eruptions in the distance to which the name"Fat Fake Emption"ci is applied. But when the forest fire of this sort grows to an immense size the liberation of so much smoke gives rise to the reported statement of a whole territory in "Volcanic Eruption for scores of miles.

Half ofour forests consist of the dangerous Turpentine trees, and the mamount of flames these will and do produce is ernormous. We have seen to what a vast extent the flames becamen when it struckthe forests forests east of Evangeline St Clairs. For weeks seas of flame were reported extending and as existing in the vinicity on the main line of blave as far as Solomon Run covering the sky over the country to such an extent with smoke and flame that it frightened the inhabitants throughout the territory into believing their last time has come. This forest fire therefore has a commulated into such a quantity of smoke and flames that sometimes it is even difficult to determine its very progress or what direction its moving flames from this blaze has been said to be seen leaping many hundreds of feet into the structure

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and created heat felt hadly for fifty sailes. Thus children it has been related by one of the Gemini who watched theyprogress of the fie as it threatened Evangeline St Claire before and after the battle there. that during the earlier stages of its advancing mo eme movement flames of ernomnous size into forms of rolling white hot douds rose high in the air, and the clouds of smoke filled the atmosphere producing a darknoss in the city of Evangeline St Claire that is claimed ai ht might have been felt.go excessivle was the smoke even at that distance from the flames that it penetrated tightly closed windows, and the most closely fastened receptacles, and filling rooms so completely that people had to wear gas masks to avoid suffocation as they fled from the threatened city.

This smoke from its Turpentine our odor showed what the flumes were burning. These however are terms of convienence only, and do not always pr properly describe the materials what is burning ."

Sometimes the passage of the fies through such a forest produces large quantities of ashes still smouldering hot for days.

"How many fites are there by now!"esked Radcliffe . "It is not by an means anceasy task to frame ancestimate of the n number of forest fires now raging in Calverinia and elsewhre." he answered. "and the forest fires now raging ascI said be fore vary greatly in their size and heat, from vast conflagrations more than a hundred miles in extent, with flames rising to a height of n early two thousand five hundred feet, to mere immense snoke fires. They are likewise exhibiting everypossible stage of development, and of smouldering while some are in a state of cronic hurning and progress others are reduced to mere smudge fires and ground fires and to the condition of "SmokeSeas", and others again having once hurned over

am n and meeting with nofurther fuel are burning themselves out." "But what about --- ?"

"I'm just coming to that even boys and girls if we confine our attention to the larger forest fires now raging, which merit the nume of "General Conflagrations" and such of these as we have reason to believe are the main ones to be r dreaded, the danger to our property is increased, and not by any means rejuved removed. Forest fires if not finding any more fuel can easily burn out of their own accord, but if they are carred out by a wind they'll cross the wide open space and renew the burning, and it is quite poss bly possible in many cases to distinguish between the conditions of a "combination"forest file. "and a "Smudge."

"Wht do you meanthy smudge" . ?

"The smoker."

"I see."

"We shallhowever dear child scouts, probably be within the limits of truth in stating that the number of great big forest fires throughout the whole State of Calverinia which we have reason to believe are keeping the whole country in so much derkness or luck of aunshine and smoky atmosphere, is somewhere between four hundred and four ... hundred and fifty . Most of these are marked by more or less conflagrations beyond all human or natural control, burning trees composed of the highly inflamable pine of the " Parsley"type and the other sort that has the sap(Turpentine Pine) called Turpentine. But if we include forest

fires which exhibit the appearance of the scenes of the infernal regions, and other features of the fierceness of the Hellish places, yet concerning the results of which we have norecord as no one sa stays to witness the scene, the number will fall little. if anything, short oft Ttoot I.000 blazes ."

"One thousand blazes! Aw Goon ?" "Yes indeed"Radeliffe. The forest fires composed of blazes burning these trees, are still more numerous when you call them sudges or smoulders, and the smaller temporary files or ones just starting which are usually subordinate to the progressive flames that have burned over ground rubbish must benumbered by thousands and willsoon flare up into big ones sconer or later. There is said even now to be still feebler manifestations of the forest fire terrors, such as sauke seas", smoulders, wand flaring seas, that may be reckuned by millions. It is not improbable that these less powerful forest fires to a great extent make up in number what they want in individual energy, and the relat that thewinds may afford to the underground imprisoned energies of the smoulders may be almost equal to that which results from the occassional outbirsts of the greater conflagrations.

In taking a general survey of the forest fire phenomena ofour mastern Calverinia lands, no facts children amount more strikingly than that of the very unequal distribution, both of the great conflagrations, and of the minor ones. Thus on the whole of the Mastern Calverinia it had seemed to combine recently into one big forest fire that especial especially southeastern Calverinia -- and this is raging ever north ward. Across the streams, small lakes and riers of that section however there are or have crossed no less than six ernormous blazes, namely, the Starring Junction Fire, and Easter River blaze in central east Calverinia, the East Aronburgs Run in the same ad section, Gra hams Forest, and the Cedernine and Evengeline St Claire morror raging near the Aegean Beadon Territory ...: The State of Angoline Vivme itself is at presentknown to contain shout ten immonse furest fires that are burning -----four on the west coas t(boast) and six in the Eastern pa t part of the state, while about ten other immense forest fires believ believed to be at set by the enemy occur in the adjoining State of A Angeline Vine. I've heard of it said that on the extreme southwest coast forested region of Calverinia more than twenty frest fires are raging, but no less than twelve of these are raging on mountain ranges. '! M?. No forest fires are known to exist on extreme Western Calverinia so far. Eastern Calverinia containes a greater number of big forest fires than any of the other war zone States. Thereare Twenty big forest fies in Eastern North Bengall State, twenty five in south Bengall State, . and thirty seven in Mullencatt State. Thus taken altogether there are one hindred and seventeen forest fires of great size raging on the great continential lands of our Abbiennian Country, while n early twice as many occur in Calverinia alone."

"It seems unusual sir."

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"It dos indeed. But children upon examining further into the strange distribution of these great forest fires, another very interestingfact presents itself .Do you know what it is children?"

"I believe I do."said Dolores raising her hand.

"What is it polores!"

"Why friend Professor, the forest files are in almost every instance raging either along our mountain rages, or close to the coast of the countries, at some great distance from them, or in forested plains, valleys and the like."

"You are right, and your exprience shows that"said the Professor. "What else do you say. You should know as you have had suchexprience. !"

"Why there are indeed two exceptions to this rule."

"And wat is that child?"

"In the great and wholly forested regions of the Mic-Hollester Run River Region lying between Evangeline St Claire city, and Calverine, four of the greatest of all forest fires are raging, and in the northern frested plains of Angelinia State , and in the Calverinian Province of Selicia several others. That is from what I observed from reading the news. However sir more reliable information is however needed con cerning these forest fres."

"It's a remarkable dircumstance that you mention this said the Prop Professor."I didn't even know that. But what else do you know of it?" "I know that nearly one third of the Vivian Hills covered with forests composed of fir pine are all aflame, and many others of these

fpests as well as those lying in the valleys are ablaze."

"Astonishing if true. I know that that ridge of hills runs through eastern Celverinia, and if fires are raging there these hills have therefore divided the forest fires into two immense sections. But how fierce is those conflagrations that you have read off?"

"Why sir upon this ridge the fires have gained such fury according to the papers that over the ridge and the forested spurs proceeding from it, the papers and informers had said that there rise numerous mouth mountainous masses of flames, which constitute the well known fires of that locality. All of these sir are said to have been originated by the wicked Glandelinian incendaries, and among them are numerous huge smudge files. The forests of San Pedro are threatened by this blaze sir, and the State of Casteritia contains thirteen so paper say, not improbably more, the State of Axores have six hig fires, the Santa Maria County three(go on a spree) while about eight fires are reported in the paers to be raging off the west quast of Angelinia State. In the very Blengiglomenean C Islands sir there are six fires in the forests there, and three of them have been recorded in the big Catherine Isle. Altogether to what the paper may say there are fourty flarce frest files situated upon the Calverinia Tarritory and properitors alone. But sir along the same line the number of hig smudge files and ground furest fires are far greater, and there are not wanting process

In taking a general survey of the forest fire phenomena of our mastern Calverinia lands, no facts children one out more strikingly than that of the very unequal distribution, both of the great conflagrations,, and of the minor ones. Thus on the whole of the Eastern Calverinia it had seemed to combine recently into one big forest fire that especial especially goutheastern Calverinia -- and this is raging ever north ward. Across the straums, small lakes and rivers of that section however there are or have crossed no less than six ernormous blazes, namely, the Starring Junction Fire, and Easter River blaze in central east Calverinia, the Rest Aronburgs. Run in the same ad section, Gra hams Forest, and the Cedernine and Evangeline St Claire Horror raging near the Aegean Beadon Territory ...: The State of Angeline Vivne itself is at presentknown to contain about ten immense forest fires that are burning, -----four on the west coas t(boast) and six in the Eastern pa t part of the state, while about ten other temense forest fires believ believed to be at set by the enemy occur in the adjoining State of A Angeline Vine. I've heard of it said that on the extreme southwest coast forested region of Calverinia more than twenty frest fires are raging, but no less than twelve of these are raging on mountain ranges. '! Mf. No forest fires are known to exist on extreme Western Calverinia so far. Eastern Calverinia containes a greater number of big forest fires than any of the other war zone States. Thereare Twenty big forest fies in Eastern North Bengall State, twenty five in south Bengall State, , and thirty seven in Mullencatt State. Thus taken altogether there are one handred and seventeen forest fires of great size raging on the great continential lands of our Abbieannian Country, while n early twice as many occur in Calverinia alone."
"It seems unusual sir."

"It dos indeed. But children upon examining further into the strenge distribution of these great forest fires, another very interesting fact presents itself. Do you know what it is children?"

"I believe I do."said Dolores raising her hand.

"What is it polores?"

"Why friend Professor, the forest fies are in almost every instance raging either along curmountain rages, or close to the coast of the countries, at some great distance from them, or in forested plains, valleys and the like."

"You are right, and your exprience shows that"said the Professor.
"What else do you say. You should know as you have had suchexprience.?"

"Why there are indeed two exceptions to this rule."

"And what is that child?"

"In the great and wholly forested regions of the Mic-Hollester Run River Region lying between Evangeline St Claire city, and Calverine, four of the greatest of all forest fires are raging, and in the northern foested plains of Angelinia State, and in the Calverinian Province of Selicia several others. That is from what I observed from reading the news. However sir more reliable information is however needed con carning these forest files."

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"It's a remarkable discumstance that you mention this said the Prop Professor. "I didn't even know that. But what else do you know of it?"

"I know that nearly one third of the Vivian Hills covered with forests composed of fir pine are all aflame, and many others of these

freets as well as those lying in the valleys are ablaze."

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The Professor paused for a moment to wine his spectacles and then he continued;"If the great chain of these forest fires presents us with an example of a chain of mountains all aftre as you said, we have too in the adjoining line of the Bondons hills an example of a similar on range of hills all are aftre or going to f be ufire, and which conflagrations are in a terrible rage. I've heard that in the region of Angelinia Agathia, there are twelve big forest fires burning, in the Glinda Territory thirty one, and near Humbi City abouid three. The Chain of the St Michael Hills contains at least ten fires, and the Territories east of Bengal County about twenty five big blezes. The great group of cities lying in that territory at this present time is 5 near the scene of the grandest forest fire disasters. No less than fifty great fires are threatening these scores of cities and hundrefs of towns and villiages. Whirther Rost, the sem chain of fice is sail be to be continued by the force hig blozes of New Calverinia. one ormere hig smudges or pround files, and several higs higones a ear the nouthern Boundary of Abresinkila, the Solomon River territory and the New Viania, the three big free of New Curren State, and no saibly by the fires burning in the Extreme northeast Calverinia region. Altogether no less than one hundred and fifty [west files exist along this territory, and if we include the many smidge files and valley blazes which appar to be eithered on lines branching from this marticular band, we shall not be wrong in the against on that this great at system of swful forest files unclude at least one quarter of the forested territories of our Abbisonnian Southern Provinces. In addition to the great number of awful Combination itaks fires

there are here several hundred very perfect extensive moukey ones many of which to incestimators appear to have recently come into existance, though some of them may be already fu'l grown. A third series of great forest fires, starts from the neighborhood of the Northern Carvature of the Grand Vivian Hills, and these ftes stratches a great distance along the ax extreme southeastern mountain territories. This upper section of blazes so it is said however is much less continuous, but nevertheless very severe, and contains with its branches nearly a hundred saudge files. On the north of this great hander is almostunited with the one we have already spoken off in southwestern parts of Rostern Colverinia which has been menancing Angelinia Agathia so often. In the Glorianna region there had existed a number of forest fires, one of which burned through the Henrietta territory is believed to have destroyed T8,000,000 acres before it was brought under. Furtyer north in the territory of the Um ited States of Calverinia, a number of grand forest fires still exist sums of which are probably the most immense of all, for terrible darkness from much smoke is observed, and many other manefestation a abound. From the southern extremity of the region west of this territory an almost continuous chain of forest fires stretches through Gautenel Cautemala State and from this part of the forest fire band a branch was reported given off which is burning through the West Guatemala Junction Territory, and contains some of the most dreaded forest files of all. However in all of Southern Calverinia theline is continuous by the forest fires of the Provinces of Ecuador, Bolivia, and Chili but at many intermediate points of the fire chain great smudges and terrible smokers are occuring which is to a great extent filling up the gaps in the series. A small offshoot to the westward passes through the St Ann Territory. The great band of forest fires which is said to he stretching through the northern Angeline Vine Province is second only in importance, and in their burning. The third forest fire band of the Province of Culverinin on that already spoken of which traverses the Galverinin east from northeast to northwest. This series of gigantic forest files is however such more fr broken and interrupted than the other two, and a greater portion of them are great mackers..

Reginning in the north with the forest fires of Greens Junction and Glady's Territory we pass northwestverd by way of the countsins to the Bn Rengall States. Thence by way through Evangeline St Claire and from allthis band two branches of forest fires are proceeding to the westward, one through central eastern Galverinia, where all the fires are now reneral, and the other through the north the great majorit majority of these fires bely; snokers, though a few are blazes. The Fires on the shatern schat of Calvarint a may be regarded as situated on another branch from this bigger land. The number of those Thes do not exceed fifty.

From what has been said, it will be soon that the terrible forest fires of "Mastern Calverinia not only usually assume a terrifically long wave formation, but mostly the whole of these dreadful conflagrations have been seen to form up into seething infernal regions along

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three well marked seas or bands, and the flaming smoking branches proc eeding from them. The first am and most important of these bands is said by one of the news papers to be negricy Itoobh I,000 smiles in length and with its branches containes more than one hundred and fifty ernormous sister conflagrations, the fiercest has burned along an eight thousand fro mile front in six months and includes one hundred immeasureable conflagrations, the third is much more broken and iterrupted, extending already to a length of nearly two thousand miles, and contains about fifty immensureable seas of fires. The Forest fires of Northeastern Angelinia States, with Bengall State, Angeline Vine and other Eastern Provinces may be regarded as you will as forming a forth and subordinate hand. Thus children of The similes we soe that the surface of Calverinia and her sisteryProvinces seem to be covered by a new network of great forest fire lines all of which

connection between the two great fire bonds. To this rule the movement of these immensurable conflagrations and their accumulation alongcertain well maked bands there are two very striking exceptions, which children we must now proceed to notice, and we'll all understand how far the destruction of our

traverse intheir simucus lines of waves with a general north and south

direction giving off branches because of the winds which often also

run for hundreds of miles and sometimes threaten fo to form a

forests have proceeded up to thismonth.

In the very Center of our Calverinian country there is the largest andmost unbroken forest land of the Nation, and should those fires come up to here there'll he a fire that'll draw the attention of the whole world. The progressive movements of these dreadful conflag rations has not reached this far yet. The f res forest fires do not yet appear within sight of this region but it only seems to be on very doubtful evidence, and many have gone out to do all sort of work to prevent the Red Plague from spreading here. The only accounts we have of the danger threatening are contained by the facts that the fires are reallly moving in that direction. The existance of these dreadful fires coming tward that way ofwhich only obscure warnings had reached the forest rangers appears bto be completly established by travlers, alignal stations and by observers on high observatories. Three Forest fire storms appear to be moving tward that locality, and other forest fire phenomenea have been stated to appear in sight in the great forested plateau of Central Calverinia. The efforts of many scores of thousands of forest fire fighters, and the prayerful hop hope that the winds maintain a westerly direction is only that the blaz e will be held back . The second exceptionally endungered spot is that of extreme Central Colverinia, right in a territory where we are now. While the Evangeline St Claire Territory fires have already advanced into an unbroken ocean of fire, and threaten the edge of the loftiest forests of all Calverinia, the forest fires of the Trinoque districts have fortunately advanced in a northeasterly course and thus you have been able to travel on without ,uch hinderence though a branch of it struck the furests recently near Lebanon. All in that district is said to haune of the largest forest fires ever r agin g raging and some observers said the smoke from the .wo thousand feet of flaming clouds must be rising from 22,000, to 33,000 fathoms up ward tward the sky in such unbroken clouds as to shut out all daylight over the country in the far eastand the clouds have culminated into such ernormous masses, that if the wind is east, the whole sky even to the Western sections of Abbi annia is covered, or the sun doesn't shine over the whole country and into the 'ic-Whirthian seas, or if the winds are west, the same is in that direction. This forest fire horror is and to be surpassing all the rest in horror and height of fluses and smoke from the immeasureable turmentine forests that are burning. Thus forest fire is unsurpassed probably by any other fire on the whole scale."

"And we are close to it in this territory?" asked Jane Mellfort, while all the other child scouts looked aghast.

I "Indeed we are. With the exception of the two main isolated seas of flames of other blazes, and of this hig one regingup from The Evangeline St Clairs, and Trinoque districts, nearly all of the other fies in the country are raging near the limits which seperate the greater blaze by gaps. The fact of the general proximity of forest

fires to the main endangered section is one which has frequently been pointed out recently to investigating geographers of the Abbicannian Geography or Geographical Societies, and may now be regarded us being throughoutly established as the fircest conflagration raging ever known on record. Many of our grandest mountain choins covered with furests is lying parallel to those advancing seas of fire. This too is strikingly exhibited by the great fire masses which ismoving across the extreme eastern forests of Calverinia in the Donohue and Bicknell Provinces. The Bondon Hills which consisted of forested mountains to their very summits are not yet in the path of the conflagration but are in grave peril. At m ny many points however ... slong the sides of these grain chains of forested mountains we find that such forests exist that while make fine fuel for the adfuncing "Red Plague from which ernormous wayes of fde can burn. These forests too cover great tracts of level country. The fire is already especially raging in marked size in the Angeline Run River Corested plain of Mortheastern Angelinia State and through other sections but this fire is traveling just now southward. Also in this and the adjoining regions of Angeline Vine State of Concentinia, on ernormous tract of forest country is threaten c threatened, and this c forest covers enough coun try surface to a larger area than France and Great Britan combined.

The Angeline Run River cuts through this endem gered foest in a series of beautiful pucturesque windings and stretches, in small gorges and shallows, and the thickness of the forest is so that you cannot in many parts get through except by roads. If thes This blazes up there'll be some fire-Louked at from any point on its surface one section of this forestedplain appears as a forest of those strangely beautiful Parsley appearance but the forest are all of Tunpentine sap and Heaven help the country if the blaze reaches here. Thus uniformity had been produced by no doubt manyages of tree groupth and if the fire would come up it may literily roll over the plein in an undulating contour or in successive waves of flame that may heaten the heavens as to dry up the upper atmosphere and give us no rain at all or cause such rains as to wash us out of existence,

The forest fire so far have either rolled up the nountain sides or has followed the streams as the waters of a 1 k lake follow its promontories and bays. Similiar conditions exist along the whole eastern Calverinia territory, and of many localities the flames are said to be ragingupward to such a height and dimensions as to overlook and dwarf the mountain ranges by the side of which they rave race and leapp. Risewhere we can find still more striking examples of parallelsim between great mountain side forest fires, and the fires traveling along the level forested lands, folloing the line of fie to the great eastern wave which extend so far while traveling north ward. There are som some other fde bands which exhibit a similiar paralleism with mountain chains, but on the other han d, there are smu smoky and smudgy forest [des between which, and the nearest mount ain axis no such connection can be traced because the whole territory is obliterated in great seas of rolling smoke towering far into the sky and acrosss the country in unbroken seas of cloud. There is one other fact concerning the mode of distribution of forest files upon the surface of our Calverinian country, to which we must allude. By a study of the evidence presented on the advancing side by en dless high walls of impenetrable rolling clouds of smoke, fluming seas, and terrific heat, and other phenomena of a similiar kind # can be shown that certain wide I areas of the forested lan d and of the mountain ranges, are at presence menanced by the great files. And the observation of the Forest geologist prove that similar movements of the progressive for est fires have been going on since the first days they started to become so immense. No Now children as Mr Hendro Darger has so well shown in his investigation work on "Calverinian Red Plagues" if we trace upon a map here on the wall the ae areas of forested sections of Calverinia which are in the path of the terrible conflagration we shall find that nearly all the dreadful conflagratiojs conflagrations are ragin g upon rising areas more than in levelones. Nevertheless all the fires have a significance that is well worthy of fuller consideration. There are facts kno .. which point to the cause of this c state of affairs. It is not uncommon for small fixes to be formed by the bigger ones when great windstorms are raging in the fire districts. These are undoub edly the start of new ones caused by winds t a carrying into the air the burning embers from the parent fires. In fact such child fires soon grow into parentkind of their own. It is believed by geologists that such a system of files.

fires are ranged along similarlines as others are, though there are at present errormous breaks between one of them extending for thirty miles but along with these immense forest fires there appear in place of them sumtimes scenes as of powerful eruptions of a whole country sides. The greatest of these fies is that to which we are so close. It doubtless marks the line of mighty force of conglagrations or conflagrations which have been in rage since September 1912 last year.

"Oh it ain't that "enswered the girlscout Mildred to general Aronburge "But I've learned that general Clancy had planned to have so e Glandelinian ap ies pay a great price to anyone to have you and all of us put out of the way. They are crazy with the desire to kill you because general Henson thrush Clancy at Lebanon, and you take Manleys chances town the conflicts away, from him, and his ermies force unusual dienster. Maybe he has paid others too, maybe Manley paid Clancy to do it too if he deres. I don't know. But general Manley and Clancy swear that they will get you yet. And And general Calmannia Shoemannsias out of the game for a time."

"Where are their armies row?"

"I do not know just now answared Mildred."I guess they have retreated southeastward or westward to concentrate or get under cover somewhere near the town of Marie Kornmann. And I want to tell you something more general."

"What is it Mildred."

The rescally glandelinian general Manley promished ten thousand dollars for the job of stabbing Gertrude and Penrod."
"Promished to pay who?"

"That boy scout Gerald Starring."
"What else did you learn wildred!"

"That darn Clancy promished general Lethance two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a terrible job of getting enough men to work hard enough to force a great forest fire heading northward from the Lebanon territoryuptward your army."

"what's that?"

"For to got 10:000 men to sent the forest fire this way."
"So that's the plan of the glandelinians is it?"demanded the general furiously.

"Yes indeed for Your Excellency. I and my band of girlscouts with each boys captured three fellows in the act of trying to start a new one close by near the south shore of the Mic--Hollester Run River and from the explosion of a shell aimed at me I fell into the water and almost was drowned."

"Mildred will you sign your name to that. ?"

"No sireNot now I wants You want me to be detected. You frustrare those rescals first"replied the little girlscout. "To morrow we all want you to head northward for Abbleanne"

General Concentinian Aronhurg thought this was a charactestic occupat ion for himself to takeup since it had before afforded him several months of idleness since he had not for a long time been engaged with the enemy, and through the fault that so far all enemy armies at his approach would run away like a floring rabbit.

"You have your big raft closs by?"he asked remembering his plan to occupy the northern shores near the flood remaining at Abbiennass. "Tes sir"Said Mildred. Everythin g is well furnished on the big raft."

"Gould you take me and all my generals on board the raft to morrow when the army starts on the move."

"With Gentrudes paraission I could sin if there's no fire menancing us, as the stream runs through dense forests on knows But we got to go while the winds on the northwest else we can't make the territory by water at all in this dreadful forest fire weath r weathere We got to leave at four in the morning...:"

"I can't got my staff generals ready by then. What time could we start on the raft later in the day."

"Not till ten oclock in the morning maybe."

"What time will we get there?"

"Depends on the app speed of the advance of the army.But we got to keep our eyes open for the fire. The Professor told of this late morning of the danger in the Classroom of your headquarters.We're apparently in the path of the worst blaze of all."

"Be ready with the raft at ten then acid the general with decisions:

It seemed to be practically his last behance for six mon the of
ever reaching there if he didn't take the opportunity to start now.

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Therefore he was determined to go forward, even if he had to start at dangerous times. He sent a messenger with a note to his higher general assistant general Jude asking him to get all his steff general officers on board the raft before ten oclock. Then he wrote his daily wireless .

Manageb message to Violet, and her sisters, and also to Jennie Turmer. He mentioned his projected movement northward but nohing else just then excepting his love for them, and his howes hopes which were weighty enough. As he entered the military telegraphic office to have it sent on he saw a bunch of fellows disappear from sight around the corner of the place after they had looked at him very curiously . He had also sewral several times noticed a certain v furtiveness in their regard but had each time ascribed it to imagination and dismissed the matter. This time when he saw them rush off he was tempted to draw his pistol but didn't have the chance quick enough. He was comingout however when he saw a boyse'u boysecut standing by the officer.

"Genral Dupond says he's ready to move forward sire "he said. "Tell him I'll ride down and speak to him."said the general.

He rode tward whre that gen ral had his own headquarters. It was a triflying trifling matter about which he wanted to see general Dp Dupond.Dupond was sitting on the front steps, talking to general Sladerlinia. As he approached general Aronburg saw the two cease their conversation and look at him. Then Sladerlinia after saluting rode away to his duty. Dupond who had just recieved the message from the boyscout stood motionless where he had been waiting. General Aronbu g Aronburg became suddenly conscious of an atmosphere of danger. When he reachd Dupond, the old general eyed him with a searching and warning stare. But now the eyes that blazed a foot from his own did not relax their gaze. There was a warning there, benediately, and friendly however, something that the general was aware of though the face was immobile. It flashed through general Aronburgs mind, that the general had recieved som sort of warnin g from gladerlinia, that probably they must know that the Glandelinian armies were gone made Disregarding the captian generals look General Aronburg explained braftly the matter on which he had come. All the while he spoke general Dipund continued eyeing him.

General Aronburg wondered what was on the general saind.

"Well is that clear?"he inquired.

"That much is clear. "unswered the general somewhat reluctantly. "Well wht's the matter then?"ge general Aronburg demanded sharply. "Suddenly he perciaved that the old generals face was twi ted with passion. His expression was so fanatical that general Aronburg thought he was going to attack him. But the face resumed its mask again, and with a solute and a word Took out for yourself general you're in grave danger, swung into the saddle, and urged on his horse. At a distance he halted.

"Be careful general. "he said. "Watch your step. You're shadowed by secret enemies, and some of them are Glandelinian boy and girls couts in the ranks of ours."

Sladerlinia's horse had halted next to two trees. As Dupond crossed the road tward his command, general Aronburg saw sinderlinia on the read.General Aronhurg moved by a sudden impulse redeup to

general gladerlinia and accounted him. "General"he said"There is danger lurkin g for our arsies.General Dupond told me so. I didn't know whether you had knowledge of it or not."

General Sladerlinia lookedup. The little mans face was like a thunder cloud. He clenched and unclenched his fists fiercely and muttering. He stood still in confusion for an instant for general Aronburgs approach seemed to have surprised him.

"We won't let the enemy get whead of us. "he cried and the tears began to stream down his cheeks. "Dook out for shadowers. They man to assassinate you ."

And saluting he rode awayslowly leaving general Aronhurg

utterly nonplussed at his behavior. .

When general Aronburg driving furiously homeward reached his head quarters he saw the solitary figure of Marie Stanck seatedouside the door. He let his horse rest for a breathing spell before continuing up the hill doffed his hat and saluted her. Noone the generalknew had ever been able to force a smile from her lips. And too he knew that all Glandelinian generals dreaded this girlscout Mary Stanck, the Glandelinians had hated the presence of her name, but hehimself had never been aware before of the presence of that little giracouts figure upon the porch or steps before, which had been always there always there

whenever he rode back and forthto his own headquarters/. Some of the other generals had forgotten to tell the general Aronhurg all that was soon to come to pass. But the menance of med danger that the christian armies were faccing was spreading in such a way th t that showed it greater than usual. General Jules Dupond neveron e of many words however knewnore than most other generals, he was general Aronburgs advisor and always gave himwarnin gs not bytioth by words but by looks. During the past week toovduring some of the past adventures on the raft or on shore Mary Stanck alone had been terrified at the way a strange sor sort of Abbi annian soldier always looked at her, and sometimes at the rest, and the way he examined the raft and counted the numbers of the boy and girlscouts and so one. From his ways he had never meant at first very much to her, and now she was suspicious. While she was sitting here her mind went traveling back to her earliest memory. She was in the little villiage of Growton with her parents, watching for the return of her brother and sister from school, and her fathers brother, and often had come along a certain mun that had warned her parents to flee from the territory as the enemy was advancing. The tragedy she remembered occured during her fathers absence. The young man who was hermothers cousin was laughingly inviting her mother to go for a buggy trip. At last her mother had consented. The trip was a longone. Mary who had fallen asleep, was awakened by the sound of her mothers screaming, and saw from the win dow the young man brunght into the house covered with blood. At first she did not understand all that had happened at that time, and her next memory was of a hospital in Calverine and her mothers and fathers tear stained face, and a sense of great unhappiness. She remembered standing beside the hospital bed on which her wounded and dying mother lay, and the mortally injured mother gripping her hands fast in her burning ones was telling her over and over again and finishing with-- "Never forget how your dear mother and young cousin died Marie-Remember it and never forget. And carry it with thee through life. Now Swear by the Vigin to never forget. The frightenedlittle girl had sworn cetching the words from her mothers lips. Since then she had remembered the whole thing for it had become engraved upon her memory forever. But it was long before she understood its meaning. Then she remembered her fathers ornelty to her not from pure senses but that the loss of his wife so tragedly had driven him insens and heknew not what he was delage Ather that he died in his ravings after trying to stab her. The sight of her dying mother, and of her fathers insenity had in flicted a wound in the childs soul that never healed. This was the came too of her entering the army as a girls cout hoping, ardently hoping to see some day the Glandelinian secundrels who had killed her mother and her mothers cousin so brutally for she had recleved their descript description from her mother. N She never pretended to have forgotten as shemight well have done che locked back on an early child hood that had because of this been a torture.

The news of it all had brought the very community to her sympathy. Her loss made the little girl many worm friends ever where..One of the hoyscouts by the name of Jules Pedro had come to know her wall and had gotten the secrets of her sad life from her. To day Mary watched the christian cavarly soldiers that rode the to and fro down the road. At night while lying awake she had dremmed of seeing many Glandelinian s generals surmendering to the sirit of her father. Mary longed to see the time she could discover the murderers of her father mother and counsin for they had a hand in it too on him as they had indirectly caused his death to tilliant to toped goes

When she had learned of the Foriegner Clancy taking leadership of a wast Glantelinian non, she 's tel min-She had never though that an Irishman would side with the foe. She came to declare Clancy with the qualities of Baten himselfThe boyscout Pedro had formed on acquaintance with hereHe had the intuition of a goodly boyscout who helps his girl friends through thick and thin. He listened to her confidences shall given to one who by his wandering life, and through the tales that he told showed him to be the sort of boyscout that all could brust. Pedro listened to the sad story of her past life often andunderstood the poor little spiritual drama, and he was capable of understanding, and he decided to help her find her mothers murderers. At last it seemed she was getting her chance. P One of those whom sh her mother had described as no of the mirders had recently been eying herintently from a secret place and she had known it. Had he dared comecut she's have shot him right where he was and explained a themselve to the area for sair of his confiction.

In the meantime the famous battle stricken region of Lebanon which is now so const aconstantly threatened by the worse forest fire on a/1 all resord, was endangering general Hansons army so that he had to abandon his dead dearly bought fields and retreat for better quarters or safer places before the conflagration would come up. A large portion of the population of Lebanon had fled by now, and from other recently flourishing citds and towns in different locations. However so little at this time was the terrible nature of the dreaded conflagration app reaching that way understood, that many of the inhabitunts of these towns s still remained, though the & sky had been " growning darker every day and the glare of flames nearer every night.

The conflagration through which race tly recently stated which Violet, and her sisters had gone through had threatened the city. The on 1 way the people of the city had recleved the alarm was suddenly on that dread day of the mornings buttle of a terrific rush of meas of mnoke and fire seemingly to belch frum all the landscapes of the country and from the slope of a forested hill. The city of Labanon was fifty miles away and yet if when the inhabitants went on house tops they could see the flames ries high into the sky. The flames spread out like a vast white hot pall. For many hours this had went on, and the ernormous quanties of smoke rolling upward, together with a deluge of .water that suddenly fell because of some mysterious burst of a river leves produce produced torrents acrosss the country side which carrying onward many burning trees overwhelmed everything in their way. A gity sixteen miles away was speedily rendered uninhabitable became of the terrible heat felt so far away, and also from two others, while at Lebanon the temperature was nearly a hundred and thirty five.

There was one peculier disaster of extroardinary and almost ungunbelieavable kind that occured because of some mysterious explosion that was produced on a hillside because of the fire. A big city over seven miles away was remiered absolutely unimhabitable and was destroy ed by the deluge of falling stones, but two others, Crania, and Latoria wes filled with a flood of water mud and sad sand which came apprently down the side of the mountain and covering them up entirely. The latter city was several miles nearer the hill and was almost buried in rubbish of a,1 all sorts even from the burning forest debris, besides of burned foest ashes and an avalanche of loose stones and hig boulders. In succeeding explosions caused by the blaze which scientists couldn't makeout as to its cause much debris slide down mountains as if they were pouring rocks from eruptive craters, and the smoke clouds were so dark overhead even as far northwest as the city of Calverine Greenburg that much fear was caused in all parts of that country. The three cities effected by the mysterious explosions caused by the flames might as well have resembled Herculaneum and Pompeli.Fifteen thousand inhabitants perished and many of those who had managed toescape were more or less injured or prostrated by the fierce heat.

Violet, and her sisters, to whom general Concentinian Aronburg considered himself indepeted for the account of the great fire as it threatened the city of Lebanon and all the neighborhood three days after the battle, were at the time of the occurance of the passage of the great "RED P LAGUR" resident for the time being with general Hanson Vivian in the main Capitol building of the c city so bravely saved from the enemy, outside of which on the western suburbs lay his victorious christian army under the command of general Leon Meldon Bicknell one of the great christian commaders of his day. The account of one of the Vivian Girl Princesses, and signed by the signature of all, and Jennie Turmer too, was quite a narrative of the singular progress of the forest fires and its warnings, as a record of the fierce fight agains the flames in vain by the army when surprised and of the death of many trapped in the flames, and too it is of very great interest as youlding the impressions of the observers.

The description which follows was telegraphed by the Signal Station at Lebanon. The letter was given forth to general Aronburg entire, and of good examples of description showing that though little as they were, Violet, and her sisters seemed to have the tarlet of professional college teachers from their strong desire of schooling, and good behavior in the school when they went. The letter is as follows;;;

OCTOBER THE 8th I(1913. TO HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL CONCENTINIAN ARONBURG. ABBIGANNIAN ARMY. ABBIEANN TERRITORY. SIGNAL STATION TO.

The Princeeoses of Abbicannia

"I have recently recieved your request for the safty of your armi s that we from time to time afpossible should send you or your boy and girl scout regimental leaders an account of what we observe while we are away iccally. I have already recently sent you an account of the battle that was so brilliantly fought here in order to give you a more exact relation to it, and which from the results der deserves my acknowledgements, and that of my sisters, for if this battle shallsome day be celebrated by your pen, or Gertrudes, whom I'm glad to hear is recovering nicely, the glory of it I and my sisters are well assured will be rendered forever utiliastratttillastr ous be celebrated for its record and it will forver be also illustrious. And n otwithstanding that general Hanson lucked a general who became of his Mationality thought could never be beaten, which as it breezed at the same time a most beautiful country side into ruins, and destroyed so many lives seems to promise the cause and general Hanson himself a everlasting remembrance, notwithstanding he has himself composed many and lasting works on his own experience in this dreadful and devastating war yet I and my sisters are persauded the mention of his brother too in our own works and will hope to greatly contribute to eternize their names. Happy I esteem those, to be and so do my sisters whom Our Blessed Lord has distinguished with the abilities either of doing such actions in war which are worth, to be so often related or of relating them in a manner worthy to be read by all the word, but doubly happy are they who are blessed withboth these tarlen ts in the number of which many ofour generals including even yourself are justly to be ranked. It is with extreme willinglingness that I therefore, after holding council with my sisters execute the writings of our experience durin g the "World End"as we may call it and should ind indeed have claimed the task if you had not en joined it.

After the enemy had retreated from the territory, general Hanson with party of his army at our request took possession of Lebanon and the main army remained without on the west side. On the seventh of this month, about two in the afternoon of a very hot day for the season, and absolutely sunless and some what dark, my companion and dear friend Jennie Turmer was sitting by a window writing some account of her own experiences, when to rest her eyes she lookedout the window, and suddenly desired general Hanson who was at the table in the same room to observe an ernormous cloud which appeared to her of the very unusual shape and size of the rolled and simultaneously straightened out form of false Cirrus betokening the approach of a thunderstonn, except that it was of a brownish black color.

Before this he had just returned from a scouting tour with helf of his staff and a large body of cavarly, and had then come in to write a message to one of his higher staff officers. He herediately arose looked out the window, and then went up on the roof of the building whre he could more distinctly observe this very uncommon appearance.

At first he thought it was some great volcanic eruption of unusual extension. Ad too it was not at that great distance discernible from what line of low forested hills the ernormous cloud issued, but it was found to be asc n ascending from the lower extremities of the Bombon or Bundon Hills. I cannot give a more exact description of the figure of the cloud which we curselves saw simultaneously than by comparing it to the huge rolls seen by or in hig storm clouds on a summer day which extended itself at the top into a sort of long heavy bridge, p occassioned, I imgine either by the sudden gusts of wind that stretched it out at sucha lofty height, or the cloud itself being pressed into that formation by its own immensity, and expanding in this manner, it appeared sometimes bright below as if pierce by a strange ruddy light that seemed to denosup and down, and sometimes fuller and darker.

At first not one of us had the idea of a forest fire in our heads despite our experience in a small branch of it during the morning of the battles conclusion. Nevertheless whatever we believed it was at first, the extraordinary phenomenea excited the curiousity of us all and we decided to take a nearer view of it, for it continued to grow bigger and bigger and seemed to come slightly nearer.

At our advise general Hanson ordered a strong body of cavarly to

accompany us. We gave Jonnio Turner the liberty if she thought proper to attend us. She mather however was nervous and afraid about that cloud, and declared she would rather continue her writings, for she said, we had given her the writings to do and she didn't want to put it off too long. But s we saw she did look a occassionally at the cloud before we left as if she was sort of apprehensive and worried. As general Hanson and us got onto our horses in front of the house, and waited for the body of the cavarly, that was to accompany us,,, s message rode up hastily with disptohes, and recleved word that all the people of the smaller towns west and south of Lebanon were terrified at theirminent e per if from the clouds foreboding apparance, and the message entra entrested his aid in this extremity. He got on the house top alone this time again while waiting for the cavarly, and looked steadily and long at the scene with his powerful field glassos. When he came back to us he himselflooked the same as Jennio Turner dide

"What is the cloud?"Violet usked. "A big forest fite is heading tward those towns"he answered. He accordingly changed his first design, and general, what he began with a curiousity he decided to do now with a horoical turn of mind and ordered quite a strong force of the fleetest horsemen to accompany him. He ordered a squadron of 10:000 to 10,000 men forward, and with us went himself at the head, ,, with the intention of not only assisting the people of those torns, but to give help to forest rangers that might be in the neighborhood for the population was quick thick in that region. Watons with blazing munitions were sont forward, and a lot of men with saws, exes, and other meuns for breaching in front of a forest fire. I was somewhat a doubting "Thomas" and so were my sisters, for if a forest fire was as immense as that cloud seemed to tell not even a big rain would stop its progress for us ...: ?? When reaching a town fromwhith the pipulation population were fleeing in the utmost terror he urged the troopers on tward the point of danger, and with so much calmness and presence of mind, as to be able to direct them tward Labanon, and to mke and dictate his observations upon the motion and figure of the dreadful scene. We were so migh close to one of those distant hills as horses can go fast that the smoke fog borne tward us on a southeasterly wind grew thicker and thicker the nearer we approach ed, and we were so in danger of gettingourselves lost in that stinking fog which hid all the scene properly, he stopped all of us to consider whether he and us should turn back again to which his retainer advised him-However we ourselves were against turning back, when believing the conflagration was quite a long distance off. We believe that Fortune and Honor favors the brave and we decided to get to one of the threatened towns. We heard from telographic report that most of the population had already started away, for though no one at that time were in any actual danger, yet being within view of it, and indeed extremely near if the conflagration c should certainly be approaching that direction, they were all determined to loave while there was yet time, and before the forest fire "hurricane" arose against them. We reached the town of Glendale and found the population there though they remained in the greatest consternation. His cavarly encouraged and exhorted them to keep up their spirits. but to also make preparation for flight tward Lebanon, and the more to dissp dissipate their fears he ordered with an air of unconcorn the cavarly to help the townsfolk get their belongings on their carts and wagons and to loose no time.

In the meantime we observed, the conflagration flamingout in several places with much serious violence and fury, with the darkness of night coming on so early that afternoon contributin g to render the dreadful red glare still more visible and dreadful. General Hanson in order to soothe the apprehensions of the people and to assure them it was only the burning of the forests far away, he greatly sided to prevent a panic, and evidently succeeded in getting most of the people started on the way with most of their belongings in theirpossession and hardly nothin g of valuable sorts left behind. Then while we had them all on the way and the cavarly soldiers directing them I and my sisters, and general Hanson consulted together whether it would be most prudent to trust to the ravines or to fly with the population to the open fields as to find our way back to Lebanon in such intense darkness seemed absolutely out of the question. In this distress, we resolved for the open fields as the less dangerous situation a resolution which the population were hurred into t it by their fears, y the general and the rest of us believing we were not in the path of the fire storm embraced upon cool and deliberate consideration.

We all went forth then having wet pillows tied upon their heads with roper, as this was our whole defense against the storm of heat that beset us on all sides. I should not wonder if it was not half darkness thoughout the country everywhere else but here indeed there was a much deeper darkness provailing than in the most obscure night we have ever seen, or ever caused by those Typhoon storms we have seen and experienced which however in some degree was discipated by the glarm of the distant fire, and by torches, and other lights of various sorts.

We all thought it much safer to go down d further and find our waysto the Vantura River to observe if we might saftly put out down the river and reach Lebenon by that rout. During all this time we had left u our friend Jennie Turmer at the city. But this has no connection with what we had been observing.

I know this letter which in compliance with your request has now it seems reject your curiousity to know what terrors and dangers attended us all, while we went down the river tward Lebenon. Well though our shocked and terrified souls recoils, and even rehels, my writings shell to it you all::

We started down the stream (should acress to think of what happens) and the cavarly persued their way along the shore as scouts. We thought therefore it was secure and therefore we landed in a little clearing, ate a small support, and frostence retired for the night leaving guards on duty to warn us if anything out of the ordinary happened.

There had been for many days before some warnings of the progress the unusual conflagration was taking northwestward, which the less surprised us as they are extremely frequent reports, but the noise of wind was so particularly violent that night, that they not only swayed the trees as if one of those so called "Typhoons" was coming on, but seemedindeed to threaten total destruction. It was the approach of the Fire Hurricane. My sister Jennie flow to me and my sisters where she found me rising on the purpose of awakening them and the rest. We all remained awake now and on guard. At this time I kn ow not whether I should call my behavior in this dengerous juncture courage or rash ness, but I took up my Dairy, and amused myself with by the help of my flashlight writing the accounts of our experiences in this day and night, and even making extracts from other experiences as if all about me and my sisters, and all the rest had been in full security. While we were in thisposture, w one of the cavarly officers joined us. and observing me sitting with my sisters with a dairy in my hand and writing in it, greatly condemned my calmness at the same time that he reproved us all for our careless security. Nevertheless

telling him to mind his own affairs I still went on with my dairy. Though it was now no doubt the approach of morning if we remember any more mornings here since darkness sterted from so much macks so many weeks ago, the light was exceedingly faint and languid, the trees all around use oaned, screemed and rosered and twisted and writhed before the fierce glas of hot winds, and though we stood upon open ground, there was no remaining there now without certain and great danger as the wind had increased in force, n and smoke became heavy and smothering, and so we resolved toquit the territory. The population which fled from the towns followed us in the utmost consternation and as to a mind distracted with terror every suggestion is deed seemed more prudent than its own pressed in great crowds about usi in our way through the clearing tward the river and the bridge acrosss it.

We fortunately entered a very hune clearing when we got across but being got to a conviencient distance from the other clearing we for a moment stood still besides our horses which treme trembled in fright in the mist of a most dangerous and dreadful scene while we were pelted by broken branches twigs, and bunches of leaves torn from the trees by the terrific windstorms Far to our rear what astunished us a great long well of the queerest colored smoke seemed to roll back upon itself, and to be driven high above into the heavens into the most groteque shapes. In another direction a black andmost dreadful cloud, exceedingly large bursting seemingly with an ignmeous serpentinelike vapor darted out a long train a fire, v resembling sheets of red lightning, but much m larher and which rolled queerly and with the clouds of smoke.

Upon this the cavarly officer whom I have mentioned addressed himself to me and my sistors with great warmpth and earnestness" If every on e else of the population of these towns are safe by now said he they certainly wish you Princesses to be sotoo, but if every one have perished it is the desire of every one that you might survive them, why therefore do you delay your escape back to Lebanon anylonger. "

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THE PARTY

However not only could we refuse even then to think ofour own safty even though we would be uncertain as to the safty of the rest, but we feltpositively sure that no mater how threatening it was, the con flagration was not coming our way. Hereupon disapointed the cavarly officer left us. Soon afterwards the great cloud of macke now towering far overhead seemed to descend slowly and in rolls and cover the whole landscape. General Hanson felt sure the fire was moving off in another direction and atrongly conjured me to climb a tree and see which way the flames was advancing, but not knowing the consequences I did not desire to do this and sent a soldier who knew how to climb a tree to do it for us. Finally we started moving onward, and taking my youngest sister by the hand I led her on, she complied with great reluctance and not without may reproaches to herself for retarding our flight. Some ashes no doubt horne by the strong winds from the burning forests began to fell upon us though in no great quenity. I turned my head and observed behind us in the sky a thick heavy smoke which came rollingupward like a huge thunderhead and spreading over all of the sky. I proposed while we had yet any small ammount of lightto turn coutionaly out of theybigh roads lest we should be accidentally presend to death in the dark, by the crowd of refugees that followed us. We had however scarcely stapped out of the pathway when sudden darkness overspread us, not like that of an approaching Typhoon or when there is no moon at night but of a closet when it is all shut up and all the lights are put out. Then we were startled almost out ofour wits by the shrieks of woman, and screams of frightfened children, ad the cries of many man, some calling for their very children others for their parents, others for their relatives, husbands or wives and only distinguishing each other by their voices one lanenting the fate befalling the country, another that of his family, some wish ing to die to getout of the drendful scene and to heaven, some lifting their hands to God in proper but greater parts fearing that the lat last eternal night had come, which was to destroy the world. Among them were some sho augmented the real terrors by imagin ary once and made the frightened multidues believe that even Lebanon was

At length an unusally strong glimmering row of lights appeared and we observe a long wave of fire going tward the north to our right. However the fire raged on at a great distance; on us, but not withstanding the glare we were still immersed in thick darkness our salvos.

I and my sistors and even general Hanson his self might boast that during all this scene of horror not a sigh or expression of fear ever escaped from us had not my support been founds! in that miserable though strong consolationthat all of Calverinia seemed to be involved in the same calamity eastward, and that we could have been imaging we were to be perishing with the word world itself. At last this dreadful darkness was slowly clearing by degrees, and soon it became twilight but no sun appeared, the daylight was only faint, as well night time is coming on. We had a desperate ride and tramp before we with as many of the refugees aspossible could make our way to the city of Lebanon, where when we reached it we refreshedourselves as well as we o could and yet we passed an anxious night between hope and fear for the forest fire horror still continued northeast of us while several greatly excited people in the city ran up and down heightening their own and their friends calamities by terrible and no account predictions. However we and the general notwithstanding the danger we had passed, and that which still threatened threatened uw should the direction of the wind change from southwest to northeast had no thoughts of leaving the city till we should recieved some account of the fires. And now if you desire to read this narrative without any view of inserting it into your history of the wars progress of which it is by no means worthy you may do so, but you must impute it to your own request too general if it even shall not deserve the trouble of a letter.

General Hanson took a drink of cold water and then threw hims if down upon a hed for the purpose to since sleep for the hot night.

As soon as it was light again, which was not much either the third day after this melancholy hotdent, the forests were stillall amoke as if the whole country side was in frightful eruption but what made us a little light was that the wind had turned west. But this has no connection with how far the fire progresses after this as your inquiry went nefurther than concerning whether Lebanon escaped or not, with that therefore we or I will put our end to the long letter. Sufer me only

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to add that I have faithfully related to you what I and my sisters and general Hanson and all who followed him were eye witnesses of, or recleved immediately after the conflagration approached so near Lebaon, and before there was any three to vary the truth. You nevertheless will choose out of this long letter such circumstances as shall becost suitable to your purpose, for there some to be a great difference between what is proper for letters, and histories.

YOUR FRIENDS . VIOLET. AND HER SISTERS.

TEMMIN TOROTER."

TARRWELL."

In this account of this letter (beter) which was written by Violet and her misters we therefore of the readers can surely recognize;, the continula progress of this forest fire horror since it started in 1912, the agitated winds produced by the great conflagrations, the flames and smokes making scenes as if there were a million volcanic eruptions going on simultaneously, probably attended by many other unusual phenomen and other terrors . But it seems likely that the moe memory of the Vivian Girl Princesses, or rather the information communicated to general Aronburg by them regarding the closing scene of their experiences was not all together put in to the letter as they had had not time to write more. They did not state of the rocks of mountain alopes that ran down like lava because of the heat of the flames, and of the great explosions that were produced. All those who were there observed phenomena which required the belief that the worlds end was approaching, but there is no mode of proving whether Lebanon city and the forests in its territory were to be entirely safe in the future or not. A change of wind alone would decide the matter .. . ? .

The story h in the letter told by the Princess Joice Vivian and signed by her abors and Jennie Turmer was the only warning upon which general Aronburg could rely upon General Aronburg once said that during the progress of a fire, the smoke somethies assumed the format ion of a multitude of huge men and animals, and sometimes of those of weirdly shaped fishes, children, boys and girls, sometimes in the sky sometimes below the horizon, while a great hissing sound was heard as if a "take Micha Michigan size of grease and oil was burning atone time. How terrible indeed must have been the impression upon the minds of those who might have witnessed sohs great forest fire frommer off. Scenes worse than the story of the Last days of "Pompeii were observed and the scene should be a popul r popular synonym for the infernal regions, "

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE AWEUL FOREST FIRE IN THE MEANTIME, AS IT WAS HEADING TWARD LEBANON, AND TO THE DAMMASUREABLE FURY IT GREW, (NOT 57,40)

As it consists of the probable main events of the wars devastations is of sepecial especial interest as being the main continual disaster of the war that devastated so much country throughout the easternportiond portions of Calverinia---all the other smaller forest fires being in other localities--and for the maf femous see of ashes am ouldering and being left smoking like so manyin fernoss adt after the passage of the main fires-Before this it had been reported that the great forest fires had been slightly checked in its course, but since then it has frequently shown that the fires had only grown worse and was giving a more vigorously deplay of its advanci advance.

Dring the time of the battle of Evangeline St Claire succeeding the destructive events described progresses of the awful conflagration were of occassional countances, though of no great magnitude despite the fury of the conflagration from the terrific fight it recleved fromso

south of Trinoque looked as if it was vome voniting fire and smoke. The fire was striking tward that hill. It was in this territory that the inhabitants men and women and effer children even wentout to combat the conflagration by felling trees, digging trendies, and smothering ground fires produced by the heat even from that far distance off-Their desperate work was however a success, they didn't check the progress of the fds, but caused it to cherge its course, and the city was saved. It is a note worthy thing that since this time there was no more threat of the flames from that duarter.

But then Evangeline St Claire was in danger. The first recognized appearance of the conflagration was when Manleys army was routed by it as mentioned in previous past chapters. This conflagration was added by five other conflagrations, none of them however of great energy for a time but they were beyond control just the same. It then rained and smoke covered the scene as if all that country had become a vast crater voneting smoke high enough seemingly with the purpose "To blow smoke into the moons (see This was followed through some tinknown cause by an explosion of terrible violence. Almost in a moment the green mangle of woodland and shrubbery in that district was torn away by what turned out to be a blast of abandoned munitions left by the enemy on retreat, and death and destruction left where safty had seemed assured. The fire branches off into seven district conflagrations because of this explosion, and swept rapidly onward leaving a sea of macking ashes of and of saculdering forest ruin along their paths. T.o Two towns were more or less overwholmed by the molten rocks r produced by the heat and which went down a hillside. Grant torrants of water also poured out from some constructed dam whose walls were undermined by the shock of the explosion adding to the work of destruction and not heading tward where the fires were. It was estimated that eighteen thousand inhabitants of dur good size towns were killed.

Indeed what made the horror all the greater was a frightful eror in judgement, similiar to that of the Governor of Martin que at St Pierre. The Mayor of the town of Sandy Ann had refuse to believe that the disaster was heading twend the town and prevented the people from making their escape untill it was almost too late. Not untill the conflagration was actually a mile away was the order for depart are given. Before the order could be acted upon a terrific towent of water posted into the accorded streets from the bursted receivour and overwhelmed the greater majority of the inhabitants inhabitants.

The water in the flood was not deep oncupit to have drowned very many persons, but the temperature of the water was to the scalabing point, and many were partialed to death. In the violent peroxycen of the explosion of munitions set off by the flames the whole top of the hill was said to have been blown away.

The fde then was not far from the Ava Maria Heights but now burning forward more slowly and casting up still more immense masses of smoke and at night the red glare could be seen and would grow stronger every now and then on the cloudly columns which hung over the conflagrate conflagration and be easily seen five hundredmiles away.

The popo population of the town of Handyknol flocked out to fight the flames reaching the forested portions of Uapri Quarry and Ravine Clan They overcame a smallconflagration in advance of the minone which leaped a breach formd by the rangers, but a portion of it crossed Hedda Creek and started to run up a small portion of the Ara M aria slopes. The fire was fought at that angle by means of trying to divert the codes of a mountain river upon it, but finally the flames

394 grew to with a measure that they were were said to have lempedone thousand feet and caught the forests shead as fast as straw would ignite. The progress of the fire ceased in the location of the river which was too wide for the flames to cross, but at eight as on that day on the 19th it burned through at a different place and the flumes then gained more headway and on this occassion that west phantom of smoke extendies extended its swful menancin g shdow over Evangeline St Clairs at a distance of still 150 miles from the city. One of the Rangers observed the progress of the fire twent the Murth Bend of the Evangeline St Claire River and believed the atream here was too wide for the conflagration to cross-while ordined in viewing this wall of leaping fire rolling as if the flames were smake clouds, the observing ranger heard a violent noise as flames make when catching a great mass of trees at one time, saw a whole wall of trees turn into a mass of fire at a distance of a quarter of a mile in a new direction right acrosss the river, and them like a hurricane of fire roar on tward him. Dense clouds of the blackest make darkened the sir, loud thunders came from burning trees as they fall by scores and as it walled tward him at a rush he being on horseback took to precipitate flight. The heat was parching and made his clothes smoke. He rode scross the stream in order to make himself all wet wa which

He rode across the strend in order to make himself all wet we which was his only safty. He escaped and his account is no doubt much too lively and instructive for his own words to be omitted.

"He said to general Hanson who had been his resculer;
"I was making my observations so as to fight a spot best suitable
get my men to breach the conflagration, when on a sudden about eight
colock, I heard a violent hissing and shapping sound from a new
direction, and at a sport of the forest on the opposite sits of the
main conflagration and not far from the spot where I stood perhaps
two miles, I saw the forests burst into flame, and with much noting,
and the flames leaped many feet high, and then it like a rolling
up wall rolled directly tword meating in the sea of black clouds
of smoke caused aboost a total darkness, the falling of trees made noise
like thunder, and the smell of the burning pine bread mic very
ffensive and stifling My assistant and guide, became alarmed and
baned lately urged his horse into flight, and I must confess that
I myself was not at my cases I followed as close as my chorse
could rin, and we galloped for manymiles without stopping, and I was

apprehensive the fire might either overtake us or out offour retreat, would it would easily have one had there been any wind at the thus. I also feared that the heat of the flames would detatched some of the rocks from the large of the flames would detatched some of water upon us, braides the burning embers being blown tward us by the strong breazes and falling upon us like snowflaj snowflakes were of such a sie as to cause a disagreeable somention in the part upon which they fell-after havingoutdistanced the fire, and after having given our jaded horses time to regain their breath I thought itmost prudent to leave the territory and return to the town, where I found the

population in great clarm at the centifical progress of the fire-About one colock that afternoon another branch of the forest fire burned its way through a thick heavy timber forest whre trens were too close together to admit of anyl ight in the summer time, so that the conflagration was soon as great on this side of the river, as on the other. I observed on my way to warn Evangeline St Claire city of the danger, which was less than two hours after I had escaped the fite that persad me persued me, that the conflagration had already covered over the niles of the very forested road through which we had traveled in our flight showing how fast the flames were pro gressing. This wave of fire was more than two miles in brendth and how extended it was I couldn't tell. Resides mysterious explosions which were frequent, there was a continued strange hissing and rumbling noise -- supposed to arise from the actions of the overheated atmosphere nodoubt. The whole neighborhood was suffering dreadfully from the over heated atmosphere, and the cites of Trinoque and Evangeline 8t Cl. ir., and even Ophelia were in the extremity of minim, the churches were filled to overflowing, the streets were unusually thronged with processions of Saints, and of the Blessed Eachurst and of our Blessed Mother, and all sorts of various Geremonies were being performed in asking God to quell the progress and fory of the dreadful conflagration. They feared more the "Fire Hurricano."

During that night the occasion being critical and the aly seeming to be after itself, a hor horde of Glandelinian prisoners held in attempt guarded public houses attempted to escape from sheer fright, and a mob of people finally set fire to the wooden apareture

of the entrance of the Cardinal Archbishop because he was ac efraid or I refused to bringout the Holics of Our Blossed Lords Crucifix. Smoke of great abundance come into the city of Runnicline 85 clairs sometimes like a fog. In the midst of these unaccountable he rors the mot became very tumultious and imaptient, and finally by force obliged the Cardinal to bring out the relics of the Crucifix, at the extremity of Evangeline St Claire in a Religious Profession of great Sciennity, and it is well attested here, that a strong northwesterly while become to blow, and grew to a flerde strong couling gale, that the progress of the conflagration on censed in that direction the moment the relies were said to have been brought in sight of the fismes. The fire was said to have changed its comes of progress about that time after having threstened the city for abut six hours. The city was cle ared of smoke but for a time the danger came to an end. Ceneral Hanson Vivian also witnessed this confingration and its prograss. He wrote to General Concentinian Arothurg at the time of the whole scene.

To Hansons eye sight it seemed to be a wave of fire ascending two miles high, while the nky was heavy with socke and flames. He us claimed it was the more formed able and stubborn conflagrations he had ever seemelt was he some respects unlike many others he had narrow escapes from in the past and being some what peculiar as to the spot of its arval, the temperature the flames dough at a great disatance away from the conflagration, and the course of the sen of fire-He observed the characters to phenomena with the eye of actions and his account abroled many interesting atories of it afterwards. Cental General Hanson remarked certain chances in the character of the motions of the progressing conflagration during this sk or seven hours threatening denger to Evangaline & Club e, which had him to some particular conjecture of the true cause. The fee at the time of the

isginning to threaten the city of Evengeline St Cimirs (I declars) caused great construction throughout the whole territoryshe by the proposes of the veher bide confiagration as it went north of Evengeline St Cimirs the weather west of the blaze was trangul with forest fire humerhanes raging and det the fire zone. And ever since any of these big fires started over the whole country hung the thick deak smake cloud (proud) and at a great distance seemd to heighted up into a file kering our oral arch by the glars of the flames by by blow the cloudes The very waters of the eastern sace for as they were seemed at times to reflect the glars glars. Where to a town south of Thinughe in flames and clouds of black scake with fulling houses presented a dark and tragicial foreground heightened by the row of the conflagration and the greens and screens and learn tations of the whole popul ation. The heavy clouds of smoke borne over the whole country gathered in

the early morning into a mighty shdow as for north or Abbhanate and the neigh boring seas and over the seas the sun rose pate and obscure, and a long dim twilight continued boreign. Such were the stronge incomence even tobthe states of Abbhanania. They were matched by other others on the eastern aspect, not visible at Abbhanania, except by the reflection of their light in the atmosphere even at such a long distance. The seas of fluese or thisportion moved northeantward, and the extreme length of this great forest fire was not less then three hundred shits miles. The progress of the western breach of the fire seased to go northward on the twenty five of August and turned to go straight northward, and he heat of so much fluess findly produced heavy or ine but these didn't quench the fluese and only and quadrupled the amount of an smake and forest fire gases.

Among the motable things also which attended the configuration that struck Trinoque at last it was recorded that metallic and all other substance exposed to the flames were variously affecteds Hiverware in houses were selled glass become porcelain, from swelled to four thins its volume and lost its texture. Frash was decomposed, and its constituent copper crystallized in cubic and orthhedral forms aggregated in the most broat life, branches. Fine was turned to El blands. Far from the configuration the Evangeline St dinkre River was found in a boiling state with myriads of cooked fishes floating on its surface, and so beat could go on the water on account of the melting of the pitch on their bottoms. The heat of the flames were sait to have generated heavy rains, and large tracts of country were deluged with continual rainstorms with thunder and I ighthing Most of the rains felloutside of the fire ever, but where they did fall in the burning country they made terrible make and did not quence the fire.

Immones injury was done to rich territories of trees by the fluses and by hurriesness produced by the fluses, and the towns of Summus Ottajano, and Rosco were deluged by he buy rains produced by the heat which swept blong cinders, broke up the roads and bridges and over turned trees and boxes for more than fifteen days. The darkness produced by the a o smoke when the fittee were turned into modeling inferno smudges by the rain was an interne as Prebus for hundreds of miles over the adultry side.

Hanson himself ade made numperoximate calculation of the ermormous progress of the conflegration and states the results as equal to what of the burned area would cover a also ofone of the quarter sections of the whole inndeceme of forests throughout the whole nation. There were never in record anywhere in the whole world adone the history of the whole prostion in which forest fives ever made any much spread in any known country from Asset ion to Europe. The fife programmed on more slowly when panning the here there of Evangetine St Clairs and a portion of the forested region of Ava Haria and Tune heights were being on enveloped. A great band of for ant fire fighters suthered in its path to try and retord the blaze up the slopes, but a sudden explosion of somemutions laft openiannly by one of the fighters in the nath of the pl fire killedthirty five of the Rangers and wounded a hundr ed. The fire aproad on monttered upon the forests by the explosion which witnesses said throw rocks and burning trees to the height of four hundred feet, and the explondon had been noviolent th that fearing the Ava Moria heights had become a wilconound broken into an eruption the whole countryside fled pente stricken to Evangeline St Clairs and Maris Kormann cities. Everybody in the territory among the men concentrated their efforts against the advancing flames but it seemed of no avait.

with the wards suche frightful programs, it was seem strong indeed that so describes a selection of the still inhabitated. But so it is. Though Abbdeson, Le Poleme, and Min-Hollester Cities still lie under water, and many otherwhere described still in under water, and many otherwhere described still remain. It is thus that the right-out but bold Colvertain people still remain. It is thus that the right-out but bold Colvertain people in their espenses to suffer for the sake of Our Lord, and to defy the dreadful foe darse the most frightful partia and even venture into the most frightful and most threatening situations, seeking to do any thing at no matter wat the next tend difficulty to see the Glandelinian examine humbled before, the world. Despite all they go through and have went throughed danger and horror is soon forgotten,..., and so treatmining the activity of the Calverinians. The enemy fear the citizens of Calverinian wore then they dod the christian armiaes.

The Ava Maria Heights are the must formideble of the great Bomb Bondon Hills range and is a little over two to three thousand feet above the level of the sea. All portions except where the table of Evangeline St Clairs was fought is most des densely wooded. The forests are almost endless in this territory being mostly Turpentine pine but there are also the oak, chestwat and all other various sorts of trees. In this forest region are high grassy glades, fosst debris and leaf much many feet deep which afford rich fuel for the approaching flames. The great extent of these forests would soon exert a remark able influence on the forest fire in its general conglumeration, for once the blazes starts up the slepes in general the situation indeed for the whole country would be a very graveone. (Gerdous menance to the Calverinian country enth ely beyond measure).

.The destruction of towns because of this forest fire has been numerous, records of them extending back since the beginning of the conflagration, while so far, unrecorded ones doubtless took place also where but there is no trace because of the sea of make overspreading the whole country. After the beginning of October 1912 and more empointly later after the breaking forth of the battle at Cedernine, the fire burn ed in localities where country or forest villiages and towns were more further upart. There seemed to be a great phenomen in the character of the forest fires, for so often loud explesions followed the progress of the flames, and the macke appeared like ashes and sand and rook sebris making appearances of volcanic eruptions. The symptoms that warms of the near approach of these conflagrations are generally immense clouds of smoke rolling forward and the sight of flames that generally slarm the surrounding country as far away as one hundred miles, and so far these reging forest fires have given the whole burning territory the name of "Val Demone, as being the abode

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of the inferral regions and their pirits. The flowes incremed on the slopes of these hills, but just then apposing surrents of winds were by blowing acround the bild and were mufficiently powerful enough to retard the progress of the flowes, but the flowes though with an uncommon efforts managed to slowly progress forward just the same, and mavened swiftly through those portions of the forests where the counter currents of winds offered the least resistance with a grand and mont,, terrific effect, the rowing flowes reaching town incredible hoight, and the fire hurricones are apprending typited tree foliage and hurring embers in every direction.

This so far was becoming one of the most memorable progressive movements of the drendful conflagration. The main arm of the fire began to burn up the b forested slopes in a fashion as if the mountain had opened an arnormous figure and was armptio erupting there with a thougan times the violence of Kraketon, its length being fourty two miles, its average breadth mix miles, and the height of the flower seen five hundred mileaunknown. The heat it threw was farme and storms of sycloingi syslonis force orginated from it, and terrific rainstorms but far off from the territory of flomes. A torm burst on the sugadtofone of the imported hills but made no effect. The progressive of this frightful part of the conflagration was observed by mon of science from various christian countries. The account however from thich we select is that from Hannon vivian to manaror wivian by telegraphic mail. He said the fast sign of the approaching blaze that he noted though he was more than three hundred miles away was a bright light on the darknessed clouds of smoke in the sky far above at conflagrations he enideust have started on the slopes in a line with the main blaze and emitted wast columns of seething finness, noncomputed by mysterious explosions which could be heard fourty miles off-Tward the break of morning when there was then only the country of twillight with the sky black in the direction of the conflagration it appared as if a swarm of craters had opened on the hills and we were in full scuption.

He had wished to go mean enough to view the great fire and he therefore did so, though it took him four days journey on fast horses to come as ment as he daread as he candhad there he can the fluore from a great elevation he was on which fire presented a front as far extended as he could see more forward like an advancing any, and it burned tward a meant villings in a valley which was spendix destroyed.

From felres winds blowing and carrying mbers seven new fires broke out shead of the main, on and in three day sunited with it forming a greater conflagration than ever-All this time the errible fire con timuded to hend for the great Bondon hills and the Ava M aria heights destroying another little mountain villings. The original bigger blaze m seting with some sort of effective resistance somewhere divided into three new conflagrations one of which destroyed the villiage of San Sebustion, the second, Sumbream, and the third the forested budgers bordered farm lands about the town, and afterwards the villinge of Rotiono. Fourteen villinges were altogether destroyed befor his very eyes, and the fimmes literally rolled on tward Trinoque. At Septernia two miles from the city the flames were slightly cheen checked by a big break in the woods, and when the finness reached the enstern. outskirts of Trinoque it accumulated without progression into one mountain of rising searing flames with a rour like artilary, and overwhelmed a f part of the city into total destruction. And her portion of the same wall of flames struck, the city on the southwest. The next three hous the rowning flames reached the Evangeline St Claire River where it was broad but it crossed in: a roaring inferno of flowe. Th conflagration had moved at the rate of fourty miles in a day.

On reaching the atreem the fire crossed and dissed itup in a long wall of fire, and from the heat the water, of course soon lengan to boil violent and huge clouds of smalls streamonrous adding to the thrill of the scene.

Twent the end of the day the flower that had been advancing on the west side of Trinoque again advanced forward and branched of into the city after partia partially destroying the Beneditine Mon met ery of St Agness Attempts were made to form high bremstworks to arrest the progress of the complainables but to no avail. Water

An attempt of enother kind was made by the head worest Rangers who took up five hundred and fifty men with him having previously provided themwith skins for protection against the fierce heat felt at own two miles money to singe you and with allsorts of weepons to try and form a strong wide breach in the path of the "Rod Plague". The men finally managed to check the conflagration in their own direction

but a section of the conflagration besed lately turned its course and rushed in the direction of Evangeline St Clairs, where upon fifty thousand men of that town almosed for its selfy took up tools and wayeen and helped fight the fire in that direction so desporately that again it changed its directions::..., where the fde had burned over for in its southern rear it had been found three months afterwards that the ground remained red hot tomenth its surface and great quia quantities of stream escaped after a rais-knewplos or explosion over admention plat of Trinoque occurred and the debris and rocks and earth materials burled up by the blacks during this explosion in the city were of concliderable manifule, and one large rock was about "fifty fact in sixe and thrown a will from the council that and it penatrated the street into which it full to a depth of thirty feat. The small branch of fire that threatened Roma are at length of these mails branch of fire that threatened Roma are at length of these mails of the distriction and through miles, m

so that in a short time to proposeding it covered fourty square miles of forests. Among the williages turned by this great branch of the fire was Mompilibri. It is not by fire and smoke clone that the forest fires were rayaging the hills, and plains, and the vallies. The forest fire in traveling up the forested slope of Mt Catherine caused a great deluge of water. This mountain is 19,000 feet high above its base not counting sea level and was considered a extinct volcano. Half way up to the slow line this hig volume on as heavily thehered. On the 2th of September two waves of the forest fires burning their way up the slopes grew to an ernormous perpections and threw up the alopes of the snow covered mountain so much heat that the anow was melted in a hurry. The consequence was therefore that a great borrent of water soon rushed down the sides of the mountain carrying with it vast quantities of sand, stones, forest trees, volcante cinders, and blocks of lave with which it overspread the the flanks of the mountain and the plains beneath in a frightful deluge worse than even the bursting of the biggest dam in the whole world, and the floods devastated everything in its course adding to the terrors of the approaching conflagration. Also the water was so scalding but that it gave forth great clouds of steam in its approach. The whole of water was estimated at II, 16,000,000 cobin foot to founding three channels six miles broad and in some places thirty four to fifty feet deep and flowing at the rate rate of twomiles a minute at its fastest. To deed all the winters snow on the top of so great a Calvertaina mountain as Mt Bt Catherine could not have caused such a flood, and it was considered

that from the fierce heats of the raging confingrations racing up the slopes that very flame smust have reached up somewhere and even malted old vers of the shich had been preservedunder overlags of volcanic dust. Where They swalt however these floods did out great hig gaps in the forest fires by tearing the trees down like the termedo but most of the trees carried along with the trees were still burning and except in their path the floods did not hardly retard the progress of the fire in the mountains district at all. The floods however breached them so that the fires had to burn in three different directions. The result of the flood to the fire presented some strange pecularities. We esrest the point whence the biggest forest fire ascended and spread, the cutting apart of the conflagration caused three large now ones to form and ill uminated the night sky so that it was seen afar off. Shortly afterwards, there began a little further on the flank of the mountain another conflagration fromwhich a sim similar result took pl ce and still further up there soon appear ed a fifth, which there burned a rouring cloud of fire which a rapidly spread itself over miles andmiles of forest trees. During the first twent twenty four home of its progress the fire traveled nearly fourty five miles, when it reached a great accession or temporary checks

The three original fires soon again become united introne large conflagration conflagration, from which as from the other two mout two conflagrations above their there poured upward a vastly augmented wall of flame enveloping as it seemed all t of that portion of the mountain. It was then that the flood reality occurred.....

Furing the progress of the flood it directed its certee art-1 a cortain c section of the mountain where it opens into a large ravine of some sort miles long and where there is a deep state perpendicular precipies artived at this point the torrent of water leaped over the precipies in a vase v cascade, and with a loud thundering noise, and to make such noise as to awaken an alarm that the mountain had broken into an eruption at this very place and in the wooded regions

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The progress of the forest fire tward the Bengall State Forests were first witnessed by a party of English Tourists, who were ascend ing a high hillwith the purpose to get a view of the destroyed sections that had been devestated by the Abbieunn Explosions. As they got up half way to the top of the hill they not lead the akt origh ad was enveloped with a heavy smoky black cloud as if a great storm was approaching, though weeks before they had noticed there had been ni not even the slightest summount of sunshing, and the weather nevertheless was tereibly hot and what they thought at times strangely forgy. As they observed this strange phenomena a vo wiel at wielent win datoms arose, which forced them to sheltere thomselves beneath some masses of great rocks to avoid the flying atoms and other debris. When the mysterious storm subsided they returned to their destination furtum ately without having been injured. In the course of the ever becreasing darkness a great glare was observed by them in the direct cast, and by a long wave of deep white hot coloring of a glara they at first mistook it for a great molton in a flow going down a far distant hillside. They were astonished. They of expected to one "it" flow down twend the base of the hill, but the upper part of the hill though forested was still in darkness. They decovered the far distant glars to moveupard instead of downward. At that distance it seemed to move upward slowly at apparently a smalls pace, and they again took the chances to go up anothe another hill to observe the phenomena some of east with the te state ". (lasees.

At first even then the slope of the hill did appear to be enveloped by a molten lake but they heard no loud explosions. The glare moved stillupword and tword the flank simultaneously and continued to increase in size and to form into the forests of the huge valley beneath. It seemed to have many forms of glars rixingspward at at last they discovered 10 was fire. This scene was to them one of the grandest of all scenes of raging forest fires. Norm than 2,000,000,000 acres were hurning within their view at one time. Their attention and arrested indeed by the strong phonocon present even though to their idea it was more than a hundred miles away. They believed the total height of the flames was one handbhatthousendest one thousand feet, and the rear portions of the conflagration was aboutd two thirds of that unusual height. They declared it was heing the worst of wore forest fives even raging in the world. They lieved the fires may have been r beginning before September 1912, that unless real country wide resistance is given the conflagration it would never cease, although it may vary in intensity from time to time. It was observed too that the violence of the progress of the forest fires had a contain dependance on the weather --- being almostmost intense when the barometer islowest. They viewed the conflagration for a long time from theirposition so high being able to look at it down from above. Kven when viewed in that manner the blaze presented to them a very striking appearance, and the flames seemed to be constantly risin g and falling at intervals. Sometimes the rising clouds were of various colors and rose with a decrepitating noise tossing as it seemed high into the air clouds of sparks. They could also hear a loud crackling

There has been in other chapters previous in the various volumes been described the terrible work of the Abbisann disaster of the past few months, and of the great ravages of the unusually continuous forest fires, from the early part of the year of 1912 down to the present in the story up to the month of October 1913.Battles, lightn ing, and the enemy is blaned for the conflegration, and onlyone is guilty of the cause for the main thing in this story. The forest fires are all incendary except one fire, and that fire doesn't exist.

The forest fires as discovered by the spying efforts of g Violet and her sisters were not originated either by any of the Claidelinian generals. They egnited them of course but the whole horror was planned without exception by only the high members of the Glanddinian Kingdom, though the King dis didn't seem to have a hand in the council as he was absent at the time. But whether he later approved of it or not, the story itself doesn't and will never say. But nevertheless we'll make him take the blame ne just the same as he could have easily have frustrated the plans of his lower rulers.

The conflagration itself if it ever was a true one was the most frightful conflagration ever written in history or ever cocured or can cocur in reality. LLWW For over three months after this great cutbreak, the mations of the whole world had been one comparatively quiet on the subject rarely believing indeed that the forest fires did really exist, thinking that maybe perhaps the darkness of the skips over the whole of Galverinia as reported was because on ly of excessive cloudy weather, but it was not untill all the reports began to be verified by all foriegn correspondents and war awenger mon that ever everything began to come to a realization and therefor in this story all 5 Church Services in mornings and evenings, sandays or week days were appointly offered for the ending of the horror and the speedy demolition of the Glandelinian armine in Calverinia.

Tward Late September 1913 the great foest field becomes more threatening then ever, and a great wave of flame began to make its way up tward the forested regions of East Bongall Sin o.1t was in the addite of the first week first week of the month of September that these in Simulion in decations rose to the extremely dangerous point, the spread of the conflagration suddenly swelling from a river of flame to an errormous ocean of fire, pouring in a hellich flood of flames through the once besutiful forests, and meeting the other smaller conflagrations,s that had been burning a little in front of it-while this went on the weather itself remained very quiet there was not a breath of wind, and the huge clouds of smoke rose higher in the air, while from it a durkness soon to become terrible indeed indeed began to descend upon the sur rounding fields country and towns.

Dangerous as the great forest fire was orgin at any is at any time, the population of the threatened vinicity dered all the perils produced by it in their attempts to divort its dreadful course. The people were even ready to dare destruction for the hope of winning the fight against this over powering "Red Plague" of the forests. Yet all this very locality for hundreds of miles was now an immense field of terror and death. Onward tward vineyr vineyards and villiages in the huge clearings advancing the droutful conflagrations in over increasing vigor, but they advanced slowly however, and from their homes fled many thousands of the terror stricken women and children, frantic with horror and damay dismay, suffering terribly from the heat waves and the half smothering snoke. Indeed a great number ofpopulous villiages and forest towns were threatened by the lurid fire waves, the most endangered being the very city of El Verso which had recently been greatly devastated by the ; past rayaged floods. Tward this devoted city raced steadily the irrestible flood of roaring flowers. The soldiers of various standing armies, hundreds of foost rangers, and the men population of the city itself, and many other volunteers and even Glandelinian prisers had been heretal to the front and suight to divert its progress in that direction by digging a wide ditch, by making wide clearings across its course, and throwing up a high bank of earth and fighting most frantically brush and ground fires started by the flaren heat of the man conflagration, and even bursting the levees of streams toflood the territory but they worked in vain. Trees were blasted to earth, even the fire departments of the city tried their heat, but the demon of this flery destruction was not to be robbed of its prey. The wifre wave advanced like a most colosial wave of fire and keepi keeping stoudily on tward the fatal or ill fated town-Seeing that the Red Plague couldn't be stopped one thousand rangers worked like mad fiends to remove from their frest Cant all the high explosives n in time toavoid a dreadful explosion. The file came file came on with the roar of a volcanic eruption, the ditch was crossed

in a sea of flame that leaped hundreds of feet high, the fire reared wickedly across the huge clearing now brought forth by a fierce gale of wind that carried burning embers far and wide, fires started even in forests ahead of the time, the first house a xo wooden cone convent was reached, and soon burst into flames despite the offerts of the fire fighters to stop it, the roaring fire crept on to the next houses in its way, the piles of still remaining wrockage of the late floud demolition was soon a mountain of fire, the town was soon all going on the fire sde, and only then did the despairing people desort their homes and flee for their lives carrying the little with them which they could snatch of their treasured possession, and to eatch trains going north which was their only hope of escape as the fire reaced onward thirty miles an hour.

General Hanson Vivian who was present at this scene, and whose army of soldiers not watching the movement of Gladelinian armies had joined desperately in the fight against the flames, thus described the flight of the terrified people to the Vivian Girl Princessesin a letter which run as p follows;

"Dear Vivian Girl Princesses;

The horrors of the disaster is well of note. I saw women and children and in ants whose very mothers carried them in their breasts or in their aprens fleeing in an endloss procession while the men folk were out desperately fighting to stem the rush of the Red Plague. Dogs too and cats were on the carts and vagons, and sometimes even chickens, tig tied together by the legs andpiles of mattresses and pillows and she shapeless bundles of clothes. Street cars were crummed full of people who even ree on their roofs, trains were crummed full of people who even ree on their roofs, trains were crowded and what was stranger still animals of the laurning forests had fled into the city deers, rathits, every animal including bears and even forests anakes all seeking an avenue of occupe and paying no more attention to the pnic stricken crowds of people as if they were not in existence.

All were white with terrors. Under the lurid glare I saw one old lady lying on her back in a wagen gheatly white, and if not deed already of feer and heat and suffocation from smoke and the theft ing of the windstorm certainly almost gone. We curselves could hardly breath, and the flames of the forests in fore the town went reached clear across the sky in terrific cheeted tongues sheering through the clouds of relling smoke making a strag strange rushing

snapping andunu undulation so sound. It was on A sunday that this second timeill fated city of El Verso became a pre proy of the dreadful vi fire pestilence buring that night and following day the crisis seemed to have come. We wore in an forest Rangers Observatory on a mountain side. At midnight the situation seen from the observatory was terrible. The forces of many explosions no doubt made by rangers in their desperate fight tosave the town were ,e let loose and the wind rocked the charrentory that we could scarcely stand on the floor. The rearing of the fierce flames even though far away and passing us hermlessly bywas deafening there was varies of hissing sounds, great cruckling and snapping, the display of hurricanes of sparks and embers forme by the wind was terrifying, and constant claps of thunder followed the work of the fighters who were blasting to tear huge rifts in the forests to gap the fire. Shortly after three of oclock in the morning the fierce energy of the mighty fire culminated in that location. The whole city was on fire. The town had in its center a huge munition factory n and thus bust open with a shock like a tremendous carthquake, and with a deafening roar, and flamingdebris seemed to be murled half a mile into the air, while a dense mass of smoke seemed to be hurled three or four times this height.Rarely had a more terrible Monday been seen. It was as if the very demons of carth and air and flame were let loose w and were to destroy Our Lords very creationitself.

This frightfulprogress of the forest fire, was the wost of the dreadful display that I had witnessed, but I know the flames progressed further and further on elsewhre never diminishing in intensity. The smoke came in suffocating clouds and the scene resembled that of typhoons I've seen with you in other times."

Hanson vivian."

Of El Verso nothing was left but a few buildings which could not burn became they were fire proof but their shapes were disfigured by melting to some degree from the fierce heat. Another branch of the fire reached the outskirts of the town of Beppo Bosco, and a third stopped at St Anns Forest Cemetery and went in another directiom because of a gap there too large to leap. Those towns fo rtunstely escaped, but millions of acroes of forests in their neighborhood were destroyed by the see cloud of flame. The Turmer Railway lines was ruined and the railway station of Beppo Burned. Another eye witnessed told of wat he observed on that fatal Sunday and Mon day;; 2

"On the road near the Vantura section I met countless hundreds of families in flight, carying wht few possessions they had time to save from the towns. Indeed the scene of collasping wagons, fato fatigued horses and fainting wenen from the heat were frequently seen. When one reached the scene of the approaching wall of fire a most stupying su stupifying scene indeed presented itself. From point on a long forested low hill between the towns and smaller cities I saw four

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dreadful and wildy raging conflagrations, one of which was four miles wide and foatt over fourty miles long and it was m burning slowly and fiercely onward devouring vineyards and all trees and high grass in its path and sending up volumes of smoke en ough to put the worst active volcano to shame. I withnessed the destruction of a farm house surrounded by a fierce forest bluze. It was enveloped on three sides by the conflagration. The whole atmosphere far and wide seemed to be absolutely incandescent for an incredible distance and the heat was terrific. Indeed the whole seen was wreathed in the biggest flames ever imagined and a perpetual roar and snapping and terrible hissing sound was heard Ever and anon the top of one forested hill was encircled with fire that denced in and out of the macke clouds as if there was a vivid eletric phene phenomena going on and so farce was the blaze rushing up its slops that it appeared like an uprush of liquid fire being all revealed in the most magnificent awfulness, with a wind beginning to ru rise the fires redoubled their onrush ad and women and children fled precipitately for any shelter they could find from the conflagration, while the men themselves were fighting as hard as they could to divert the course of the dreadful red plague. The flames had-crossed the Vantura road behind them and was rushing on at

The great loss of life was due however to the wast fury of the sudden rising of the fire hurricane which brought almost the same conditions as destroyed the city of St Pierre in Martinque island. The violence of the hot winds tore off the roos and buried the occupants within the ruins of their blazing homes. In all the neighboring towns buildings were destroyed in great numbers by the winds before the fire reached them an early estimate being that fully fifty five thousand bouses had been partly crushed or utterly destroyed before the con flagration struck the towns. On the Turmerann is side of Vantura Road ware the flames were at their worst all the towns and villiages were totally burned, and the city of The Turmeranni was left a smouldering blazing wreck. In the big city of Mildred Greenburg two hundred miks two hundred miles west of the conflagrations because of an east wind the smoke fog was so think thick that those who could afford it wore caps and goggles and gas masks, while the people generally sought to save their eyes and faces from the heat waves by the aid of "Haloween Masks and umbrellas. The drivers of strent cars and elevated roads still surviving the flood wrack were obliged also to wear masks of some transparent materials under the vizors of their caps. Though so far away the heat in the city was terrible. Tar melted on the roofs, people sweated as if all were under T r Turkish baths and the suffering was immense.

In the city of Evage Evangeline St Claire there were two special great disasters attended by serious loss of life because of the terrific winds then prevailing. On the ninth of September while a congrea congregation of two thousand or more packed the St Michales Cathedral in praying for the ending of the conflagration harror, the violence of the winds ripped the huge roof off from the building, and sent it sailing like a pivot into the air. The wroc wrenching was so violent that from the shock one of the walls crashed in and fell upon the worshippers below, and not one of them escaped alive. The only ones who escaped and yet were seriously injured were the priest and the five alter boys. The second disaster on the same day andone of the same character but far worse took place at the ofty of Ava Maria.

Just previous to it the whole population had been marching in marching in religious processions through the streets in the face of the fierce wind storms to render thanks to God and His Blessed Mother for the apparent cessation of the progressive forest fire in the direction of the town. Motley but picturesque processions were these indeed, headed by so many alter boys carrying candles, which burned simply in the full glare of distant fires, and hearing eloft images of Our Blessed Mother, of Our Lord, crucifixes or of saints clad in gorgeous robes of expensive blue purple or yellow satin. Their joy was suddenly changed by tidings of a frimtful disaster superintended or produced by the heat of the forest fire.

A full grown tornado of hot winds revolving in a unknown speed along in a terrific funnel cloud tore to pieces a good section of the town strewing the wreckage along the whole Vantura road, and more than three thousand people were kilds killed and ten thousand hur, hurt or burni buried beneath all the debris which began to catch free. This section of the town too had been crowded with refugees from the burning burning towns beyond all women and chiodre children. With scarcely a

warning, the tornado struck, there came a frightful noise of wind, a still more frightful crash of torn and splintered buildings, and a dense cloud of dust and smoke covered the scene after its wild passage from out of which far and wide come heart rending screems of agony. The news set the people frantic with grief and indignation/. Screaming and praying in their intense excitement, they rushed for the stricken districts endeavoring with frantic haste and desperation to remove the heavy masses of wreckage from beneath which came the appealing calls for help many of the rescuers sobbing aloud as they worked. It required a large force of citizens and strong women to cary carry on more systematically the work of relief. Of the whole population in that section only twelve proved to be the only survivors all the rest were killed or so badly hurt they wouldn't live. Among these were many children. The Mayor of the town directed the work of rescue, while his wife and elder du daughters and son assisted in the care of the injured.

As the wife of the citys Mayor bont in the hospital to give a cooling drink to a badly burned little girl she suddenly felt a kiss upon her left hand. Looking down she say a woman kneeling at her feet, who grateful gratefully said"Your Excellency, the little dear is all I have. I am a window as my husband was killed at the battle at Cedernine. May God

and His mlessed Mother roward you."

While this scene of unspeakable horror was taking place in Evange line St Claire and Ava Maria town, the fate of the villiags and towns grouped around the territory served as hopeless as ever. Early on the Noth of September the force and fury of the forest fires had diminished because of the desperate fight the conflagration recieved from so man men, but later the same day because of rising sasterly winds began to advance again, and the terrified inhabitants feared that a catastrphoe like that which all other towns had met was about to visit them. The forest fire which reached the St S Anna country Grave vards and diverted its comes because of resistance there by thousands of men turned in the direction of St Phillips town. A violent storm of wind accompanied its onward approach, and the towns of Santa Ann a, St Anns, and Glad Glady's Junction, and Clam Harbor and also Saria felt the force and heat of this wind which brought so much snoke that the people stuffed cotton in their window sahses to keep it out. A typical case was that of Glady's Jun otion. Torach for two days the lace had been deserted, a few ghor ghostly figures could be seen at intervals when the flames of the fires illuminated the scene wandering desolutely about, hungry and thirsty, their throats parched by smoke, dust and heated winds, yetunable to tear themselves away from the ruins of their late confortable homes. So deep was the smoke murk as far north as Calverine that railr railway travel was utter impossible.

A party of officials made a tour of in spection near Evangeline St Clairs by wagon visiting a number of the city, but were prevented by the state of the smouldering roads from reaching others. Ava Maria was cut off from all communication and tr v travel, and a heavy dark cloud of smoke followed the officials officials in their retreat. At Beppo Turner the smoke was an ocean of rolls. The smoke was carried over hundreds of miles of country in the most dense a mass in the sky and over landscapes, and nothing was visibe even tward Calverine but the smoke sea. Even as far as the city of Calverin e so far north the air was almost unbearable, the heat intense, and few could long bear the dangers and discomfort of the situation and an exodus of people started from that town to try and escape the awful smoke and heat. The greatest thickness of the smoke far cutside the far fire zone driven forth by the winds was encountered in the vinicity of Marie Osborne City. Here large countrysides was thickly fogged in, and everybody were being forced to wear gas masks. Soldiers had been sent there with military carts, carrying provisions and surgical appliances, with orders to lend their aid in the work of relief, but they found it impossible to mke their way through the dense smoke fog, and the tales of horror and heroism that they had to tell resembled those in the pe poems of Dantes Inferno.

Wear the town of Gross Greek which was burning, efforts were made to remove the children and women in covered wagons and box cars, but when these had gone a hundred feet, they could not get through the region north of Sun Beam Beam Sunbeam Junction because the fire was leaping acrosss that territory and coming tward them in the same fushion as violet, and her sisters had experienced during the battle of Lebanon. This caused a panic among the children especially, who exc expected to be overtaken by the frightful blaze and they fled

in all directions in the darkness and blinding smoke. Scarchin g parties were immediately sent after them but in spite of continuous shouting and calling no trace was found of the littleones, and numbers of these children really perished having been overtaken by the disasted disaster they fled to avoid. Had they remained where they were they all would have escaped.

May of their charrt charred little bodies had been found buried in the ruins of the smudge of the fire swept forest, and the scenes when the little victims were recovered were often piteous and terrible. Thepositions of the half chared bodies showed that the little victims had died in flight while in a state of great terror, their little fea faces being convilsed with fear. One forest ranger rode his horse through a smudge fire collingout for the children but in vain-

Another rescuer was rewarded by his cries by hearing a mans reply from a half burned shanty in weak tones, and springing from his horse, he floundered through the still snoking ashes of the forest in his high boots to the smouldering walls of a big shanty from which the voice seemed to core. As he made his way through the soft sacking treacherous layer of forest debris which surrounded the destroyed habitation, and with difficulty worked his way tward the smoking build ing the soldier shouted words of encouragement, and climbing over a heap of slightly smoking charred ruins, and braving a toppling wall still ablaze entered the building. In the ruins he b found the bodies of three charred little girls and one boy. Near them was a dead woman and a man harely alive, whoyby almost super human efforts for hours had succeeded in from Lig himself from a mass of fortunately unburned debris which had fallen upon ber him. The soldier picked the man up in his arms and carried him to aplace of safty. It was found that both his legs were broken, and that he had been badly crushed about the body and slightly burned about the face and the hands and feet.

Some extroaordinary escapes from death and the forest fire took place. A man his wife, and his family of six children all goils were rescued after having been lost in a ravine and surrounded by the raging hell for fifty six hours. They were terribly exhausted, almost dead from heat and suffocation, and were reduced almost to skeletons. A little riverlet in the center of the ravine was the only means that had enable enabled them to endure without perishing so long-General Charles Brown one of the greatest and best abled bodied christien generals of h the army and nation, who happened to be on a furlough at the time of the outbreak of the great conflagration in his own territory went with a party of officers and a number of Gemini members as near to the scene of the "Worlds"End"as they could approach. From his graphic story of his experiences which were sent to Violet and her sisters Jennie Turmer had op copied some of the most interesting details of their letters at their permission;

"We caught a wagon train for the town of Mic-Clure micknell. three miles northwest of Ev Evangeline St Claire, and east of Rosa and Topsy, and ten miles from the southern surburbs of the great fire sweep which destroyed the city of Trinoque n early to a total. We had a magnificent view of the great forest fire eighty miles away the neares nearest we could approach as to go any nearer would have been certain death even at that distance because of the heat. Rising high into the sky from horizon to horizon the wast mass of rolling turnultous clouds of very flame was hea beautifully accentuated by the full glare of other fires, and the smoke itself above the flames shifted momentarily into new forms and drifting northwestward in low black clouds reaching to the western horizon and summing various reddish and pink colors. At Evangeline St Claire we ranunder this black terrifying pall. apparently many thousands of feet above us the solidity of which was soon rev ale revealed in the fires glare. The tornces of the wagon guards addedbto the effect, but greatly relieved the smoky darknesss. We had r ached Evangeline St Claire at three on the morning very oily indeed. There wasclittle suggestion of any horrible disaster as we rode through the town to the regions where the fire had raged and was stilll! raging only as a huge smudge making a rolling smoke sea so extensive as to reach from horizon to horizon. The brilliant glare of the fire even though so far away lighted up the region almost as bright as the rising sun and gave us a superb vice of view of the rolling clouds of smoke, all forms being that of caluliflower from the base of the wall of cloud but rising and expending and curling far above for many thousands of feet with a profile like a monsterous rolling false cirius cloud in the heated summer time.

But however nothing in mythology ever gave a suggestion of the awful fascination of this awful force of the uprush of heated air produced by the flames, presenting the subline unusual heauty in color and form above, but below the glare of the Infernal regions.

We reached a section section of country through which the fire had already passed. It was as if all the world of people had effectually cried out to arrest the termific hurricans of flumes which had raged up to the St Anna Cametery, cand which pitilessly almost melted the State Statue of the Blessed Virgin and another of St Ann, with which the people of the city had tried to stay the Red Plague, as at St Catherine the Lage of the Sacred Heart was said to have stayed a similar fire storm from movingupon Lu i Lucillie Ricksen S town.

We a pproached to the edge of the smoking in ferno of debrise It was like standing withinshalf a mile on the edge of the ernormous mouth of Hell. A hundred million volcanic eruptions combined into one couldn't make so much clouds of smoke. We could see diraly the extent of the destruction beyond the barrier of snoke wall which had stoppd at the edge of the Graveyard because of its size, and because the flames here had not been able to leap the gap. A better idea of the surroundings was obtained at dawn from a abundoned railrway. We saw southwestward or mastward rather what was left of Trinoque, a great square stone church and a few row of app arently fire proof struct1 structures inland in a sea of smouldering ruins of houses. N orth and east and south was that terrible wall of heavy smoke in side of which rose a thousand patches of flame in the form of swamp misma. All was snoke, snoke, anoke, and stillmore smoke with mo where the familiar appearance of goodly landscapes of beautiful forests of trees, flourishing towns and villiages. Even from this smudge though we were miles from it the heat was terrific. We ate a heaty lunch before the hour of sunrise, though there was no sun but continued gray darkness with blacknessoverh ad overhead and with a littlemore coming I of light, wh which was only as

a twilight the great thrill of the scene was still more revealed. The column of smoke extendinglike walls so far and near as far as eye sight, could reach from northto south and in the south seemed higher and more massive rising as high asone could look up into the sky and retaining its rolls at the up or sections but in biger forms. Each portion of the clouds had a concentric motion and new aspects.. The southern wall floating on the tops tward the west showed exquisitive current as referees, day to the u per moving our ent current. It was like the decoration of the side of a great sarcophagus. As elsewhere a heavy yellowish white cloud hung over Evangeline St Claire city and territory and hides the flaming hilling country, I counted myself very fortunate indeed to have seen all day from leewardthis hurge spectacle of changing undiminished but horrible beauty. beauty.

The amnount of rulned land of forests in the path of the forest fire within my view e extended far beyond my calculation. Fancy so much forest land far down from the beginning point of the forest fires now left nothing but sens of still smouldering or dead ashes and half burned trunks, while elsewhere the forest fires still raging onward distrubiting to other forests the same fate and you will get an idea of the desolate impression of the dreadful scene va forest tragedy colossal to immeasureable size and most heartrending. .Like the disaster to Abbieann and elsewhere it is enlisting the sym, ath sympathy of the civilized world. Yet it'll take time for such a columnaity to be realised for the ammount of forests already burned over is over I,000 miles, and the fires have only begun. Two miles below Evageline St Claire city we struck the edge of the vast snoke wall, and our wagon driver begged us not to go any further on or we'd be into the edge of the conflagration. We had not the ha heart to proceed on so we started on the return journey. In many places northwest of Evengeline St Claire cities of temporary shelters had been built by the various roadsides in forest clearings like cities of childrens playhouses. Here women and children were huddled with their hedding, nawat awaiting the coming of what supple suplies they could ex ect expec t. All the men population in the districts were largely occupied in their efforts to fight the tremendous conflagration. Many two and four wheeled carts and wagons loaded with forest fire fightin g equp equipment were making their way along. In another clearing was a large encampment of soldiers with low abesto tents. Wear another large clearing cut through the forests in course white linen shrouds were the hodies of thirty three women and children who in flight through a burning sector lost their lives. Of all the refugees every one

of them were sad, but nevertheless did not compalin in fact for so excitable a people they were indeed unusually calme"

In the meantime the Calverinian Government through the urgent request of Violet, and her sisters were doing all it could day after day to alleviate the horrors of the situation sending money to be expended in relief work, despatching high officials of the government to give aid, and encouragement by their presences, and men from hundreds of northern and extremely southern Culverinian cities, and many more towns, and even ab older hoys, and more hardier women were flocking out as volunteers to aid in the great fight against the red plague, of the forest. Often violet, and her sisters had been near the scene of destruction since they returned from their short-captivity from the region of A Angelinia St Claire, and whorever the tim was they were not in the armies they were amon the refuger refugeos lending their own personal assistance to the work of rescue. Obliged to leave their carriage, which could not nove over the smouldering debris chocked road, the Mivian Girls with difficulty went forward on hor seback, the animals sometimes in the burned sistricts floundering through our feet of ashes and burned trees and limbs stumbling into holes, and half blinded by the snoke and whirling ashes sent into the air by the winds. But these horses were used to every thing and did not fear fire which was an exception. But they were trained to brave these thingson r buring their jurney tward Evangeline St Claire they came upon the Mayor of the town. of Trinoque.

"How in the world did you escape from there?" Jennie vivian asked

"I put myself into compacative mafty. "was the repl y. "You did! What do you mean. "!

"Realizing the danger I left Trinoque while the people still remained. I wasn't foolish."

"What"cried Jennie with a flush of anger. "You a Mayor of a town too cowardly to share the dangers of your people while weourselves go through adventues that no one cares to hear about. I'll see to it that you'll be removed from office. The idea. A coward for a Mayor. Not in that heroic town."

Reaching Evangeline St Claire the bravelittle Princesses did what they could to expedite the work at centrail points of disaster more than a hundred dead hodies being taken from the ruins of the Cathedral in their presence. They stood with set pale faces watching the removal of the vistime victims and directing the movement of the workers and even joining in at times themselves. During their visit to the front they inspected the tem o temporary camp hospitals in which the soldiers and nuns and priests were caring for the burned injured and suffering, speaking kindly to the poor victims, being like little angels among them, giving them what comfort they could and asking what they could do to relieve their distress. Every request or dire desire was recleved by them with syp sympathy and orders given to have It Allfilled. A pitiful scene took place when they were around the bed of a poor little boy whose right leg burned so bad had to be amputated, and Violet bent over and asked what she andher sisters could do to comfort and aid him in his affliction.

"Send me my father who is servin g as a soldier in general Vivianannas army"said the poor little boy.

The Vivian girls were visibly affected, vand promished to do so. While they went from district to district they inspected the places where the refugees were housed doing what they could to improve conditions, and to add to the comfort of the sufferers. While there they decided to make an automobile visit to as far as they could approach to the ruined town of Trinoque, but the motor broke down, and they were forced to return on foot, walking a distance of twenty miles through the smouldering forest fires left by the passage of the main blaze days before, and displaying apower of endurance despite their discomforts and sufering and hardships of hungr hunger and thirst that surprised the natives. By Friday September the Thirteenth the danger to Evangeline St Claire was practically at an end for good. The main forest fire horror had passed on northward leaving behind it an immense smoke sea which spread like a thick heavy curtain over all the sky-The whole country lay buried in darkness and obscurity, clothed in a dense pell of smoke. At Calverine three hundred miles north of the fire horror there was nomunahine, it was as dark as a dark rainy day but some distance scuth hung a dark sombre veil. Even as far north as Abyss Abyssinkile more than

407two to three thousand miles away there was sunshine, but its light til trickled through with a sickly glare. The sky had a yellow color and sometimes even dunnish or brown and at times pale cream and other colors. At the city of Bonbon six hundred miles away from the forest fire but west of it the gloom was so deep every time there was a east wind or southeast, that telegraph poles twenty feet away could not be seen. Breathing was difficult, and the smoky atmosphere made the eyes water. At Mildred Greenburg however a favorable west wind had cleared the lower atmosphere of smoke but the sun did not shine and it was very dark. Everybody in many cities and towns of Calverinia and Abyssinkile too wore goggles. masks, and eye screens, the weather was torribly hot. It was believed there were sme six hundred thousand men at work against the flames ditching, making wide clearings, blasting, counter firing and doing everythingposed blast castey the progress of the conflagration. There indeed were grewsome scenes close to the forest fire zone. At Beppo Junction soldiers carried on the work of re rescue when the flames threatened there. It is interesting to learn that six or seven members of the Genini stood heroically to their; post of duty during the whole scene of the advance of the forest fire. Gingigore. Whilliam Schloder, Dargar and many others. Though the ob servation post occupied by them was exposed to the full heat of the dreadful conflagration raging thirty miles away, they remained undaunted at the irpost throughout that week of terror. On the fourteen of the month some of that Abbieunnian venturesome fouternity the news paper correspondents, reached the observation point of the Gemini, and heard the story of their experiences. For several days Dargar and his followers had been out off from the outside world, and threat ened by the conflagration, their rations consisting of bread, cheese and dried onions, untill on Friday a hardy guide was induced to push through the remains of the burned landscapes to them with some provisions. During the progress of the disaster the Professor had kept at his observation, taking observations day and night and making calculations in the mids' os the of the informo-noughly dressed helooked like am American Western Cowboy after a hard ride in a dust storm. The portice where he stood was half scorched by the heat, but as far as eye could reach an ocean of ashes, still smouldering tree trunks denuded of their branches were alone visible through rising fogs of clouds of maoke, while the main conflagration seen now far to the north. The monuterous path of the fire sweep was enveloped in a cloak of white puffy and rolly smoke as if it was the sky hidden in a sea of storm clouds. As the correspondents ascen asc n ascended the mountain that had partly escaped the worst of the conflagration they were surprised at the apparition of burned tree trunks still smoking, the smouldering of ground degris and the desolation left by the passage of forest fires. They were also suprised by a nanother apparation of forest rangers who had been recently trapped by the forest fires, and who suddenly emerged from somethinglike caves. One of the Gemini completed his record of holdness by going to a point far too close to the conflagration at the imminent risk of his life from the heat to observe the conditions them

Therefore the reader can be well informed in informed that the eastern parts of Calverinia down up from the southeast is being one of the most disasterious burned, countries in the whole world in this book from the story out, whether the reader can regard the number of terrific forest fires concentrating in so ernormous a space of forests or the extraordinary destructive fury of the conflagration. Forest fires are raging elsehwr e elsewhere but not to such a proportion .. Of forest fires of each more than a hundred miles in extent and up to a stretch of three hundred, to twenty miles in width or even to fourty there are no less than thirty six of them. The fire burning across the Mic-Whirther Run Terriroity, and through the Mic-Hollester Run regions heading for the Main Red Riding Hood Woods being much the worst of them known. In all I,000 minior other forest fires are burning. The Forest fire however heading east of the Abbieann territory rival all the others in size and magnitude, and are more continuous in their progress and more intense in fury n and the heat they throw, and the range of hills alre ady traversed by the flames is far greater then the Rocky Mountain range going through five western States. The Mortheast branch of the Bonbon Hills indeed is not yet traversed by the conflagrations, while one quarter of the Wivin Hills appear as if they were all in violent eruption from unusual strong subterranean forces, and make the smoke clouds of the eruption of

Krakatoa and other volumnes simultaneously appear like a shouldering shoestring in comparison. Therefore these frest files, which 10? 10,000,000 men, and even rainstorms and flouds does not subdue because of the terrific heat as being the most terrible disasters on record. The h heat wales felt five hundred miles away has driven people to the north to escape the effects. The city of Calverine even now in October where at this time the highest temperature is fourty in the shade, is still at I34 degrees and people are fleeing for cooler regions with the suffering of thousands of prostrations and deaths from the heat. The usually cold climate of the Calverinian country for its winter seasons produce vast quantities of snow and ice which covers I all mountain ranges and fill up the cracks and valleys in their sides. Therefore whenever the winds were were on a southeasterly course, the intense heat even carried hundrous of do miles to the northward rise to high into the atmosphere makes the temperature even over the snow covered mountains at an elevation of fifteen to eightern thousand feet as hot as the same heat waves are in the low lands, and vast masses of ice, great fields of snow, and deluges of water roll down the hillsides into the plains creating unusual floods and driving the inhabitants before the torrents. Some of these torrents produced by the highly reaching hot waves tear up rocks in their course and devastated the surrounding country for miles.

In many sections the forest fires were accompanied by dreadful floods proc produced by malth m mountain snows caused by the heat and flames. The heavy clouds of smoke was seen at Galverine to rise by day from the so far distant forest fires, and by night the red glare could be seen. muring one dreadful heat wave in September caused by southersterly which conding off from the forest fires, deluges of water rushed from the heights of the Volcano Mt Calverine bearing along whole fields of ice, and rocky fragments of every size torm from the flanks of the mountain itself and curred to the huge Morma Run River making in it into a raging floods. But the most remarkable thing is the dreadful progress of the fie duringthe later part of September up to the time of the battle of Lebanon. Of this a last extended description is worthy of being given in this last chapter

On the eighteenth of September the forest fire was then racing for the Lebenon region sixty (ie miles northwest of Evangeline St Claire(I do :declare). It was preceded by a long series of mysterious explosions which was said to have been heard at a distance of one hundred and fifty miles.

The file was then raging northward and the advance guard was in about a number of smaller ones but winds then raging formed them into the union of an immense wave racing northwestward from the parent blaze, which crossing and burning on both sides of the St Anna river or wide fr creek not only drad it up because of the dreadful heat but dried the sands on the river bottom to a depth of ten feet.On advancing across a huge ravine the fie came to the margin of the big Sanders Lake which lay in the course of the river-Here it was arrested for a while, it seemed now as if the many thousands of fire fighters here had a dh chance to outwit the blaze--but the fire gradually encic encircled the lake and then went onward resuming its advance till it reached a wide long clearing. Had it not been for the terrific heat of such high reaching flames it might have been checked at this clearing, but too for another reason to unfortunately the wifre wave was too far extended by this time, and where it could not not its way across the clearing by burning along the ground rubbish it burned its way by flanking attacks, and soon the fire enveloped the clearing on all sides.

Embers in the meanwhile formed another immense wave of fire which advanced with great rapidity tward the forests in which at the time of the Lebanon battle, the Vivian Girls were having their adventues, and ultimately combined with the first wave to form a more huge wall of fire now rushing on twenty miles an hour. When the left wing of this fresh wave of fire reached. Turner Greek twenty miles south of the Lebanon Forest regions, it again struch a long wide clearing of the forests(these were natural clearings not made by fix fix hters) and a portion of the fire couldn't cross and was forced to burn up the channel of that stream tward the Lebanon forests-Had this clearing not interfered with the fire the blaze would have gone on its regular course and the Lebanon forest would have escaped.

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After persuaing its course for several hours, the main hody of this conflagration reached the Lebanon forests, and then it was that Violet and her sisters had their stirring time in the forest bla blaz blaze as previously mentioned during the battle. After going forth the wildly raging flames reached another clearing this made by figh ters, but the flames leaped this gap and the fighters were trapped in a huge ravines and fought for six hours for their lives with the in in ferno roffin roofing the sky above them in roaring flames.After this it still continued up the chann el of the stream and began coming tward VanturaxRoad and river which it followed untill it threatened Lebanon itself.

Three days afterwards brought fresh acessions to the imaense ocean of fire still pouring onward over the lan de The fire in heading irrestibly tward Lebanon despite the inhabitants of all the men fighting it desperately continued on and there seemed to be no hope whatever put the flames as usual struck another Natural opening in the forest in that locality, and as this opening was one four miles wide, and ten long, and there being no way for the fres to cross as there was no ground debris in the clearing fortunately. the flames which had e pe persued a northwesterly course, was forced to take a new direction tward the straight west and east and then to the northeast, where it struck more denser for ests than ever. Here it persued a couse similiar to that as before but on a more winder ad and extensive scale, filling ravines with the blazing debrie of trees and spreading itself out in from t of Lebanon into grea er greater occurs of fire than ever, and Lasbanon was almost surrounded. The Clearing however was in the direct way of Lebanon and if the wind didn't change direction Lebanon was safe though the inhabitants suffered frightfully from the heat which bur sted all Thermonieters in the city. The fury of the cln flagration continued to rage around the city and so ernormous was the conflagrations that according to a careful survey at a great distance the whole together would form a a mass of fire at once the full size of the Mediterranean ses in length and width. Of the two arms of the fire the greater was that size, and the the less half as wide but three times longer. The height of the flames could not be estimated, but some eye witnesses testified that the eastern wave of the files attained on the forestedplains a broadth of height rather from twelve to fifteen thousand feet in height, that of the other was only about half as much Though became of the clearing the fire was some ten miles away from the city, wooden houses on the surburbs went up into flames from the heat and threatened a conflagration in the city. Hansons army had also fought this, Manleys army had run before it ran before it not daring to fight the blaze. The devastation directly wrought by such an immeasureable conflagration was not the whole of the dreadful evils thr they brought upon the unfortunate land and its inhabitants even far from it. Partly owing to the sudden melting of the snows and glaciers on higher mountains even not in the path of the fire by the heat waves brought up to them by winds, partly owing to the stoppage of river courses because of the damning up of the river by other disasters of thepasth! immense floods of water deluged the country far from the neighborhood, terrific cycloinic cyclonic storms originated, cloudbursts, hurricanes and fierce untimely out of season eletricial storms, the floods and while destroying many villiages and a large amount of agricultural and other property. Twenty big towns were overwhelmed by the raginraging flames or overwhelmed so by the heat as to burst into flames twenty miles away while the clouds of macke hurled upward by the draught of the flames covered the whole of the skins over the Calverine seas, and the smoke on several occassions were diffted drifted over considerable parts of the far Moragnuia and Protestentia nations, and even obscuring the sun way down in Glandelinia and giving the sky a estrange wried and gloomy aspect. In certain respets they reproduced the strange phenomena of the explosion of Krakatoa. The strange red sunset phenomenea of the latter were produced by the smokes of the gigantic forest files so far away. The whole world itself was astonished as the phenomena was seen in many countries.

.Out of five hundred thousand persons who had been driven from their towns and villiages by this "R d Plague, fifty thousand perished by flames, smoke suffocation, heat prestration together winII, I45003 head of cattle, hundreds of thousands of sheep and hundreds of thousands of hornes, and various wild unbula of the forests by

countless numbers.

410 This dreadful destruction of life was caused partly by the direction direct action of the forest files, partly by the noxious vaports or fumes the fire maitted over so much of the landscape, by the heat, smoke, and windstorms, partly by the floods of water, partly by the destruction of the herbage by the heat and sunless weather, and lastly in consequence of the drying up of so many rivers which formed a large portion of the drinking water for the people and animals.

After this frightful progress of the forestvfires, and its serious disterous effects the whole population of Calverinia became appreh n apprehensive because of the terrific speed of the conflagration.

Mt Joan Volcano which had been the most frequently active volcano of Calverinia, which had a record of fourty two terrific eruptions was soon becoming enveloped in the flamen which caught its forested slopes and the people in its neighborhood at first thought these mountains had sprung into cruption again. The first inkling of the report that the fires had struck up to here was conveyed to even as far west as Domdobia Abbicannia by darkness as intenso as night. This palpable hist was soon confirmed by a direct news from Calverine that the forest fires had assumed an ernormous size.

On the Twenty fourt h of September a severe windstorm followed the same night by fearful noises alarmed the inhabitants of the towns near the volcano of what was to come and they flod. About noon the next day with a dreadful hissing noise the fire poured forth west of the Volcano and rushed for the forested valley. This torrent fortunately burned forward through the northern and northwestern sides of the huge mountain. The inhabitants of the villiages at its base were driven before the conflagration, but several of them were overcome by the heat and perished before they could escape. The whole mountain was enveloped in smoke clouds and appeared in as fierce an eruption as Krakatos itself. Even here all menvinhabitants of the threatened towns and villiages fought desperately to try and stay its ;r progress but in vain they couldn't face the florce heat ten wiles away. The rivers became sohot as to lill the fish, and to be even imap impassable on horseback or in boats of small size. Explosions from some where occured and made detenations so loud as to be heard over the whole territory. Two new conflagrations were formed to the east of the mountain which was eighty seven miles around its base then another on the northeastern, and the other on the extreme eastern slope of the huge forested cone. The fire however didn't burn around to the extreme north of the mountain slope but went its usual northeast course. The volumes of smoke risin g from the conflagrations assumed the very appearance of the flames themselves and ascended to a score of times the height of the I9,000 foot volcano. The mountain when active never had assumed dangerous proportions, and at the very outbreak of the disaster the majority of the inhabitants close to the comparatively safe volumno knew what was the trouble and had immediately fled screaning to every body"Run, Run tre forest fire. The

The rivers of the volcano on the north and burning sides were flooded by the melting ice and snow which had accumulated on the mountain. The floods however did no extent of "harm" to the fires and the waters in reaching fifty miles from the base of the mountain still were so scalding hot as to raise great clouds of dense stream.

or steam. Fortunately owing to the nature of the district through which the flames passed, there was on this occassion very small loss of life as every body had been warned by the rangers a day or two before the fire came up .

The forest fire horror too was remarkable for the eletric phenomena which the rising heat produced in the atmosphere far of course out of their original course east or west or other directions. The most violent thunderstorm ever on record for hundreds of years with terrific showers of rain and hail, and wind were frequent accompaniments of this progressive disaster everywhere, even over the fire districts, and the very condes condension of the smoke clouds was so sudden and violent that great qun quanities of eletricity were developed though there was no rain.

The Conflagration around Mt Joan was indeed the most furious action of the flames around any mountain ever on record and to a dis tance of three hundred miles the effects of its heat was astonishing. At Calverine so far away by this time of the month snoke filled the air above the city so thickly that the sun could not penetrate them. The flames burst forth at first in three distinct great conflar rations and after ascending the forested slops of the mountain and joining with the main wing of fire rushing past the volcano to the

east and west the flames soon united seemingly in the air in a troubled con u confused manner. In a short time the vo, whole mountain and others forested ridges near it appeared like bodies of fire extending the conflagration in every direction and rushing upward. The fire continued to rage with unabated fury un till the s darkness caused by the quantities of black make from other section s of the blace finally obscured them, at about eight P.N. smoke at this time became very thick in the sky as far west as Francis Atlanta. Twenty eight miles

west of Mt Joan a violent whirlwind believed to have been caused by the heat ensued, which blew down nearly every house in the villiages and towns carrying the roofs and lighter parts away with it followed by electrical storms and dashing rains over the whole country side far west. In the city of Joan its effects were much more violent. tearing up by the roots the very largest trees, and carrying them in the air together with men horses, cattle and whatelse or whatever else came within its influence. This account for the vast ammount of floating half burned trees seen on the bigger rivers later. The whirlwind lasted about two hours. Of all the villiages around the territory of Mt Joan, Joan city though partly destroyed by the windostons was the only one remaining. In other sections no vestige of a villiage was left and a great loss of fire from wind and fire occurred. From the most peculiar and particular inquiries and investigations made, there were no fewer than one hundred and twelve thousand inhabitants in the territory at the time the forest fire came to Mt Joan of whom only five or six dared toremain behind. All the rest had fled. Still onward the forest fire went.

STARRING OUTTHOUS HIS ANTH HES...

EVER: as his burns was , which he received when he rescued the great general aronburgs from the revaging forest fires, which took a series of chapters, to relate his adventures through, it dis not, because of his strength take long for him to be on the road of recovery. The general himself was more severely burned than Starring, but all the time since his rescue however he did not relinquish the command of his army either on is camping or marching. Of course Starring being faithful to his friends, Violet, and her sisters,,,,, and not intend to give up his adventures, especially when for them he had decided to try out his lock in secure the information which they too had been after the held by in his cot had heard lots recently of the disasters of the past, the predicted progress of the enemy, the so called victories at the battles of Evangeline St Claire and Big Girlknool, and so on.

The news of the floods had bothered him a good deal, and so also the awful forest fires he had heard of, which had been consuming the vast forests since June 1912.

Wile on his bed he had taken a map given to him by Jack Evas Evans and hed traced through the news the r progressive movement of the fire cince its start. Of any serious nature, the towns of polores, and estellic Junction were the first hit in southeastern Calverinia. Secon ame the destruction of Irlenetown and many other plane places too numerous to mention here, with up to this time over five hundred miles of vast forests burned, light after the buttle at Nelkingburg or Oedernine, the fire a sea of destruction stormed up to Oedernine Crock, pussed the city of Nelkingburg, moved on to Collyer and stalktanck and destroyed them.

To prevent his army from destruction general manson Viviani had been compelled to throw his whole command into the conflict against that meething hell as a it reared across the stream and headed for Fig Betty Fees and struck a portion of Meadow

Ho was worsted in his conflict against the flames but his desperate aggression enabled his his command to retreat. The fire prevented the victory necessary after the buttle as it enabled the enemy under Manley and his commanders to escape from general Vivian.

From here it mood moved for Angelinia Agathia threatening the town or city twice but changes of wine fortunately made it go elsewhere. In this section Angelinia Agathiae and other big towns were devastated. Evangeline St clare right after the battle was threatened, and Manleys armice and also Vivians near Sound good now were in danger. This fire also struck Conventinian Concentinian Archburgs army, in which which fire harricene Starring saved Convert Arronburg from being killed.

10,000 men of Aronburge forces lost their lives in fighting the terrible " Red Plagnos"

There were many other points through which he was able to trace the r progress of the ernormous forest fire, but big as the fire was so far, he was more interested in the results of the other disasters of the past, especially the flood.

he maned on the situation for quite a long time and then was nuclearly aroused by a guard entering the room. He steed at attention untill the general citting and " Well?"

"General Arrenburg is coming cir. - he said, and saluting he left.

in a few moments the general entered with his arm still in a sling, but no longer in a wheelchair.

"pead this news in the paper" the general said and he handed galter the news which he glanced over for several minutes in silence.

"Well" said walter." we have literally a plague of great floods, forest fires, explosions and everything classit is surely chocking, and it makes me more determined to find out who is really responsible. And I'm going to do it iff' have to go the through hell for the purpose."

"Eut you are not in no condition for such a trip." said general Aronburg. "You know how badly burned you are. Petter be careful. You know how Gertrade took : care of you and yot nhe had to go away now to rejoin the Vivian Girls who are going to make the came attempt them selves. But you beter listen to reason."

"Yes but mapose they do not succeed, it is the most dangerous and difficult mission they too have undertaken and they'll only succeed by a miracle. And you must'fnow also though they don't know it, that this forest fire is touching the region of imported Valley and boading for sound none and moneral Monleys army will be hit. If it is then the fire will frustrate their hopes to win. Then the Glandelinian army will have to move off with such haste that they'll never have the opportunity to me succeed in their purpose. So I must try my best too."

"Tail you are the kind who will have your way." eaid the general looking troubled.
"I thought your trail in this experience would have changed your mind. But I see
it don't. But I do not like the proposition at all. The enemy is dangerous by now,
and I must warn you by now that the enemy know that many are trying to find
out all about the causes and the originators of the flood and other disasters,
and they are surely either on the lookest or are so quiet that they won't allow any
of their conversation escape to even any of their own under officers or any one
whatever. Every one sumpets general John Manley is at the bettom of this, but

no one can prove it as no one has any evidence, an, one who could really get: That information for the Vivian Girls would surely recieve a annual reward. I therefore hope you God's blessing and good luck if you do continue on your ju quest. But nothing can be some without his help you know." The general was then silent for several moments as he pendered over something and then he continued;;;;;;

"I have marched my armies through the wildernone of this war torn world, and though so far I have not been in any unusually sharp battlen. I have once lighted on a certain spot, where once in the war I was seriously engaged, and that was the battle of Jennine parmer. He o liever during my advance, no matter where I fored my armies on did ever dure lay moself down for at least an all nights sleep. Often I've slept on my horse while I reder rode on Every movement of my armies on the march was a bad dream. I've seen the Abbleann flood though, said nothing about it. By army was near by, and saved a few from floating house tops. The we, this war is going on and with me not yet as seriously engaged as I desire. I feel like a men clothed with rage, standing on the street begging, I feel like I had a great burden on my back. But I cannot battle the enemy he won't fight me. The glandelinian generals who I have permed and tried to good into a battle run off. From all that has occured in calvering and elsewhere since this cruel war started I have wept and trembled.

I have written out a sort of book, and wrote therein of what has occured, and have a long list of disasters. Many times I have broken out into a lamentable cry; when my generals questioned me about the i situation. What shall our Government do in this case. I cannot help it."

In this plight I have continued on the murch, refraining myself as long as I could, that none of my staff, or retainers should ever percieve my distress, but I could not be silent long, because my sorrows, excitement and troubles increased, my siene sense of amonding disasters stalked in the open air, wherefore I at length told the situation to all the officers, and I said to general Vivienna, "Your Excellency, I said," Our country it seems from these disasters, to be undone, especially by reason of this burden produced by floods entosions explosions, and terrific fires, , that this burden lay hard non upon the nation, and I have also beein been informed for certain, that If something is not done sooner or later that this our states of Calvernia and others will be burned of in all her forests, in which fearful overthrow, all our armies shall miserably come to ruin, except the which I see not yet some way of escape can be found by the quick mobolization of the whole nution against wicked clanaelinia.... """ This my generals and all other officers, were sore uneazed, not that they did not believe what said to them might be true, but because the menunce seems so great Now my dear friend, but walter starring, they all think because of the adventure you are continuing on that some frenzy of distemper has got into your head. Of course for me too there were times of great trials, the nights had been as troublesome to me as day during my marches and campaigns, and most of the time instead of spending sit; nighttime in sleeping, I in thinking of these fierce disasters have opent the greater parts of the days and nights in sighs and tears. I tell you my boy the situation is growing worse and worse. Ever one of my officers is beginning to be hurdened against your intentions. No matter here you faith might be you sure won't succeed. The Vivian girls have been in Manley, camp a long long time and they never made an inch of ground in their quest, and never will. If they con't win you cannot either. Therefore take my advice and give it up. It's too dangerous."

Built r gturring nowever did not intend to give up hopeions as the case is then the general had left he began to pender over the situation and condole over Galverinas misery-then recovered cafficiently well he would walk in the Company Streets, reading ad and sometimes praying, and thus for four days he see spent his time.

then again he was walking the company streets full, recovered from his injuries. gtarring was reading a map of calverinia, and also greatly distressed in mind, and as he continued to think it over he baret out crying. What shall I do. Give a it up, or continue on. If some one does not succeed how can Calverinia and her sister states be saved from total destruction. I'm sure the enemy has won the war already."

he then looked this way and that way as if he would make up his mind to start, yet he stood still, because he was not well enough to go yet according to his doctor-Finally another officer was coming tward him, but an officer of inferior rank, but his friend, and after saluting he aged:

"Your Execellency for why do you look so worried. Thy cry. "?

General Starring answered; Sir I percieve by this map which tells of the disasters of the past that Calverinia is like a present condemned to die on a cross, and after that to come to ruin. I'm advised against continuing on my quest, and I find I'm not willing to do it,, nor able to be sure whether I'll succeed. The enemy knows about it that many are trying to investigate those responsible for the flood, and they do all in their power to preven such news leaking out."

"Then said " said the officer. "why not willing to give it up. since your adventure will be attended with so many ovil perile."?

."General Starring enswered;

"Because fear that this burden that is so heavy upon the AbbleannianGovernment, to care for the refugees, to ready the dangers and to investigate floods and fires is like sic synking some one lower and lower than the graves, and whose if I give up my purpose, Abbleannia will be like ne sinking to total ruin. It not entirely victory bit, landelinia at least really is on top, and sir if _ bet not fit to

continue the quest because it seems or is so difficult, I am not fit I'm sum to go back to my commands, or face the Princesees, I'd rather go to judgement, and from thence to a frightful execution, than full, and the thoughts of these things could make any one cry."

"Then" said the officer"If this be the situation, why remainhere remain here, idle!"

General Starring answered. "Because I do not wish to go now untill the doctor says I'm well enough to proceed."

Coneral starring then walked away.

The next day he was looking over enother parchient roll, on which was written statements and lists of the floods past, what they did and what other floods in the future will do.Another officer standing near gtarring was looking upon the general waiting for orders, as he was to accome any the general with several others as a body guard-finally when the general was finished the officer asked;

"When you a start on the adventure, where will we go."
The general pointing with his finger at a dense forest said;

"Do you see yonder woods?"

"The officer said" no"...
"Then said the general;

"No you see yonder hill top par partly clear of firests?"

The officer said;

"I think I do."

"Well keep your eye on that section, and map it up for to morrow morning we go there directly, so that we shall see a good view of the country. First I wish to go up there to see whether our section is cleared of the forest plague. The fire frustrated my first effort. Up there I'll decide best what shall be done."

So on the following morning they started. They had not gone far from the camp, but soldiers and and officers perceven, it began to cry after them begging them to give up the foolish attempt and return. But general Starring thundered back.;

"I'll not let snything make me give as my purpose." so he soked not behind him but continued on tward the forest. Many o soldiers came out to watch them go, and as he want off some, smoot their buds, some called them fools, others prayed, and others oried after them to return, and smoot those who did so there were two that were resolved to fatch them back by outrastica. The name of one of the officers, was marteneous, Janes, and the other that be countries, both lieutenants, one the pirat pleatened, and the other tar Socond.

No w by this time Starring and his followers about ten had been gone a good distance from the camp, but however these two officers were resolved to persus them on horseback which they did, and in a very short time they evertook them. Then said seneral starring:

"Boys why did you come?"

"We wish to persease you to return, to go back for is. If necessary let us go with others in your place. This is no mission for a general Your Excellency. It's too dangerous."

"That can by no means be" said the general, "We all dwell in a coming of field on see destruction, the State where was born the worse war on record. I see it is to be so, and the country dying sooner or later, will be one in the power of landelinia sinking lows. Lower than the grave if I do not save her. This country from the forest fires and other disasters puts as in mind of a place biming with fire and brimestone, floods of hot water and sternal darkness, as it had been so dark so long because of the smoke of the forest fires. Be content Lieutenant, and go along with me, but I'll not turn p back."

"What" said the lieutenant "Are you still intention going on such a dangerous missing?"

"Yes" said general gtarring" or what we can o accol accomplish is not worthy for out cause if we do not try to succeed. Our cause is not worthy to be compared with so holy a cause if we do not have brare officers. If you will go along with me and mythollowers, and hold it, and help me win the quest you will share in the same reward, for what I do, and where I go is enough to make a good history of heris heroism, one away with as and prove my words. I'll win yet."

"what are the informations that you succeed, since you leave the sufty of a

strustrong christian army to find them. ?"

"I suck to find out who made the floods, who ordered them, who defiled the country by these disasters. It is more difficult than any quest made but those who diligently suck for it will win out. They must or the cause is lost. If Violet, and her I sisters can not succeed I must."

"Tueh" said Lieutenunt cantorie- Away with such foolishness. It is too dangerous.
"Will you let us go in your place or no?"

"with not I" said the general Because I have set my mind upon (t.1'11 go and suggest or parish."

The other lieutenant then said to his companion;

"Come then, lieutement le let us turn again, and go back. If he must go he meu must, but we'll continus to pray and have Massen offered a for him. It sooms in impossible but ut it must be done. But I'll bet they'll meet a with a gompany of those crazyle aded coxombed alandelinians, that will take a fancy to put them

out of the way, y ald norm more damperous than those i wiser in their awn eyes, than seventeen men than can render a reason for seing.

Than gald the other lie depent"

"non't be discouraged, if what the general sage to tro, the things he looks after. if successful is eafe for the nation, my neart inclines to go with themseneral. "griat more fools atill.Re ruled by I wise reason, and go back to camp, who kno s who knows what aungers Lurk in those dreadful woods. Maybe a forest fire will come up. Everywhere there is danger. Come buck with me and he wise for Heavens sake." But general gtarring a said;

"May but come with as lieutenant, there are such successes to be had which I spoke of, and if victorious in our 4 weto many more glories besides, in this world and the next for so holy a cause, if you believe not me, then try and be confirmed."

"Will Lieutement Jammes" said the other" I begin to come to a point, I intend to go along with the general, and to take the chances and cast in m, lot with him but your Excellency, as you know where you can ensure such information?"

"This map directs me to find one of the Glandelinion armies under Jonnston Jacken Manley, and we can find instructions by the way."

"wall then general I'll re with you."

Then they went on. The other lie tenant on a ing his head saily said with himself. "I might is woll go along too for I wold foreach a general under any conditions." Now starring and those two lie demants went talking on, and they began their discourse tous:

"Woll has iten ant James now that you are persuaded to go with me, how do you fare on the news. Had even general arrenbarg himself but felt what I have felt of the powers and terrors of strong "Landelinia, and of what is jet unseen concerning what landelinia is, Pris Glanda linta IS winning the war for sure. Any one can PROVE it." may happen to our case, he would not that lightly have given no the wrong advice.

"Come, come general, since there is none but us twenty officers here, tell me further now what the things are, and how the country and Its cause is going to ruin and whather we are going to avert the coming disaster."

"Well" said general starring, I can better concieve of them with my own mind than apenk of them, but jet since you are deserous to know, I will let you read some of the news when we secure a paper semewhere."

"And do you think such news as that of the enemy being alread; on top, and winning the war are certainly true.?

"Yes verily, for it was given out in news by many war correspondents and generals of other armies that cannot make a mistake."

"Wail said. What things are they?"

"There is an endless horror caused by the enemy already still going on, and Vivian mickey cannot be cutared, Manley is still confronting general Vivian at the vinicity of Evengeline St Clare, the Butionals could not drive the enemy, from the territory of mig Girl gnool, and despite the difficulties that have been produced by the big flood, general inner Heidl Myletze with an army of 345,000,000 men and hundreds of thousands of artiller, added with nearly 45,000,000 cavarly is heading for Doroth, gale and Angelinia Agathia to strike us a vital blow." "Wall said, and want olde sir, ?"

"Myletze will fight like a fary for there is a grown of glory and heroism to be given him if he wins, and he will not allow himself to be defeated. Of all Glandelinia generals no christian general can beat him. None ever did yet."

"This is very discounsking. And what else sirt" "Angelinia agathia though saved from forest fires by flood, is not safe from the enemy, there is crying and sorrow everywhere, and Calverinia is down and out." "And what company shall vic victorious alandelinia Myletze have in Angelinia

Agathia if he captures her. "?

"There he shall be in possession of moreor vivians Palace if it survived the flood, rumors are that the very seraphine and cherubine, creatures that will dazzle your eyes to meet or look on them fear Myletze. There are tens of thousands of the Gemini who have gone beyond that place, to view Myletzes advance. None of them are doubtful but fear sure My letze will carry the place as the floods rendered its mobeli ration camps almost useless, half the army is elsewhere that should us defend both places, every one in that vinicity is fearful of more greater disaster. In a word we shall I fear see Angelinia Agathia in possession of the Glandelinian hordes, there we shall see herror upon herror, we shall see men wemen and children cut in pieces, burned in flumes, exten of beasts, drawned in the still remaining floods, he cause they are of the christian side. Oh we'll get it hot. I KNOW it."

"The hearing of this is enough to make me feel discouraged; to break ones heart. But are these things really true and not exaggerated. Cannot be possible with our cause so righteous a matter. How shall owe get proofs that this is a fact. Our cause almost as great as the cause of Our one True Church in this coul country should be be prevailed against. I cannot believe it."

"thy all the newspapers of the country recorded everything that is going on, the truthful substance of which if we truf truthfully be willing to believe it, will wake us up, and have means to prevent the disaster before it is too late. A country in a righteous cause loses freely at the beggining you know, though no one knows how the worm will turn. B, being careful we can in the long run change

these conditions. Therefore my quest must and shall been success: If I fail, or violat and her sisters fail, then all will really be lost."

Well sire said the liestenent, glad, am to have had the chances to hear of these things before it is too late. come on let us mend our pace." How just as they had ended this talk, they drew near to a very miry piece of ground that was near a stream close to the forest, and not hardly sooing it in the dim twillight they enddonly stopped into the diagorous bog-dere therefore they struggled for a time, being graviously covered with the gud dirt, and they begun to sink in the mro.

"Ah general" said the Lie tenunt. "Where are we now. ?"

"Truely" said general starring "we are in a bog."

"Is this some of the tricks of the enemy you told me about" said the lieutenant ungrily. "If we have such ill speed at our first setting out, what may we expect between now and our journe s and I tell you sir, we must keep our eyes open. This is q starter you know If I can get out with my life. I'll help you out. "And with that he gave a desperate struggle, and got out of the mire. For a moment the general was left to tamble in the alough alone, but at the advice of the lieutenant he still endeavored to straggle to the prepar side, so he and some of the officers could rouch him, the which he did, but he had many go fur that for a time they could not draw him out. But some of the others then came up on the run, and asked the dieutenant how he and the general had been mired."

"Sir" said the lieutenant we aid not see it in this durkness."

"Eut why did you not look for the road."

"We ware so deep in an interestin; conversation, that we did not watch where we were going and fall in."

"1911 help jou get him extallers your Excerdency grab hard hold of this brunch." "The general did so, and finally they draw him out, and they retrauced their steps to sound ground, and the less least big affected by the accident continued on their way.

Then doep ite the adventure the conversation started answ. The other lieutenant Baid;

"Bir wherefore since Calverinia is a heart of Abbieannia is it that means should not be made to prevent all this, that all sections of rivers should be mended and guarded that the poor inhabitant unts could be more secure from the destruction of

"The situation" connot be mended, said the general. "This si such a situation as cannot be mended without the necessary means, it is the purpose of the enemy to goo to it our plans cannot be carried out on that line, and therefore the floods and other war horrors have continued for still as even our overnment is awakaned about Gilverinia's said condition, there arises in the souls of all of our Covernment Officials, many fears and do doubts, and discouraging apprehensions, which all of them get together, and settle in one place, and this is the reason no attampt to prevent the disasters can be made. It is like rying trying to file in the blough of corond we read of in the Pilgrime Progress. It is not the pleasure of even our main Imperial Covernment in Abbie annia that this nituation throughout Colvertals should remain so bad, all officials, have sent many laborers by the direction of his majestys surveyors been for these last tw 1 twelve months of awful war c war disasters employed by all means known to try and prevent these awful scenes by even tricks on the enemy, if perhaps the situation might be mended, you and to my knoweldge, and of general vivian and others, the enemy have as to say frustrated thouseness of dillions of cartloads of instructions, plans, and so on that have at all seasons been brought and made out from all places of the Emperors dominions (and they can say they are the best plans to make good the ending of this awful war situation of disanters-if so these awful conditions might be mended-but the disasters have continued on still, and so will be keeping on, despite that all have done what they can ouk o Know the situation of our forests. True there are or had been by the direction of the Emperor some strong bodies of tropps troups placed on some leeves, even through the very midst of the heart of the war zone, but at such times as the levees do spew out filth, these guards are hardly suffucient, they can be of so purpose, notwithstanding the efforts made to keep them there, but they ha can hold their own when the ground is good.

Even because he stood for all of this, some called amperor ivian a wise man for now compalining, and some called him a floo fool for hazarding all this for a cause he was not sure of winning, others aid mock at the results of the disasters, saying surely since he begin to venture into the war, I would not have been so base to given out for a few disasters, and every one throughout the nation derided the Glandelinians all over."

Now just before they had entered the woods, they empied some one afar off coming through an open clearing in the woods to meet them, and their hap was to meet just as they were crossing the wa, of each other. The man were the uniform of a glancelinian soldier but he was not walking like such a man. This man, then meeting with general Starring and having some inkling of nim and his follows followers, for the general setting off from general Arrent orga army for a certain purpose was noised much across, not only in all the christian territory, but also there was denger of it lurging through evil nource. It was becard jung Evines in alsouise returning from a scouting tour He was alone and no knew of galtern intention

and knew that no one gould goep him from his purpose despite warning after warning. .he nalted as balter come ap and said;

"his now peneral starring, whether away after your adventure of the forest fire!" "A stirring anventure indeed as ever I think may christian g neral had. And wherus you ask no to where i'm poing I tell you sir, I am going on my quest of which you are well aware of, for in this as I know well, I shall obtain something in the way of ness that shall jut alverinia and her sinter states in a may to be rid of her burden of disaster horrors, and a chance of a throwing out of the enemy." "Has thos a confidence in 20 minston, General Arronburg, neem tell you heem

vor congerous. maybe hever succee."

"Yes I know it is dangerous eir, but you know Calverinia is so laden with this barden, that the Governments cannot take the means to sugger all those who are nomeless, and _ think it some one loss not find out who is really responsible all this cannot be stopped, and even the war will be lost. The Viviar Girls sent he, and it is my duty to perform the mission oven at the rink of my life if need be."

"Bull" sain ceneral wons, "will young narker to mo, if T give ze , ze good council!" "If it be seed, I will, for I knowers, over country stand in need of help, and good council will help he perform my duty."

"I would savise he then that you moveld now do your duty as i set I eas fit to nelp the country to get rid of an earden with ze all next, for the Government will never be nottled in we mind, till zon, nor can we all onjoy the bonefits of the blessing of me holy Peace for it (pantry, which we wish Goa restow woon as!"

"That is and , sook to ac." sale valuer Starring, for something most to done. which seems impossible to be done to aid the povernment ease the purden of the war torn states, but with all communications out off by fires, floods up other undaters even the powerf A Abricantian government senset no it, nor is there as, man in the country that can also our government to take much a purner of norror off attieunctur shoulders. Therefore I am going this way to resume my quest as I have told you perore I and general arronburg were injured in the fire, that I may find out who are respos responsible for the norrers."

"gao bid jou to this way in the start of your as adventure!"

"No one. i planned it myself."

"Well Walter out ees foolies council ye gave yourselffe. There ees not a more dangerous and troublegone way in ze world thun ean sat ento which jou have planned to go; ed which so weel find if me go on taking we own council. You ask me whywell , weel may foist. Thou host meet with someoning as I make him to cordieve alterdy, for , see neon securit of none bog ees spon youse, but so sog se ran into ees a se cecbing of ze trosaler that do attend those that go zat wa, . Of mourse we all like se exciting advertur, but not se advertur with so farial result hear me, I am n older thun thou, I am more experienced , with ze country, and ze enemy, rave been in 20 peril mine golf, thou art like to meet weeth in 20 way, wearggoneness not good for your oncertain, fainfainess, embashes, hunger, anecessaries of we perile, newconcer, achoerous bogs, forest fires, and in a word antimely death, and never accomplish your mission. These things are certainly true having been confirmed by many testimonies. To risk perils onces arily ees a sin, mortal probable if we adventure trings we death and why should a general like you throw or cast hi hoomself away so careless by Giving heed to your own council, when ze know nothing about 20 country. May man, that a that nill you intend to go sen wan beeg forest fire, so nee helifire approaching like so crasy tidal wave I sum heem for _went we way to secut, and behold when _ got hard by se beeg hill top, that I looking twaru ze southwest was ze spell bound, afraid to go further, lest the cloud, observed seem to be something solid and to fall on my head, wherefore I stood still and boneld zo biggest or we worst fire I have over seen it. Heem was extend as far as ze e, e can seen .t, and zar also came flashes of ze fire from zom odder mill top, making ze scene resemble ze need mountain spitting volcanic clouds and se ash and se motten land lava. I am se brave man myselffe, but, for a moment at we reene but sceered, I did sweat and did quake with we been tear, and I few fell on my kneep and prayed like I have prayed to God and Hees Blessed Mother in all my life... if ze go zut way yourld meet with ze fire. Let ees coming like ze beeg hurricans, And on ze adventure no matter where ze go do not forget to always, LHOUS ALMAYS'PRAY"

"I know sir, and this burden of the States v over the condition of galverinia is more terrible to Abbieunnia than are all these things of which you mentioned may I do not care what I meet with in the may if , can also succeed in my mission and stop these dreadful disasters made by the wicked glandelinians, "

"How come cet you heard of all the news of ze disasters in heem zo foist place?" "By reading all newspapers. And Violet and her sisyers sisters told me." "I thought so." said vans Evans, nd And it has happened that many others have ttempted to go on such adventures, but it seems like meddling i wiz things too

high for them, and they run all chunces of different peril, regular desperate ventures to obtain they knew not what, and never succeed in their efforts..." "Woll' said Walter"I know what ; would strive to obtain. And that is the knowledge of those who have caused the disaster."

"Put why will youse seak for information ziz way, seeing so many dangers attend it when you could commission ze others to go on ze same errand? Especially snce eince, had youse but putience to hear me, I could direct youse to a meuns of obtaining what youse desire without so much dangers, that youse will in ziz way run into if you are not careful. You and the remondy is at hand. Besides I will add that instead of thoseedangers, yours will most with more success."

" Pray sir I pray open this secret to me."

"Thy near yonder villiage (The villiage of Seltorm) there dwells in his headquarters general grancis .ivianna, a very great invistian officer, and a man of a very good name, that has skill to help men and spies off on such adventures as thine are, Yea to my knowledge, he has done a great deal of good this way, " ay besides he has skill to do all he can to aid y those on a quest to success. His army is not far off as he is approaching to join general Arrenburg. To him you should go, and be ad vised and helped presently. His army and the town is not quite a half mile from this woods but to the east, and if he should not be in his headquarters himself, he has any one of his staff who can sumo summon him, they will do it. There I say that youse may be eased off too much peril. '

Now was Starring put somewhat at a stand, but presently he concluded"If this be true which general grans has said my winest course is to take his advice, and with that he suid to grans;;

"Bir which is the quickest way to general Vivianius house!"

"Do you see yonder low hill clear of woods?"

"Walter answered" Yes very well."

"Well" said Evans" Tward that hill you must go, and you'll come in sight of the army. The first house you come to in the outekirts of the town is his own headquarters. Here I 11 give you a pass written in my own hundwritting y so that you will be admitted without trouble.".".....

So walter turned out of his way but he was about half an hour of walking with his companions through briar and brush before he came within sight of the distant camp. He was admitted when he showed the guard the passess pass, and soon he was in the generals headquarters. The orderly after saluting bid him wait untill he sum oned the general.....

pinally he saw the general coming to meet him. After a salute between the two Walter told of his mission and why his mission, and as he spoke the general appeared to have a severe and dreadful countenance,

"Well sir why do you wish to continue on such a quest?" said he.At which words general tarring knew not what to answer, and for a moment he stood speechless. Then said general "iviania;

"Art thoug the general that the Vivian Girls commissioned to go on this mission, and who saved general Arrenburg from the forest fire at the risk of being burned to death?"

-es your Excellency | am the man."

"Did they not direct you a way to general Johnston Jacken Manleys army?" "Yes your excellency."

.ow is it then, that you are so quickly turned out of your way. For you are far from your destination."?

"The forest fires persued me for a hundred miles and I found temporary shelter in general Arrenburgs army before it too was at struck. Many of th his officers persauded me that I might find you who could direct me an easier way."

"who was he?"

"General jack grans. He got me to yould at last, so , came hither ."

"What said that general to you!"

"Why he asked me where , was going, and I told him."

"And what did he say to you then. "? To asked me if , knew of my dungor, and , told him and I told him how the situation in this story because of the war stands."

"And what said he then to you."

"He told me he would show me a better way, and short not so attended with difficulties as the way sir that , started myself in, which way he said would direct me to you for proper information and advice. So I believed him, and turned out of my way into this. I came to you because I know not wa what to do. He warned me that he fours I'm in some danger at every step."

"Then " said general viviania. "Remain seated for a while untill , ponder it

over teneral gtarring seated himself as directed. Then said general viviania; "See then that you do as I say no you refuse anything offered for your success now. If you allow the slightest opportunit, to ca escape you all will be lost. The main thing is during your adventure do not lose faith in prayer and in od, for if you draw back or lose courage, you'll surely fail. Thou art the man who is running into this great and lengthy adventure, therefore do not lose faith in your prayers to the wost ligh , for you can holp the Abbieumnian cause crush the foe, who has rejected the council of the pleased Lord even to the hazarding of the perdition of the whole nation gome day it will be wee to Ulandelinian, for she is underest

As general starring still stood at attention, general Viviania continued, "All manner of floods and horrors have been committed by the enemy, all manner of worded and blasphemies have been said and committed, and terrible deeds have been done to children in massacres that no one is allowed to picture. Your mission which wielet, and her sisters have sent you on is a hard task indeed, but if you continue not to be fuithless in ode help and believe ,ou will cortainly succeed. But you cannot do it alone five more carnot head to the things, shall soll, you. I will show you who it was that advised , on you to come and interview me and whom it was also to whom he cent thee. The general that met thee is one great

master of Abbicannian and christian armion, the great and hon-rable guardian of the "Ivian Airle, and rightly he is no called, and who it was also to shom he sent these for my advisor. He savoured only the success of an hely cause for the sake of seeing the child alave horrer stopped, therefore he is found by the enemy no matter where he is seen to go, and partly because through him they cannot get at wielet and her sisters as they would like to, for he has and can save them through all perils, and because he is of such abaility that he will sook to pervert all the attempts of the "landeliniums to caps capture them. Now there are three things in this generals council thou must atterly obey, take hee- of;

I "Do the not head for that forceted ridge he spoke of and warned you against. It's near 5 ound end and a fire hurricane is sweeping on for it. When he met you he turned thee out of the way on time, may in the nick of time.

2.His laboring to render the adventure more safer for thr thee, so it will be a success.....

2. And his setting they feet in that way that lead to the right source and away from too much fire plagues of the forest."

First thou must take his advice, when he turned thee out of the way of the great forest fire on toime, and you must consent to it too, because if you reject his council, then you might as well also reject the council of bod for the sake of a Cowardly action. From my own camps is the right road. To this pint he had turned thee, to bring to thee better council. Therefore do not reject his turning you at of out of the way of the forest fires, for we all abhor unecessary perils. Yet be careful ah what you do for they say it is as hard to enter johnston ,anleys lines as a sinful soul striving to enter at the straight gate, the gate that leadeth unto life everlasting. Thou must also abhor the meeting of any strangers whom you do not know or you cannot trust. Bosides he that will go on an adventure and throw away his life ruthlessly shall be a sucide. I say therefore be on your guard and avoid all total strangers. Thirdly you must not fail to continue on the way he advised rhee thee, and for this thou must consider to whom he sent thee when he sent thee to me, and how your success in finding at the clues you are after, in case , lolet, and her sisters do not succeed themselves will have means to take the heaven burden from the shoulders of our Abbieannian Government.

He who sent you to me for better direction and add advice, is one of the best generals of our side serving upon or under "mperor vivian. Calerinia is like a person in bondage with her children, and is in a mystery the most war devastated country over recorded since the world came into being or existence... Now if she is so badly devastated by floods, forest fire, and what not, and partly in possession of the enemy and all reilroad and other commutations cut off how can you expect the Abbieannian "ever-ment to do anything what should be done be when flood and forest fire prevents all means of rescue and relief. No one has been able to restore Calverinia to her normal condition. No country was ever put into such a situation as this one, nor even is like to be. You cannot be merely justified by accomplishing your mission, for by that deed alone Calverinia cannot not succored, Abbieannia cannot be relieved of her burden which gulverinia had placed upon her shoulders by means of the disactor. Therefore general grans who knows all this is your adviser, and by his advice and mine you will be able to work wenders for the nation, and cause Glandelinia to meet a great devafall yet.

Otherwise believe me there is nothing in all this noise that thou has heard of all efforts being made to stop these disasters, but a design to beguile the θ_A lverinia country of her safty in this war by bringing on so many disasters Q^n

After this gneral C Viviania pointed tward the hill tward which Starring had meant to go, and the hill on one whole side looked as if it had turned into some titunic volcanic oruption. For a moment this new scene almost made his hair stand up on ond. Then said the general again;

"As it seems Calverinia and her elector states for no reason at all seem to be under a curse, whether it be of some housenly visitation or not. But alandelinia is the curse."

"For a moment Valter Starring felt discouraged, he felt or looked for nothing but douth for the state of Calverinia, and began to cry out lamentably to God to saved the country and its people from the horrors of these war disasters, even cursing the time in which he had witnessed one of the disasters himself, and calling the government officials of the state a thou and fools for not being on the watch and from careleseness allowing these disasters to occur. He also was or felt greatly ashamed to think that spies used so frequently by so many christian generals, and the government of the various states could not have discovered the making of these dangerous mines that produced the disasters, and that through such carelessness the Covernment of Calverinia should have the almost prevalency as to allow these those things to go on unhindered. After musing for a while he again said to general viviania;

"Sir what think you'ls there hopes? Will there come a time when this will be all over and _landelinia driven out of Calverinia.Or does it seem she is abundaned like a child runawayslave. Is she in condition like some fool whose sin is not repentant and not therefore forgiven.?"

The general was silent for a moment then he said;

"The danger to Calverinia and her state; is very great, for because of the enemy of is ravaged by four kinds of disasters three of which as are the greatest floods, fire and explosion, yet you or the Vivian Cirls alone and escusting to

bring redress. Put before you leave here go and and speak to general Hensenia about your purpose and he will give you a few pointers on how to start on your way suffly. Take heed however that they do not turn to the wrong course, lest thou run into the path of the forest fire and perish. That is a greater fee than flood or the enemy."

And he directed him to general Hansonia, and after he had kissed walter starring, he gave him a good smile-the while? and big him God speed, go being in a hr hurry he went on with some a haste, neither did he speak to any soldier or officer by the way, and when any one asked him a question he refused to answer his seemed to go whead like one who seemed to be treading on some kind of forbidden ground, and could not under any conditions believe himself safe, till he was before general Hunsonias headquarters. He showed the guard his passs, and he was admitted and told to wait and the general would be summoned.

At last there came a tall grave person in a piracely uniform to the reception room, who asked, who he was, whence he came and what he desired at so untimely a hour.

"Walter answered;

"I'm general Walter Starring. I am on a mission for the Vivian Girl Princesses. I have come from general concentinian arronburgs army, but an going to find my way to general Johnston (Jackaes) Munleys lines that, may find there is there can be clues as to what caused the disasters, while islet, and her sisters are tying their luck in general onh munleys armice. I Would thereforestr since, am informed that you can direct me a safer way around the fire plagues, know whether you are able to do it for me. #. \$7.7."

"Imm willing with all my heart." said the general And with that he opened a little side door, and as general starring was stepping in, the other puled him in quickly. Starring sekedy

"Why did you pull me in so quickly like that."

"The general unewered"Not far from this housquarters there have been many strangers call on me of whom I do not like the looks of and , do not want them to spot you. They might shadow you." Then when they were secretly together, and the general had.... drawn the shades and lighred the candle, he asked him who directed him thither.

"General Evans directed me to go to gnoral general Viviania and the latter bid me come to you, as I did, and he said that you sir, would tell me what I must do."
"As long as you are well known by all of as Christian officers and soldiers, we

will always have an open door before thesees thee, and no one not known to us can be allowed in here with us untill our macking is over."

"But said general Hansonia"How is it you came alone!"

"I have an escort but I did nt permit them to come with me in here."

"I see. And how is it thatbyour purpose have been recently so strongly advised against?"

"Because none of my followers and the danger to the country as I saw it. Evans for the nation, he did not advise against me in my purpose but delayed for for fear of peril too much in the Mic-Holloster Toode which I have left."

"Did any one of them know of your coming here besides your escent."!?!!!!!

"Yes all of general Arrenburge army knows of it, and at first many of their officers
called after me t r to turn back against, but I listened not and came my way. The
yivian Girls sent me and my mission must be accomplished."

"But surely did none of them follow you, to ask you to go back!"

"Yes, two lieutenants, and then they too changed their minds and accompanied me."
"But why did they not come through?"

"They did come through. We came up to a bog of some hind in the dark and we were caught .One of the lieutenants got cut, the other too, and both being unable to pull me oug out got help. I wanwanted colonel Hande to accompany me also but he did not desire to come, saying it is more dangerous an adventure than going through

a battle."
"Well "that is strange" said general "unsonia"Alas poor foolish colonel. Is our countrys cause so small esteem with him that he counted o it not worth runing the hazard of a few difficulties to aid it in crushin g so vile anonomy as Clandeliniat"
"Truly, said watter, "I have said the truth about my adventure, and I have a good word to say for general Jack Evans. I in the nick of time turned out of a path

I was heading through being persauded by the arguments of Ceneral Evans himseld."
"Oh did he light per you again, what he would have had you sought for safty at
thebest time. Evans and concentinian Arrenburg are both of them the best men to advise
for the right thing that they can see be done. But did you hesitate to take his
council?"

"Yos. I thought that big ridge tward which had gone as far he I durst untill he stopped me was a good observation point. It was sir as he was up there alimself, and believe me sir as he told me a big firecous raging south of it, and moving through the imperial valley tward sound nond. Therefore as the hill is in its path and it it is thickly forested with urpentine trees I was forced to stop and and seek year white."

"That forest fire is and has been the death of many already, and will be the death of many more, tis well you heeded his advice for , know the ridge you mention and a good part of it is alread ablazelif you had not heeded his advice, you would have been caught in the path of it, advive know f how fast it moves up a slope."."....

"Thy truely" said walter I surely do not know what would have become of me if , had went there, or if general jack wans had not happily met me again as . I was masing in the midst of my thoughts, but nevertheless it was ods warcy God's wercy that he came to me again, for else I would ot have lived to come hore. But now 1 a come, after after such an experience I did have in the past still more fit for a bed than for anadventure, or than to has sand sand stand talling with talking with a general But oh indeed what a favor this iddeed is for me, that yet I'm still still .livingto gain wimittance here."

"We make no objections to any one woll known to us, noth notwithstanding who they are, us long as they are not glundelinian spice in disgules, and there fore my good sir, come a little way with me and , will teach thr thee about the correct way you should go. Look before these, do you see yonder narrow road.? that is the way you should go. It will lead you a good distance off from the path of the forest fire."

"But" said walter"Is there no chance of the forest fire changing its course as they are likely to do, and are no turnings or indings which by a stranger may lose his way in time of peril?"

"Yes " said the general general, but there are many ways, and they are crooked and wide but you must follow what you think is the saftest."

Then walter maked him further, if he could not have means for good and proper o communications that would be necessary to transport in case he did find out an something important, for as yet ther, was no means of communications thereof nor could be by any means got any such communications without help."

"Well said the general"As to that it cannot be done, its your burden to bring back the information yourself its safer, and you'll have to ! bear the burden of that work, untill thou comest to the lines of general Viviens, or to Violet, and her sisters, for they s alone should recieve the information you are seeking for them. But before you will lave leave here I will snow you something that should be of some profit for you in your advanture."

so he gave a command to his orderly to light another candle, and when the orderlie brought one the general bid malter Starring to follow him, which he did it. He led starring into another praise private room, and big the orderly open canother dooor door, hen he had done this, the others drew back a curtain and Walter naw q large map of Calverinia and in the center of it the country almost had the formation of q cross with some one on it crucified. The map had a very grave appearance, this being the fashion of it, it was bordered by pictures of women and children who had pleading eyes lifted p to heaven up to heaven, other scenes were of great fires and floods and volcanic blasts of explosions, the world was looking on h in abject horror, it seemed as if everything on the map pleaded with or to Heaven and god, and on the top of the map was a crucifix with our ord crowned with thr thorns hanging thereon."

Walter was astounded at this and he asked after pendering on it for several

"mat is the meaning of this Hind of map?"

"It is a scene of what a grand and glorious state like Calverinia had went brough through for the cake of the cause since the war began. Every scene on this m.p map shows the horrors of the disasterous var, and where you see women and children with eyes lifted up to heaven, the floods raging everywhere, and the forest fires in view, it is to show you that this is what Clandelinia had done for come vila purpose, even as also though sees the women and children plead for succor from heaven, and whereas you see the world looking on in horror, and that a scene of our ford Crucified is above it, that is what in causing the horrors Glandelinia is signified as doing the same to God once over again. Now I have showed thee this map first to inspire you in your duty to your country the princesses and your home, therefore do not yould to any impulse to back out. And also the cruficied One you see on the map is the one who is to t be your guide in all difficult and dangerous places you may meet with in the adventure ospecially, dangers from forest fires, whorefore take good heed to what I have showed you, and bear well in thy mind, what you have seen here,,, ls lest in thy journey thou meet with some secret and disguised enemy who know your purpose, and preend to lee lead thee right, but their way goes down to capture and brings your death as a spy."""Then he tob took general Starring by the hund, and led him into a very larelarge room which was full of plans and mups, which had never been used, the which after the general hd had reviewed hi called je he called for his orderly to place in order. Now as he began to work a cloud of smoke entered an open window that both the generals and the orderly had almost been chocked. The window was immediately closed. Walter finally asked;

"_hat are all these plans and maps for." "General ganconia answered;

"These recently in a generalbig haul were captured from various glandelinian cumps, towns in possession of them, and so forth by spies and the Gemini, and most of them proved that of all nations alandolinia is the most defiled. He who brought the first of the strange maps is general purgar the famous reminified Gemini leader, but the others that brought the rest were spies and some of his members. I have boxed them all over believing they too would contain some closs cluss as to the origin of the disasters, but not so . Now whereas though see

that so soon as the first began his sweep of the raids, the glandelinians in persuit did so fly and rush in all parts over the accountry that for a long time the countryside of them could not be cleared, that even the whole land was almost checked by secret persuars and trailers and what not, this is to show these in one way what dangers you face in your adventure at this time, instead of ma making it saftly, for the enemy do ravive, put strength into and increase the number of searchers, even as they forbid all strangers to leave in their own camps. Later on I'm going to burn all these before they are recovered by the omeny." Then the general again brought him to another room, where in one small bod were two children a boy and girl. They were asleop but looked as if they had been injured by something. Then Walter asked; Thehat has happened to these children?

The general answered;

"They were among refugous who fled before the forest fires last week. The one who rescued them wished me to have them stay till they recovered, for their parents are in the lines. This is to show that because of the fires what ever a forest fire does even to little children the enemy are fully responsible for."

Then a Red Cross came in with some medicine, and awakening the boy had him take it at which he mound and then lay us if exhausted on the bed. Then Walter being being moved with pity said;

"Expound their condition more fuller to me."

"So the general said :

"These two little children are two little forigners who have resided in the town of Beltorn with their parants, an Abbicannian father and a English mother. Theyall had a wild run before the conflagration but the children fared less luckil, luckily than their parents. For as here you see the condition of these two children, many things like this have happened all this year to others, they have gone through the first of their own experience now, it is evident the way things look they'll not escape this coming year either, for the situation for Calverinia is not good. ut as you see they have been badly burned, so it has happened with many women and children in the path of these forest fires."

"Now , see what the clandeliane do with their fires. "Faid palter. "Firet their fires burns the people out of house and home and then threatens many with death. Yet I'm sure in the near fature Glandelinia will not have much reason to laugh at us, because the has Calverinia overwholmed with disaster, at some day we will have our turn to laugh at landelinia because she trys to best us with disaster , for first must give place to last, because Calverinia must have her own time to come to give back to landelinia her own share. Therefore it is said that the " worm always has a farming".

"Yes it might come trus. Any one gotting last generally gives place to the best for there is nothing also to succeed, he therefore that had torn a land with horrors of disasters must needs have the time come to hishare its own misery in return. Therefore now Culverinia recieves the worst things, but soon she will be comforted, and glandelinia will be tormented."

"Then" said walter. I percieve it is not best for me to fail in my mission.

but succeed under all difficulties."

"You say the truth" said general Hansonia"For the things you need to accomplish are important, but the things you would not accomplish are disasterous. But let us hope this will not be so yet, since these disasters are so havor making, and again because so much of our cities and towns are laid under water, and such vast territories of the country are laid waste by forest fires, therefore it is the best to continue on till you succeed one way or the other."

Then the general showed him a picture of a forest fire hanging on the wall, and of a large force of men making a desperate fight against it to turn it either aside, or overcome it, yet in a second picture it showed them retreat

ing with the fire striking across the breach they had made.

"This strikes me as a forest fire beyond control." said Starring." "Yes that is so." answers general a mansonia. "This forest fire appears in explanation as the work of grace that is wrought in the heart, because like grace the fire grows and grows and burns hotter and hotter and fiercer and fiercer , that not even the devil and all his angels can put it at out. All the conditions of the forests do what can be to maintain the fire, just like the work of grace is maintained in the soul. A forest fire once getting far advanced gets beyond all control. This is true with those now raging. All attempts have been made by all, cities are sending out the men not in the army to help the rungers in their buttle aminst it against it, all attempts have been made to extinguish them, or turn them aside, but the nature of the forests maintains the fire already sweeping wast territories of the country by the means of which notthat a withstanding all the fire fighters can do, the fire rages on more terrific atill."

General starring was greatly delighted by the pictures of the forest fire, and he examined the formations of the numerous men pictured there striving to repulse the advance of the fire. "Isowhere were many men in a abesto suits fighting small brush fires. Now was Walter comewhat amazed, as he looked at the other people where it showed the forest fire fighters starting back as the fire crossed the breach, while others still were hacking swaing and sawing and cutting down trees furiously. Then after these had cut their way through, and

with the fire process; on it showed also that they could not do anything to brough it here either. Later starring found himself face to face with a man sitting on a chair. The man appeared to be very sad, sitting with his eyes looking down to the ground his hands folded together, and he signed as if he was heart broken. Then alter wondered ; "what has happened to this man, and he then said;"Who are you?"

"The man answored" I was a facilities from enemy fire, and flood."

"gow came you here!"

"I was took in. I was once a fair and flourishing home owner, a had a beautiful wife and children loving in mine eyes and the eyes of others, fair for heaven tee, and I had joy in the fact that I had such a brautiful home."

"Well then why are you here now. "!

"Be cause I am nothing that I was once before ".

"what was you before!"

"I was a happy man." "What was your trade."?

"I was a flourishing Layer, and now I am a man of despair, of sorrow, and feel like a prisoner who is shut up in an iron cage. I cannot get over this, I cannot. I'll, oh I'll go cruzy."

"But " asked Walter, how came you in this sad condition."

"The landelinians did it. I lost my home in the flood and my wife and children have parished. Oh good God, the glandelinians have laid the reins pon the lack of their lust, they have committed terrible murders, they have sinned greviously agaist the light of the word and goodest goodness of god, they have grieved the spirit, they have mussacred hundreds of thousands of little innocent children , they have insulted God and His plessed Mother and they have a gone from them, they have tempted the fe devil and he is come to them, they have provek provoked God to terrible anger, and He has left them to a terrible fate, they have hardened their hearts so that they cannot report, and I will be an avenger. I have asked permission to join the army and am waiting to get my admission papers.Oh 1811 I'll plump the glandelinians full of lead.Oh I'll be avenged."

"Then said Walter to General Hunsonia;

"But is there no such a thing as hope for Calverinia. Many men are a case like this, even women."

"Ask him" said general mansonia."

"Then " declared Walter" Is there no hope for your war devastated state, but that her population may be kept in an iron cage of horrible disactors and be depaired mless something can be done to stop the enemy and know the reason why the disasters were made and who did them?"

'No none at all. We are whipped."

"Yes but do not you have faith in our plessed Lord. Our plessed Lord is very pitiful and he will do all he lie can for your case. Of course we all know the nature of "landelinia for all time. She has cri crucified our Blossed Lord to her self afresh, has despised His Person, his His righteicusness, and have spilled when h His blood over the country, have ione despite to the Spirit of wis Holiness in r profaning his Holies, have shut themselves out of all His promishes,, and surely though landelinia seems successful there remains for her now nothing but threatenings, dreadful threatenings, fearful threatenings, of certainly ertain judgement, and flory indignation which will enable our cause in the long rum to devour Glandelinia as a she devil."

"But how did the flood bring you in this condition?"

"Why my wife and children periched, for the lusts, and wickedness of the clandelinians when they made the deluge. All the memories of what these disasters bite me and know mo like a butning worm."

"But cannot you not go back and investigate and find out if your loss if reported is really true!"

"It is true it is confirmed. I was at their burial after their bodies had been recovered. No words of any me has given me encouragement, nor can all the men in the world let me out of my misery.Oh eternity, eternity, how shall I grapple with the misery that these hated Clandelinians have brought pon me upon me. How I'll rail them when I face them all in sternity. I'll be a witness before God and all his His angels."

"Then said general Hansonia;

"Let this poor mans misery be remembered by thee, and be an everlasting caution to thee. This ought to good you in more determination for your quest.

"Yes but this is fearful" said Walter. "God and His Blessed Mother help me to p be successful in my adventure, and that I too shall give Glandelinia all she deserves for making so many like this man a life of such misery. Sir is it not time for me to go on my way now. Alt must be getting late. "?

"There is no thing more! I like to show you, then you may go."

This time he led the general into a room where an officer was writing on a piece of paper. General Hansonia said;

"Bir tell this man your surprising experience in your race from a terrific forest fire."

"With pleasure, git down general and I811 give you a good lengthy detail. I went out on a scouting tour four weeks ago for the purpose of learning why the enemy were moving their camp so suddenly to another quarter. As I had gone a good distunce, behold the heavens grew exceedingly dark, black, also somewhere I functed I saw lighting flaces flashes and heard thundering somewhere in a perfect salvoes, in a most fearful noise, that it with a strange heat, and a scraily tearing wind put me into an agony. I looked up at the sky and saw an awful sea ofcloud rack at an unusual rate, while far off I heard strange murmur ing and other sounds, attended with a thousand hissing sounds, the distant heavens seemed to be all in flaming fire, and the horizon as far as eye could see were as ina burning flame ..

Thatever was coming appeared as the advance of a terrible tripocal tropical hurricane, while for a time the whole countryside was being enveloped in palpable apalling darkness, the lund and sky in the distance becoming one immense huge rolling cloud of various shapes and blackness, yet sheated with intense flashing lights, where the helploss forests and hillsides momentarily was expected to founder out of side in this scene, while a wind was blowing in which it seemed to me that the forests would be tom to ; iecos.

.Darkness, flashes of redish light, strange whirlwind and blackness of the exist. It was a terrible scene and terrified τ wondered whether the end of the world was coming. Daylight all was gone, as if darkness in the soul, a noise as if floods of biasphemics as from the vaults of hell seemed to sound from that direction, so filling my mind and overwhelming the heart with the horrors of it, the extent and fiery force, as if god in His wrath had given the world a time of disaster.

I thought it was the approach of a terrible mighty whirlwind. It seemed as as if it was the valley of the shadow of death, and now clouds of smoke and flame as from the bottomless pit, envel ping the hills, and demons sputter ing sputtering their blusphemies of fire. It was so blinding and distracting that , felt as a if a demon was wrapping his filthy black wings over the scene, and in the distance I could have imagined the noise of flends flying in the far away darkness. It gave me a morbid state of and, so terrible that any one who ever experienced the like, almost starts back from even presuing prrueing the record of it record of it, lest its horrid faccinations shoull wahould come over him again, a state of the soul where the attempt to throw off and exclude a horrid thought or image only fixes it and bodies it forth forth in more pulpuble and hedicue reality, so that as a murderer persued by conscious the soul can only fly swiftly not during to look behind. The

scene was frightful and malignant.

Then I roulized it was a forest fire. I knew it was by reason of a most a flame big flame that issued up from the tops of a long forest of trees, but a good convictient distance between me and my observation post. I heard it also rour as if a tornedo was coming, and the scene was so dreadful that I functed it was the bottomless pit opening just beyond where I stood, and as if at of the mouth of which there came in an abundant manner, smoke and seus of fire with hodious noises. I then saw many districts of forests at once catch afire, and the flames appeared as if carried up into the clouds. Knowing I was in the path of it I finally left the scene and fled. But I could not outdistance the fire. It came rouring on with unbelievable speed. As fortune would have it , r ached . doop ravino into which I plunged and no sconer had I reached it the fire except past the ravine, making it above have a sky of thundering flames. The only way I saved myself was to stand waist doep in a long stream of water at the bottom of the ravine. nocks on the edge of the smelted frr from the heut of the flames, and so terrified was I from the scene that , felt as if , could have hid myself under the mountaine. I salt felt gs as if , was under a burning sea of hell fire. That I escaped with my life from the fire was a miracle because a muze of burning branches and even trees would fall down into the ravine and I either had to fight these blazing embers or dodge them as they fell. And After the fire had passed I had to romain there in that blusted ravine for two days and nights untill the forest debris and the air cooled off. "

"nut what was it that made you remain so long. Did it really take that long for the debris & col off. "?

"It certainly did. It was as if the day of judgement had come, that , was not ready for it, the horror and fury of the conflagration frightened me most, and as I said before it was as if the pit of hell had opened just where I stood ready to swallow me into it. During the horrible hours in that ravine my conscious too bothered me, afflicted me., my sins few if any but they came to my mind even though small. I wever saw such desolation when I left the ravine. It looked as if the world had been destroyed by fire. Trees still standing were smoking yet in places and , had even then though two days later a hard chance to avoid walking on thickly smoking embers. Nost of the trees have been burned lef leaving hardly not a trunk. Only here and there a more thicker tree stood smoking badly and ready to fall at any moment. For a while I was lost in this remains of the vinferno, and it was hours, and almost suffocuted with the smoke before I reached a point where the fire had not reached. Three days more and I had stumbled into the christian lines more dead than alive."

"Then" said general Hansonia" have you considered all those things?" "Yes. And they put me in hope, and make me cautious."

"Well keep all those things so in thy mind they may good thee on core correctly in they mission, and prick thee forward in any way you must go.

Then Walter starring prepared to go on his journey. As he was leaving general Hansonia said The Comfortor be alwade with thee, my good friend, to guide the three during your adventures. So Walter W Starring went on his way. He went up a long highway that was uite fonced in on either side by a long behavior of cence-He went on up this way believing he could recieve a wa view of the country, but it was quite difficult for the further up he went the steeper grew the grade. He continued on to till he came tward the near a summit, and he cure in reaching it recieved a good view of the country and particularly the forest fires. Walter was glad and lightsome, and and naid with a light heart;

"I have found the right heights at last, but nevertheless there is no sign of a glandelinian army now."

Then he stood awhile to look and wonder at the magnitude of the fires far away, for it was very curprising to him, that the sight of such a fire would meet his eyes. He then looked over his roll which he carried, and then he went on untill he came at the bottom of the hill, where he saw a little out of the way, six or seven men fast asleep. And walter seeing them lie in the path of the fire which will sen seen come upont one of his followers who came with him to away awake them. " But an they refused to head them he went up and cried;

"You fools are sleeping in the path of a forest fire, might as well be as if the dead son is under you, and a gulf that had no bottom. Awake there and come away, be willing or I'll have to force thee. If the fire comes this way you will certainly become a prey to the flumes."

For he was trubled to think that can should be in that kind of danger and not be in knowledge of it. So he fromly offered to offered to help this both by awakening them councelling of them. They took heed however and armos to their feet.

The first one who was awakened at first did not comprehend and said "There is no danger."

But Walters convincing words aroused them finally and continued on their way and with him. As this was accomplished he espied two men tumbling over a wall on the left hand of the narrow way and they made up apace to him and his men. With them were two women and some children. They draw up unto him, and Walter entered with them into discourse.

"Thence came you and whether do you go?"

"My name is Honricka Martinia" said the man who acted as spokesman. "We fled from the town of Melleglory and are fleeing the fire. Becauseful air. Clandelinians are rouming in this location"

"How came you not through general Hamonias lines, which is situated at the beginning of this way. Know you not that he could have given you refuge. We are on an adventure and cannot keep you along with us. And think of your children. If the glandelinians are reaming the neighborhood they'll marker your kids."

"I'm sorry sir, but it is tward general Concentinium A conburge army or Hunsonius for which we were heading. Therefore then sir, in our effort to make a short cut of it we must have lost our way."

"But will it not be counted too late to retrace your steps now, since you are of an Don't you think it is better to follow me and my companions a short distance untill we strike somecoholtor."

The refugess then told him that as for that, he needed not trouble his mind about, for what they did they had custom for, and could produce if need were testimony that would permit them to escape any foe necessary. But a if he did not mind they would be glad to accomeany him for a short distance."

"But " said Walter"Will your children stand the trial of such a long journey?"
They told him, that the children were hardy. And besides said they, "So we be get
into the way of peril, what, a the matter which way we go? If we are in peril, so are
you, as your adventure is dangerous too, thou; thou art but in the way of all kinds
of greater peril which we would never experience. Therein now is thy condition better
than ours. You are a opp, we are not. We have no reason to fear more than you. You seek
dancer we do not."

"It is true" said Walter, but , walk through these perils at the request of the vivian Girl _rincssos, you were merely fugitives of the forest fires. You may stay in with any place of succor you come to, therefore I do not doubt that my dangers is somewhat greater than yours. You can come in to a christian camp without fear, while I have to face the open country alone in all peril untill what I seek after is accomplished."

To this they made him little enswer, only they big him, look out, be careful, and always keep praying to God for help. Then they went on, without much more conference with each other, save that the man alone told Walter That as to perils of forest fire, flood and the enemy they doubted not but they could as conscient-iously face them as he. "Therefore" said they we see not wherein thou could be much different from us, but by the coat that is on thy back, which was as we know did belong to a glandelinian general, given thee by a spy companion, to hide they real identy. If you showed your real uniform you could not dare go a mile in this dangerous and open country. But we believe your mission will not be a success, our country cause will not be saved, since glandelinia devastated our territiress with floods, fire and explosions, and has much of the country in her por "selent"

Wyou people talk that way because you are discouragean said walter. You advise my to keep on praying for success and yet say our cause won't sin. And as for this disjuise uniform on my back it was taken by , my saif, and I got a good one too. And

I take it as a token as a warning to me, as when I first stared out on my dangerous adventure I had nothing but my own uniforment had besides thus I comfort myself as I go on the adventure, and surely think when I come to the end of my mission, and succeed and return the christion generals willknow me for good, since I have his pass in my passesion. I have also a paper with a mark on it, of which perhaps no one has taken notice, which propore vivian himself first the obin the day that first was asked to do the work by violet and her sisters. I will tall you moreover, that I had then been given a rell scaled, to comfort me by reading and studying as I continue on my adventure, and which I also was bid to give in at general ivians I lines, in token of my containty of my mission being fullfilled, all which things I doubt you want, and wha want them because you need enter the refugee camps."

To these things they gave him no answer, only they looked at each other soberly, Then they continue on, save that Starring and him followers kept on before, who had no more talk but with himself concurring the master he was to perform, and that sometimes slighing, and sometimes confortably, also he would be often remaining in the rouli, by which reading he seemed refreshed.

Then they went on till they came to the foot of a large hill, at the bottom of which was a straim. It was a forceted hill, mostly pinon and fir. There was also in the same place three other roads, one turned to the left, one to the center and the other to the right, but the fourth led right up the hill. Starring and his compenions went to the apring to drink and refresh himself, and then they began going up the hill side. The refugence came to the foot of the hill. But when they saw that the hill was steep and high, and there were two or three other ways to go, that it was too steep climbing for their children, and bellowing that those three byways might meet again with that up which starring and his friends went, therefore they resolved to go by one of these roads, and by doing so they soon reached a large hamlet by which they reclaved hospitality by those within.

Starring and his companions, continued to go up the hill, sometimes they ran,, some times walked laboriously, and also were compelled to clamber upon their heads hands and knees, because of the steepness of the place. Once walter stumbled and fell but he rose again now abouthalf way to the top of the Hill was a large camp unseen up there there a camp of forest rangers. Not far from that camp was a resting place and a small shrine. Thither there for therefore Walter and his companions got, she where he and his companions out down to reat himself. Then he pulled his roll bout of his bosom, and read therein to his comfort. Thus pleasing himself with the scenery for a while, he at last fell into a slamber, and there into a fast sleep, which testined him in that place untill it was almost night, and in his sleep his roll fall from his hand anticed by his followers, inally at it grow darker one of his companions wishing to go on to sook refuge in the ranger camp for the night awakened him saying;

"Come on sir. It is time we were going sir."

Then walter started sulionly up, and sped on his way followed by his men, and it took him half an hour before he came to the top of the hill. As seen as he reached the top of the hill, there came sixty men and women and children running tward him from the opposite side. Well sire " said Walter to them "What What is the matter you are running to here like this."

"One of them answered, while the children were crying, that they were coming from a town, and had strove to got up this difficult hill but But said he The farther we go the more danger we most with, wherefore we turned and are seeking the help of the rangers."

"Yes" said another man"Fer just behind so and about twenty miles away, is two big fires advancing this way, whether really heading for this forested hill and valley below we know not, and we could not think if we came here not, but they would presently overtake as and descry destroy as all."

"Then" said walter "You make us all afraid, but what shall we all do, and where shall the pu population fly to be sufered and for heavens sake is all the forests in the country around here in danger. If we go back westward twend the other ridges we shall certainly porishe there. If I can get to general Johnston Manleys camp I am I sure to be in more safty there then out in the open it seems. I must venture however, to go elsewhere and back is nothing but death, to go forward is fear of death or disasters, but success if I try. We must of course warn the rangers; Ha they are observing the danger already."

Thinking of what he had heard from these men, Walter felt in his besom for his roll that he might study a map on it to make out his bearing, but he felt and found it no not. Then was Walter in great distress, and knew not want to do, for not only did he want that which he could use to relieve him in his difficulties during travel and which should have been his repuse into general Viviens lines when he secured the information he desired, butvif the enemy got hold of it all his oen own plans for his mission would be lost, and he could not dare proceed.

Hare Hore therefore he begun to be much worried, and knew not what to do, he questioned his followers but they had not seen it. Finally he decided that he had slopt in the resting place near a shrine that was on the side of the hill, and ga falling down on his kneed, he asked God to help him find it again, and then went back to look for his role. But all the way he went back, who can say what sorrow and agony and existy of mid "he suffered Semetimes he sighed, sometimes he swore, and sometimes he wept, and he would be ten chid himself for being so feeligh as to fall asless in that place, which was eracted only for a little f refreshment for his wearings. Thus therefore he retraced his steps, searching carefully on this spot, and

and over at that epot, and looking on this side and that all the way as he went if happily he mind might find his roll, that had been his great guide and comfort so many times in his journey. He want on artill he commonwithin sight of the arbour again where he had slept, but that sight renewed his sorrow the mire, by bringing again even afresh the sleeping into his mind which made him lose his roll. Thus therefore he kept on bowaiting his aloop saying;

"Oh foolish wrotched must hut; am, that I should sloop in the daytime, that I should be so careless as to alog usid difficulties and dangers, how many steps have I took in value now. How for this foolishmess I am made to thread these steps with misery which I might have been treading with joy, had it not been for this foolish sleep, and how far how far I might have been by this time. I has made to thread those steps trice over which I needed not but to go ever but once, and now I am also to be in darkness for the day is almost opent. Oh that I had not slept."

Now in a short time he came buck to the arbour or renting place again, where for a while he came compelled to sit down and weep, but at last as God would have it happen, he happened to be looking sorrowfully down under the bench, t there he spied his roll with haste and trombling like a leaf he hantily enatched it up, and put it into his become. And indeed who can tell how joyful Walter Starring was, when he had recovered his roll again.

yor indeed this rell was the assurance of historicess in his undertaking, and for his admission back into the christian lines. Therefore he laid it up near his besom, gave thanks to God for directing his eyes to the place where it lay, and with joy and tears started again on his journey. But how minnimbly he went up the rest of the hill. Yet before he had finally reached the top.,.., the sum had began to sin in the west, and this made him recall the feelighness of his sleeping to his mind, and again he began to condule with himself;;;;;;;

"Oh thou foolish so sloop, ho; for thy sake I am to continue my journey inthese dark and dolenome woods. I must walk without the aid of these malight without the sunlight, darkness will evershade me, and I must hear the noise of many doleft doleful creatures flooing before the first because of my untilety sleepp."

Now also he remembered the story of other fagitives, how they were frightened at the sight of a new part of the forest fire adfanadvancing tward this hill Then said Walter to himsolf;

The course of these forest fires could be easily seen at night, but the fire is driving all kinds of beasts on the flight, and if any should meet me in the dark, providing they be welves or phanters how should "avoid them, especially if they be bears and wildcats, for they can climb trees as well as I.My bullets would not last long enough to combat the wild beasts..."."....."

Thus he went on his, but while he was bewailing his unhappy carriage, he lifted up his eyes, and before there was a very stately camp before him, it being a camping -1 place of the rangers. Therefore he made haste to go forward, that if possible he and his companions might get ledging there. Now before he had gone far, he entered into a wide ledge or passage, which a was about a furlong above or off of the guards ledging camp fire, and acking very narrowly before him as he went, he suddenly espied far off but close enough nevertheless two enforces no lengine in the way lying partly asleep. They were the True tarlow winged Taskerborians.

"Now" thought ha"I see dangers in trying to pass here. It's all right if y have on my purple uniform but with this gray coat they'll think I'm a glandelinian, and show hostility. Therefore he was somewhat afraid, and thought also to be go back to mether direction, for he thought it was certain death to go on in this direction, but us of the forest rangers percleving, that Walter and his comrades made a halt, and acted as if he would go back, cried to him saying;

"Is thy uniform gray. If you are not really landelinians fear not these Blengins for they are not boobs and can tell who you are despite your disguises. If you are real glandelinians then keep back but if you are not come forward for proof to us for only young lengine can be fooled by gray uniforms. Instincts of the big ones tell what you are despite the uniforms. Anyhow keep in the midst of the path, and no burt sharll shall come unto you. But if you are glandelinians we will ourselves not allow you here."

Then Starring and his comrades muttering a heart felt prayer continued on, tremb ling however for fear of the Tuskerherians, but taking good heed to the directions of the guard, he heard them flap their fings with a roar but they did not come and do any harm, though one of them gave forth their siren like roar, Then he thanked Godthat the creatures know he and his comrades and their character despite their uniforms, and went on, till he came and stood before the camp fire, where the guard was. At this moment there was a terrible noise like the roar of a thousand aroplanes and the two creatures seared high up into the sky and flor away.... Then said walter to the guard.

"Sir if this is a rangers camp, may , and my comrades camp here for the night?"
"This" is he answered. We are stationed here awaiting to see if the fire comes
up to us. We are sont here to head it off." Then the guard also asked who he and
his compani ws were companions, and whether he and they were going.".",",...,"

"I am out to find general Johnston Jacken Manleys armies, as I believe he knows something about the originator of these war disasters and I am bound to find out, but because now the sun is sotting, I desire to lodge here to night with my compunions if you do not mind."

"What is your name?"

"My name is Wulter starring, one of the generals in general Viviens army."
"But how does it happen you come so late. The sum is now setting."

"Wall" said walter" at my first setting out, I had hopes of accomplishing my missipn, and nee unless that is done I fear Calverinia will perish or our cause will suffer a collappe or me overthrow..."

"These were my feare too" said the boyscout, but who but God alone can hinder that disaster which is threatening as."

"Well my boyecout friend." said tarring. "Let us leave such amp easant thoughts and speak of things that are more of our own adventure. Tell me now Radeliffe, if you say that's your name what you and your girl companion have met with in the way of the forest, for I know you two might have met with some things, or else it may be a sort of miracle if you did not."

"I with violet, and her disting and many of the others who accompanied them into the glandelinium camp escaped the first that i I perclaved all but destroyed all his all hi tets, and get out of its terrible path without danger, only afterwards, I met with some man that warned me before, run into a place which was likely to hive done me and the girl scout some mischleft."

"Ult is well you escaped the conflagration" said Starring. I recieved some news by whreeless, when I was at Concentinian Arrenburgs army that general Vivians and his brothers arabes were hard put to it by the fires, but their armies escaped as you did, but it had likely to have cost the two armies the loss of a terrible number of men. But what did he warn you off?"

"for are not thinking, even thoughper know comothing, what devorating diesetem disasters are associate the calverinism and other states, and as danger lurked secretly in many places this man who was a scout laid at a hard to be careful where I and my girl scout companion sont, warning me that the forcet firs it sell is tricky and that even where none appears one would show itself before we ever thought of its presence. He told me he was a withings of all manner of dangers.."

"That does reasonable" anid Walter. "But did he not warm you whether enemies also may be liking in the forest s."

"Yes. But he said the hidden Glandelinians are not so greatly feared as the cutactrophes raging. He told me I would not be of a good conscience if I would at will ri run y sirlscout companion into the same dangers if I refused to take hed head magnif."

"Thank God you have socuped the dangers so far of what he warned you of. I never such saw such devastations yet."

"May" said Radeliffs, "I know not whather I will wholly escupe the horrors yet. The fire is raging all over like as burning world."

"Yes, but you did not refuse to take his advice."

"No I took heed, for to committ sucide is to drive yourself body and soul into hell. So I looked out for myself, and for my girl companion, and we continued on our sourch. We have gone for many miles and met with no fees yet."

"It sooms as if glandelinia has taken hold of Hell and harl it upon as from below" said the girl scout."

"Did you meet with any one also iruing during your search for me.?!!!!"""
"When I and my girl companion mounted a great hill which everlooked the smeking and seething hell herror of imperial valley and other distant hills and plains, I met with a large number of gangers, the leader of whom at first being suspictions of our gray uniforms asked who we were, and whether bound. We proved to nim our identity, and then he said to me:

"You children look too young to go out in such a dangerous territory. I asked him his name, and what he and his own men were doing out in the same kind of territory. He said his name was Hans torio Frant, and that his men were all his followers. I asked him then what was his work, and he told me ho was a Forest Ranger, and that he and his men were out scouting on the territory in danger. I further maked him what what of a signal station he kept, and what other fire fighters he had so he told me that his signal station was maintained on a high treeless summit of a big hill with all the necessary mense means to warn towns and villiages in the path of the flames, and that he had hundreds of followers. Then I asked him how many Rangers and persons were fighting the fires He had said that he had over three hundred of his own gange out, and he told me that people of many towns went out to help but the fire had gained such headway that it cannot be stopped."

"Well" moked Walter, and what conclusion came the Ranger leader and you at last?"

"Why I at first found myself somewhat inclinable to go buck at his advice, for thought that he gave me fair warning, but remembering the words of Viclet and her sisters not to give up under any conditions untill, found you I felt it come burning hot into my mind, that, would be acting contrary to their wishes my best

tho danger."
"And then?"

"Then it came to my mind, whatever he said, and however he gave warnings, if I abandoned my search for you, I would not be obeying the orders of my best friends the Vivian Girl Princesses. So I bid him to foreboar to talk any more on the subject, for I would not give up my search neigher fo for the same reason, my girl

of friends. So I told him my mission and that I would not give p no matter what

companion, as I must find you and guide you through the danger zone ... Then he told me if anything happened it was my own fault, but just the same he would send a number of the Rungers to chains me and Angoline, that should come to our assist ance if we ram into great poril, so , turned to go away from him, and just as we turned turned to go, he said "God Take care of you two on your journey. Then we went on our way up the hill Now when we were half way up, there was a terrible rour like a cyclone coming, and saw one of those forest fire equalls coming our way, swift as a terrific harricane, and it overtook as just about the place where we could have a grand view of the conflagrention. It soumed as if the whole world are noise. and confusion."

"just on one hill" said Starring," did I see the first overwhelm the Imperial Valley and cross Sound Band. I falt app ran apprehensive for general Vivians army." "But general" said Reicliffe, hear" hear me out---nee son as so soon as the fierce winds evertook us, a big branch tore away from a tree striking both of us. and down it knocked me, and laid me for dead. When I was a little come to myself again, I aided Angeline to her feet for the too was atwented and while I did so, I was struck another almost deadly blow on the breast by a flying piece of wood. which harled me down backwards, and , relied part way down the hill, Angeline following after me. I was not stammed this time, but this time being sheltered here from the terrific gale that was growing stronger and even sweeping small stones from the ground and hurling down whole trees, we remained untill it absted some what, dreading that the fire would come up afterwards like it usually to s, would which would doubtless have made an end of as, but that it fortunately went past us at another location.

Here we stayed for a long time. The windstorm and raging fires had increased to tremandous proprtions, the wind coming on like a harricane, and we could hear the gale coming over the mountains, and the frightful roar mingled with the horrid hissing snapping noise of flames and burning trees, and hundreds of explosions, was more terrifying than the scene, wondering what would ha happen next.

A big tree on the nummit went first, tearing the brunces of other trees to pieces as it fall, and small stones flewchefore the wind in sheets. Other trees snapped the broken ends touring down other smaller trees as they went down. Fortunately for us the trees fell one by one, so as to give us time to seek better shelter. It was all we could do to accomplish this, for by this time the fur; of the wind hot as a desert air was such that no could hardly manage even so small a thing as moving a inch to the danger of exposure, and the hail of flying stones, broken branches and heavy down was impossible to face, even with goggles for protection.

. It seemed that for a time no sort of safty was possible, we began to regret not taking the ran ere rangers advice. During an im intermit ent full we got up and went to a large rock to keep free fo from the storm. A few minutes later a whole sa swarm of smaller trees before cit very faces were term away, leaving a gap between us and the shelter. It s did not seem possible that any tree could endure the strain that came from the wind. The stanes were harled against them with the noise of a hailstorm, and the impact was so heavy that our bodies would not tolerate the pain if trying to keep to the north side of the shelter, we exposed ourselves to the flying showers. Once in a while the hall of stones that would great us cannot be imagined. It could not be endured on or flesh for I an instant. It hurt clear through ar clothing, Many of the stones were asclarge as walnuts, and muny armed with shurp corners that made them terrible missles. The stones began to collect allaround us, in our hair, down our necks, in our pockets, in our surs, in our noises, in our othe mouths, everything was permented with it. Boon it was six inches deep around so. It was suggested by Angeline that we crawl into a gully to escape the flames that follow this fire hurricane, but I reminded her that such places was a collecting place for durt and small stones which would hail down on us in greater quantities than ever, so we agreed to stick it at as long as po possible, praying forvently for an abatement.

The nearest possible refuze for us two, was at Rockglen, about ten miles down the valley The wind was so fierce that at best we had very little control over our body movements, and we did not dure to flee down through that muze of smoulder ing fires beyond. How we watched the diminishing shreds of our little shelter and counted time against the wasting fabric. Gould it shelter us untill the wind grew weak enough to allow us to floe. Time and again the wind would pick us up as we braced our backs unitedly against the wall of the rock, and roll us into a pile inthe middle of the little culvert of rock. I sut on a flat log of wood probably weighing more than a hundred pounds, alongeide of which lay a rock nearly as heavy as I am, yet the wind when coming our way repeatedly picked up the whole, I richee log and rock, and all -- and rolled us back and forth like balls. Angeline Riches with characteristic self sacrifice, chosed the most exposed end of the line despite my protests. She drew a cunvass tarpaulin she had brought with her over her head and shoulders in a vain effort to mitigate the blust goon it was the only protection she had, and for some time she sat practically outside, while the flying, rocks were hurled all about her and driven down her neck. he must have felt terriby terribly warm, hot rather, but she did not once complain.

.I went outside deciding it was little worse than within, for there one could at least move around. So though Riches was fearful of being blown bol bodily into the nearest section of the terrific forest fires it was agreed agreed that the

I time had come when we must try it down a mafer part of the valley. We more then terriffed and almost changed our minds for we saw a great trens carried bodily, by the wind. weeling that it was the atmost importance for saftys sake that the two of us keep together, I made frantic efforts to detain Riches who was rasher than I'm but she was gone like a ghost in the nighttt night beyond recalll out of earshot almost at once. To face the gale was atterly impossible, so I started backing tward the wall of the shelter, bracing myself against the wind ... guddenly there was a stronger gust thun ever, and i mad immediately I found myself flying through the air, scared almost to death. I shall nover forget the feeling of joy I experienced, when my face landed in the mark, two gullios away, .

My fact kept on and nearly turned we another grand and "beautiful" somers-

ault, but I was cafe on the ground again. The foo ling that I was being carried bodily 9 Into the air down the valley by the wind was indeed one of the most unusual

unusual and terrible experiences I ever had.

After that I decided it was as alone to try and find Angeline by any other means than to try to catch her and slow her down pown the hill I spet, carried by the wind, with little chance of even making a choice of my course or speed. In the distance . sped a long wall of swiftly forward moving smoke as fierce in rolls as a long terrific crater of a big volcane in the crazingt eraption. I knew , must avoid I must avoid this branch of the fire if I were to live. By desperate scratching, I munaged to deflect my course a little, but slide by so close to the conflagration that my clothes smoked from the heat, and had their been enother gust, such as has picked me up come just then. I could not have avoided it.

detected Angeline pichoe, and I soon caught her and proceeded down the b valley in somewhat more corderly more orderly if not the less precipitate facilion.

The hot winds came obliquely over a long flaming mountain range, so that it was extremely difficult to avoid being drifted out into the middle of the valley, whereas safty required us to keep to the west in order to make the ford, above the point where the main fire was passing. If we missed the ford our flight would have ended in a cul-desac among the some of flames, where we would have perished,

Finally we came to a pot where it was too low for the wind to reach us, and finally we were dayed. But it dure was a trying experience, though to tall the truth it only lagred for us fifteen minutes from the start as far as we can guess. It sure was the worst time for us,"

"If that fire had overtaken you during the wind, you two would have been loot" said Sturring. "It was not the first time that I even come near being caught by the fires. Three or four times I too had narrow escapes, Even many friends had come to me and told me that I would cortainly port h perish if , did not leave the fire zone at once. But before you got caught in the winds of the fire, did you not see whether you were in danger or not."

"Yes, and the coming of the wind too, but we had no time to do unything. It wan was about noon, and because had so much of the day before me, I had becomded to the hill top to get a view of the fire. And the Ranger had told me to forbear. I did not believe him at first, but since our experience we are more careful from now on. The winds that overtook us was a swing of of the fire hurricene, it sparse nothing in its path, and it was only by luck of chance that it brought no fire upon us.'

"It was only an offfling of the harricane that overtook you." said Starring. "I know it very well sir, it was not the firstytime that we observed the fury of one of those fire winds which proceeds the advence of such a blaze But pray tell me did you meet no on in the valley after your tryingexperience !

"You I met with some other rungers, who would willingly have persuased me to to go back with them, as they said the whole country was toeming with partle He told me moreover that to go on was the way of do the worng things is making such risks, and that even my superior generals would be much offended, if if I and Angeline ichee made such a fool of myself as to wade through this fire periled valley."

"Well, and how did you answer him?"

"I told him that although great perile did attend our journeying, and that rightly rightly (for indeed I just had hed one trying experience in that wind) yet since I once set out at the wishes of wielet, and her sisters, I could not turn back until untill I satisfied their desires. I told him moreover that as to the dangers in this valley he had quite misrepresented the thing, for there was more danger up on the slopes and summits on hills just now than in the valley, Therefor ; said to them that , would rather with her take the chances of going through the valley, to accomplish my own mission for them, than to take the chances of remaining up on the slopes and , then told him of my experience on the hill in that big fire wind, and of our narrow escapecof being blown right into the fire."

"Net you with any one else in that valley, that tried to turn you back for fear of your safty!

"Yos" said Radeliffe, I met with some Christian lone scout, but of all the men that I have met with so far, he , think is as persistent as a leach, the other would be said may, after a little argu mentation, and somewhat else, but this lone scout must have seen more of the dungers than , believed as he rouned around the country everywhere in search of means of making all the truble trouble for the enemy poenible."

"I inderstand" said Starring. "And what did he say to you?"

"What did no cay! Why at first he acked me where I and the girl scout were going, and when we told him, he objected against it all, all the dangers we would face, he said it was a piti mitiful low, sneaking business for any me like children to be sent out on missions in such most dangerous territory, that who ever ordered us to do it ought to have a better consciones conscience, and that the one who sent we should watch over his own words and ways, and go himself, not to sent two children out into such a dangerous country, and that even if we did fail it would make the sender the ridicale of all times. He objected also, that but few of even the mighty demini and Christian spy agens agents, strong or wise, were ever of their opnion of sending out children to do dangerous stunts, nor any of them neither, be fore they were persouled to be fools, and to be a of a voluntary fondness to ven ture on adventure on the chances of loss of life, health or limb, for any one else knows what. Also again he obke objected to the base and bw attitude and condition of those who sent children out on a dangerous spying mission, and also their ignorance and want of understanding in all that should be done, especially that we If we had to be gent out should have a strong body guard. Yea he did hold it at that rate also about a great many more things than hore, relate, as that it was a charac that we went through an experience already, as he could see by the appearan appoarance of our clothing which were burned to into holes. He said that also severe adventuers makes a persons heart grow hardened, and that we would we could or would go to it so far that if we perished we could be accused of a metual sucide."

"Well, what did you may to him?" "At first" declared Radeliffe I did not know what to say to him Yea he put us to it so, that my blood came up in my face, and had almost beat me quite off. But at last 1 began to consider that which is highly esteemed among Our pleased Lord Himself, and all the mouvenly most is had in good reward with God and His Blessed Mother themselves. And I thought again, that this man does not know who send us, that the mission we were said to be on by him was not so, and he said nothing, what Abbieunnia or Her cause needed. He did not think at the time. And I thought also that if things keep on going as they are now with di diseater upon diseater, follow ing one after another in awfil magnitude and so quickly and in endless succession, the day of Doom for the southern Abbicumium states will come, and we shall not meet a terrible defeat according to the condition of things, but according to the drain on the people and resources of the nation by these catastrophes. Therefore thought I , what God, thinks and says is best, what lolet and her sisters decides to the own will, though he might not see it at I did. Seeing then that violet and her sisters know best, and hew what they were doing, and seeing that if , did not find you and your followers and knowing the country guide you out of the Red Plugue Zone then something would happen to you that we two would be entirely responsible for I knew and so did he that landelinia was an enemy even to the Salvation of souls of child slaves, a abonimation of a fee of our Dear Blessed Lord,, and therefore everything must be done to put her in her proper place.

I argued with him ,telling him that the Vivian girl Princesses sent me to find general Starring, at indeed, could scarce chake him out of my company, yea he would be haunting of me, but at lest told him twee in w vain to attempt further in this business, for those things he disdained, in those did su see success for our cause,, so at last , made him desist. and when he saw himself worsted, he told me that I can have it my way then, but that he would have as many Masses as possible, and Litanies said, to insure my safty and success".

"I am very glad my boy, said gtarring, thatbyou did convince him so that h he gave up, for of all as you said, I think he did not understand your mission, and yet he is so bold as to scout on the for averywhere at a greater risk than he thinks for himself, with the hopes of pitting the enemy to shame before the whole world, but let us still be careful ourselves for he scouting so much sees more danger for us than we even think, for notwithstanding all we went through, we have more yet. His having passes said for us will help us along. But did you meet no on

"No not I, and we kept a wide stretch between us and all the fires for the rest of the way untill we were hailed hailed by you. We often cried for help from Heaven to help us find you, and you found us."

"IT was very well for you, but I am sure it fared far otherwise with me.I and a large force of angers and citizens from near by towns, as soon as 1 almost entered the Imperial Valley a drea ful combat with the flames. I thought verily the flames would have go e gone far beyond us and trapped us, especially when we saw it heading at terrific fury tward the clearing we made. But we all cried to god and His Blessed Mother, and they heard me and "e delivered us all out of our troubles for the fire did not come tward the clearing. Then entered into another part of the vallsy, and had nothing else but perils from fire for almost three quarters of the way through it. I thought I should have perished there over and over, but at last a glare as bright as sunlight broke through the walls of blackrolling smoke, and having went through the rest of it without much more peril. Yet it appears as if Holl itself was changing places with the earths surface."

"Then "said walter; "gince you have found me now, are you going back to the christian lines, or going with me on the adventure?"

"We were anked vi by Violet, and her sisters to help you to do the very same

"That is fines cried Walter, then ; will also have the good company of you and your girl friend....

"Yes." said angeline Riches. "With a very good will we will be your companions, and also guides."

"Well" suid walter, let us go altogether, and also let us spend our time in talk ing of things that are more of benefit to us."

"Yes, to talk of thee things that are of the best results, to us is very good with you sir or any other, and therefore I and the boy am glad that we have met withthose that incline to so good a conversation. For to speak the truth, there have been but too few that had ever desired to spend their h their time, as they are tracking traveling for adventure, but choose much rather to be talking of things which would not be of any profit to the cause, and this has been very troublesome and discouraging to me. "

"guch things like that is to be homented" said walter. "por shot things so worthy of the cause of country now a days as are the things concerning our poor suffering Calverinia and other states of southern Abble annia."

"I like you wonderful well" said Angeline michee, for your speech is full of conviction,, and will add what thing is so sad, and yet so amprofitable to the enemy as to devastate so crually by disenters like we observe now!"

"Yes, yes, go on."

"That things so sad and doleful. That is if claudelinia had any delight in wicked things, and love to make horrible disasters that even also are unusually marvelous and wonderful, for instant if claudelinia delights to make a new history, or chance the mistery of things resulting from great disasters whe by her, or if alundelinia does love to destroy millions of homos, cause out or cause the breaking at of out of miraclous explosions, that produce telling earthquake shocks, ernormous and wonderful floods, or signs of other disasters, and devastate an ernormous magnitude of countryside with forest fires, where shall she finds things recorded less terrible in her own country, as when some day our own armies would have the opportunity to make an invasion into her own territories?"""""

That is a question that is tru, but to be profited by such things in our talk

should be that of which we also design."

"That is it that I saids declared Angeline pichese, for in our cause, and for the purpose of our adventure to talk of such things is most profitable, for by so doing, you may get knowledge of many sportant things, as of the dangers of our strange expeditions, and the benefits of what happens if we succeed in the mission this in general, but more particularly, by this we all may learn the necessity of accomplishing our efforts to a lotter T the sufficient of our efforts, the need of gods help in our purpose and of doing it rightly , cautlously, celever cleverly bravely not rashly and foolishly. Bosides by this we may learn what it is to do out duty, to believe we, il succeed, to pray for success, to go through our adventure no matter what we suffer, or the like, by this also we may lourn, what are the great results of our success to our comfort worther by this we may learn to refute fulse opinions, to vindicate the truth, and also instruct those who help us."

"All this is true" said Angeline Richae,, a"And I am sural, glad to hear those,, thingsefrom you. But also, the want of this is the cause that so few understand the net need of faith in the rangers and forest fire fighters who are swarming to the work, and the necessity of a desperate work of all able bouled cities and towns in order to overcome those fire and other disasters, or prevent them in the future in the loust,, but ignorantly do not try such means jet, by which our Government by no means overcome the horrors.""

"Yes,yes,go on." said Starring.

"All this know very well, by experience by studying conditions after the great dispetors, for our government can accomplish nothing, except help be given it from Our Blossed Lord -- all help is from there alone, humanity in this case is powerless, all is such crace, not works and battling alone, I could give you a hundred scriptures for the confirmation of the fact that faith in Prayer and good works will accomplish great help from heaven in a time of need like this,"

"Well then"said gtarring"what is those things that we shall at this time find our

"Thatever you will I should, I will talk of plane, to frustrate the enemy in making disasters in the future, or things concerning floods, things imoral done by the enemy or things like massacres, things sacred profuned by them, of disasters past, and of probabilty in future, or other horrors to come, things to result for our cause in the struggle, or things concerning these forest fires, things more essential, or things circumstantial, provided that all be done for the profit of our cause."

How did Starring begin to wonder, and stepping to Radeliffe, for the had rode all this while by himself, he said to him but softly;

"What a brave wise intellegint girlscout for a companion we have got. Burely this Ittle girl scout will make a very excellent guide for me."

AT this Rudeliffe modestly smiled, and said;;;;;; "This girl scout with whom you are so takenesir will some day be a good help to us

a11."

"Do you knew her?" asked sturring surprised.

"No hor. Yes better than even violet and hercoisters knows her he themselves" "Pray who, is she!"

"Angeline iches. A professional Girl acout and spy and everything else for various christian generals here and there."

"What else is she."?

"A professioonal girl guide as she knows all of the country like a bird." I "Indasd.'

"Yes, I repeat her name is Angeline Richee, nearly as beautiful a child as some of the Vivian Cirls, a great favorite of all the Princesces, and girlscout leaders, and all bands of girl and boy scouts and the armies together, and , wonder that you should be a stranger to hor, only , consider that our armies are large."

"Whose daughter is she?" asked Starring.

"Those parents are here no one knows, jet neither has she ever been a child slave. and now she is know of all that are acquianted with her by the name of Angeline, Richees, and nothwithstanding har a retty ways, her features, she is but a sorry girl to the enemy. Next to Certrude Angeline the is most drewied. To capture her seems impossible, and no ones needs help her either."

"Well, said gtarring " she scome much less than that to me, though she is a

very pretty little girl."

"She is to them that have not been thoroghly acquainted with her, for she is to all her followers the best friend and companion known, when spying and doing other work on the enemy she is egly and fiercer than a young tigress, your saying that she is not as serious as she looks, brings to my aind what I have observed in the Vivian Girl princesses. They appear like children afraid of a kitten, in fact if there is anything they really are afraid of I do not know what is is it is."
"But" continued gtarring "I um ready to think you but just jest, because you

smiled"

"God forbid on this occuanion that I should be jesting, even though I might have smiled, in this manner, or that , should try to grains or flatter her behind hr her back, I will give you a further discovery of her. This girl scout is for any ones company, or for any adventure, as the had talked now with you so will she talk, when she is with the Vivian cirls, and the more you ask her to do the more she does, fear of any dangers had no place in her heart, or conversation, all she says comes from mind and heart, and all she does, and her adventures have been numerous and nearly always successful. Of all girl hereines in our country the biggest reward is offered for her capture by the glundelinians alone. Ind yet no one dares to lay hands on her child though she be. She is good at her gunning telieve me and she can he show you amything kind of pistolry and masketry shooting you ask. As for horseback riding she can beat every girl and boy scout in the whole christian

army even the Vivian Girls thomselves."

"Buy you so. "woked Starring. "Then in this girl scout , um greatly in need of?" "Greatly win need of, you may be sure of it. Remember the proverb of these ind of things. She does more than she says. She talks of making a successful stying expedition on the enemy, of getting out their plane, or information, and secures more than she said she would. Once accompanied her on an expedition and she told me she was going to secure an envelope from general , anley, which had semething important-1 de did not believe she could do it. She later came back to me, she had the envelope, eix important letters, written to the Glandelinian Government, wanleys most expensive dress uniform and hat, and spurs, an elegant hat, and a map. I have been with her on other spying expeditions, and have observed her both in ganlays lines, and abroad, and I know what , sa, of her is the truth. Even Violet or her sisters will confirm what may There is no peril that the chirks, there is neither fear nor sign of repentance of what she has done to the enemy, yea the enemy fears her more than even the powerful gemini si spice. She is the very stain, ra reproach and horror of the Glandelinions who know her, they hardly have a good word for her .Thus said the Glandelinian generals who know or knows her" A saint within the Christian armies,, a devil spy among us, the landelinians finds her everywhere doing them things they droud, and they cannot capture her. Christian officers that have any dealings with her say this better for the enemy to meet with a young hostile plengiglomenoon preuture than with hor, for fairer dealings, they shall have in meeting it. This girl scout, if it will be pesible, will go beyond the . ferocity of a Rebonnia, and they cannot do a thing Besides she brings up her boy and girl scouts to follow her footsteps, and if she finds any of them timid or cautious, she brings it at of them by strict and severe but kindly training. For my part, I am of opinion that she has by her daring life caused the wicked Glandelinia cause more ruin, and will be if she continues on with Gods help the ruin of the wicked cause to a finish."

"Well my boy, I am bound to believe you, now only because you say you know her, be but also because like a w' or lad you make your reports true. For I cannot think you speak these things because you desire to secretly do her honor, but

because it is even so as you say."

"Yee " suid Radeliffe, "Had I known her no more than you sir, I might perhaps have thought of her as much as at the first you did, you had she recleved this report report at the hands of only beguiled flutterers, I should have thought of it to be nomothing to fl fourflusher her about, but all these things, yeu and a great many mure as good, of my knowledge, I can prove of her. Penides all Glandelinian generals

are afraid of her as a scourge, a plague they wished to avoid, they can neither call her a human being or a dangerous child spook, the very numing of her among them makes them confused if they knew her."

"Well i see that saying and doing are two things, and she observes this distin

ction to a perfection .

"There are many things she observes, that Abbisannia's cause is a Holy Cause, undef iled before the world, before God and Him Plesned Mother, a patien that aided others in distress always, a nation full of children never doing wrong anywhere, no one fighting or swearing at each other, everyone keeping a amepotted. This she is aware of and though she admits she is not an Abbleannian by 1 birth but of some Irish of descent, yet she thinks that Abbiermia is not deserving of all this trouble, and thus she decides to do all one can. Hearing is but the sowing of the seed, and yot she talks a lot of what she will do, and does sometimes a quadruple more. She proves by action that talking is not sufficient to prove that fruit is indeed in the heart and life. The end of the world is compared to this forest fire, and yet she pulled me at of all its parils, and talked .. let about it first so much had , not know her , would have believe she was only talking. I speak this to show you how significant the profession of Angeline miches is. If she could not be trusted if she only was a Talkitive, Violat and her sisters would not have trusted her to go out on this mission or accompany you as a guide when we found you. One day reme remember rightly she spoke nearly four hours of purposing of going out to the out kirts of the enemys lines to learn what the enemys next move would be. Anyone from her constant talking would have said"She talks a lot but she:11 never do it. She went out to confirm all her talking. That day she saved general vivians army from disaster. She discovered ten times more than she even talked about.

"Well, said starring, this brings to my mind that of many friends, by which they described the opy is that is always successful Sha is such a one, she says she will do it, she socks knowledge of what the enemy is doing, and therefore does it

to such perfection that she spreads torror among the enemy."

"you have opoken for aught, know, the true mense of those words, and I will add another thing " said Radeliffs. The Vivian Girl Princesses trust the her with eve y everything the; ish. Therefore she is a great scout believe me."

"Well" said Starring, "I was fond of her company at first, but I strongly

desire it now. What shall we do to have her aid me in my work."

"Take my advice, and do as I bid you sir, and you shall find that she will be willing to do anything you ask."

"What would you have me do?" asked gtarring."

"thy go to her and enter into some serious discource, about the nature of disasters, the power of ar own cause, and ask her plainly whether our overrment can avoid such dreadful scenes in the fure future or not."

"Then Starring rode forward again, and said to Angeline liches !

"Come what cheer. How is it now!"

Thank you sir, very well indeed. I thought we two should have had a great deal of conversation by this time."

"Well" said gtarring , " if you will we will full to it now, and since you left it with me to state the question, let it be this; "How does it come the enemy had such easy chances to cause these disasters, when it is committed in the heart of the Christian Country."

"I percieve" said Riches that our talk still must be about disasters, and the powerful results of them, well thi tis a veey vgood question, and I shall be very willing to answer you. And take my unswer in brief thus. First when the govern ment is overconfident, it gave the enemy a good chance tolesp in. Secon ly

"Nay hold, said Starring let us consider of one at once. I think you should rather may, the disasters showed through the overconfidence of not only the government but the people in general, not thinking to abhor the near approach of the for."

"Well" usked Angeline piches, "What difference if is there between the over-

confidence of the Government, and people."

"Oh a great deal " said starring" Our government was overconfident because they it did not believe the enemy could not do it, nut neither could the reople be on ther their guard against the coming of it, or do anything to avoid against it, I have been in some big cities already and heard the whole population cry out vehemently against the glandelinians for the horrid disasters they have caused,, no one who have have read the news of the floods, disasters of explosions, terrible massacres of c. children, and forest fire terrors and heaven knows what could stand it in their hearts, and the conversation was rampant everywhere, went through the streets. or into a house to see friends. The scenes of excitement caused by these disaster news resembles the horrors of the terrible granch Revolt or "Reign of Terror me avery one cried at torrible curses against Glandelinia, and no one can count the numbers who either stormed the Druft Boards or Recruiting stations for entrance into the army, and either failing because there is no room to admit so many at once, or before they are too young or old, have formed armies of their own and selected their own leaders to go and fight landelinis If Clandelinia does not have a down full in the near future she never will ... "" "

"You have then had more exp riences that I have had † percieve" said Angeline

"No not possibly I" said sturring." I am only for setting things right. But what a 18the second thig thing whereby you would prove a discovery of works that would

role a licenery of means to frustrate the lemys propose of making other such dinanter."

"That, said Angeline michee" is the great knowldge of christian spies in finding out and knowing what the enemy would be up to next.

"This should have been attempted first, f but first or last, it is also now too late, for knoweldge of what the enemy does or can do, great knoweldge may be obtained by only moune of great rick, and yet many cannot a obtain such means as it seems utterly impossible. Yes if there can be epies that have all knoweldge, he may yet to successful, as long as he asks the help of god and trusts in his works. When general Vivian said to me "Do you o know how to accomplish the mission the Princeges have set you on. "I had answered yes" and the general added "Well blesse blessed are you and the Country too if you succeed in doing it. He did not lay the blessing to the catcome of the country's cause in the knowing of what my mission is going to be, but in the guecessful accomplishment of it. A man may know how to make a mission of my kind like an ag angel even, and yet be no successful means to do it, un ess he had the tarlent of doing it it-You are se of the spies who says you 11 do it, and you do. For there is knoweldge that is attended with what you do, you know your ways and you do it. Indeed to know a thing, and to do it pleases both country and god. Not that any one need to accomplish anything good for the coungr countrys good by knoweldge, for without bravery and carefulness all attempts to learn anything gore for naught, therefore it is best also to k have good sound knoweldge. Knoweldge that roots in the bare speculation of all things, and knoweldge that also is accomplished with the grace of Faith in Gods ' helping in the advent . ures, which puts any spy or scout or agent upon doing anything they set out for accomplishing, the first of these will serve the Country and God best. Give me understanding of my works, ad and will accomplish all with my heart.

"You are talking with good sense." said Angeline Richee.

"Well if you please, EPrp profound another sign how the enemy can be prevented from making further disasters," said Starring,"

"Not I. "said Angeline Richee. "It is beyond me, even though we must agree to the help of God as you say."

"Well if you cannot" said Starring," will you give me leave to do it!"

"You may use your full liberty" said Angeline pichee."

"The work of many good spies, discover many things that could astonish any one, or christian generals the selves. To him it had it thus, ; it gives him conviction of the nature of the enemy,, especially of the defilement of the Glandelinian nation, its wickedness,, and the sin of massacre and committing unecessary devastation-for the sake of which she sure is to be defeated in the near future. This sight and sense of things workes in him sorrow and shame for the deeds against his beloved country, he finds moreover, revealed to him the Savier of the World Re-Crucified by Clandelinia, and the absoluse necessity of trying to rescue Him before it is too late, at which he finds causes a defeat terrible to Clandelinia and so on. Now according to the strength of the Abbleannian Covernment itself, so is the Emperors joy and peace, so is his love to His country and her holy cause, so are his desires to know it more, and also to cerve God more and more in this world. But though I say the situation of all is discovered to him, yet it is but seldom thay that e he is able to conclude that this is the work of his spies and agents only because his many other spies now, discovers all other corruptions of Liandelinia now, makes his and to misjudgovthis matter, therefore in them that has accomplished this work, there is required a very sound judgement before he or they can conclude with steadiness, that this is a work of great accomplishment. To others it is thus discovered; By an experimental of is faith in Christ helping him through his tak tasks tusks. By a righteous life answerable to that profession, to wit a life of holiness, heart holiness, family holiness if he has a good family, and then with that condition Our pleased Lord helps him through his aventure adventure, as he should and would abhor all these terrible sinful things Glandelinia has done, as a saint should abeabhor his own sin, and to promote men of his own kind in his own command, not to accomplish things by talk only, but by a practical subjection in faith, and love to do duty to both God andc and Country. And now Angeline, as to this brief de discription of the work of spy accomplishment, and also the descovery of the right means of it, if you have aught to object, object, if not then give me leave to propound to you a second question."

Nay" said Angeline" my part is not to object, but to hear, let me therefore have

your second question."

"It isothis" said Starring. Do you experience the first part of the description of such a spy or scout, and does your life and conversation testiay the same, or does your word mean as much as doing. I know you will not incline to answer me, in this, for anything that you can justify yourself in, approves of a good conscience therefore.. Pesides to say 7 am thus and thus, when my conversation and my friends

tell me i doethas , speak, is great honor." For a moment anguline iches seemed to blush, but recovering herself she replied; "Youcome now to my own experience, and to make an appeal for justification of what I am. This kind of discourse I have expected right along, but for the sale of of my mission, cannot to save my own sa solf be disposed to give an answer to such questions in a section of country where , do not know people, because , count my-

self bound thereto to keep things a dead secret, unless you take upon yourself to be a mind reader, and read my mind. But some secret places I will tell you all But I pray sir will you tell me why you ask me such questions!"

"Because I saw you good and proper, and , knew that you had some characestiv that makes a good scout. Besides to tell you the truth , iss gichee, I have heard of you, that you are a girl scout whoses work lies in doing everything to speak of you intend, and thattyour conversation is the following out of everything you wish to accomplish. They say you are a tigress among Glandelintans, and that their generals fare the worst for your presence, -that many a glandel inian army tumbled into ruin because of your successful expeditions for our cause-and that more are in danger of being destroyed there, y, your spying work, and scouting, and investigating, and other works have brought great results for our christian generals. The proverb is tre truscof you, which is said" that a little girl scout called Angeline Richee is a greater terror to the enemy, than a young getennia Blengin, so you could also be a helt in my own mission."

"gince you have learned all that, I cannot but conclude, you have been worthy of my company, and so if that is what you desire, so be it.But if ; must be your guide you must therefore do all , ask and may, so that we may go it properly.'

As Starring went back to godeliffe the latter said;

"I told you how it would happen, your words and here has come to a good agreement, she would rather have your o company, but she is to be our guide, as I said- let her do as she knows right, otherwise the loss is none but our own, she has already saved us the trouble of running into dangers unknown, for her continuing, as I know she will do, as she is, it will be a bad blot in our company if she was not with us, besides best to have one who can do mything."

"I am glad" said Starring that I had this little discourse with her, it may happen that she will do wonders for us, however I have dealt plainly with her and so she is clear of our blood if we heed not her directions and perish in the adventure

now progressing.

"Yes" declared Padeliffo"you did well to talk as plainly to her as you did, there is but little hope of accomplishing your plassion without her with, you and wielet, and her eleters, and also Certrais Angeline know it, therefore they sent her and me and that makes your mission safer if you follow her, for she is not vain in her conversation though to some she may appear directly talktive, for she is not only in word, though plenty is her words, yet still more her deeds, and she is strong and plain in her conversation, for she had stumbled the Clandelinian generals, blemin blemished their efforts, and grived their wicked cause. I wish that all spies could doul with the fee as she has don, so far, then the enemy would be giving up sooner, or the christian armies would be too hot for them... """

Thus they went on riding their horses and talking of what they had seen by the way, and so made that way easier which otherwis, would no doubt have been quite tedious for the for t now the wilderness grew thicker in trees so thick that the forest on each side of the road was as dark as midnight...

The THE ADVINTUERERS COME UPON A CHRISTIAN ARRY UNDER GENERAL HO PO VIVIANIA. STARRING TELLS HIM HIS ALVENTUERE. AFTER LEAVING CAMP THEY GO THROUGH STRANGE INCIDENTS.

Now when they wave approaching a large clearing in this wilderness, Radcliffe chanced to cast his eye back, and espled a party coming behind at some distance and felt sure he knew them.

"Oh " said gadeliffe, to genering, end Angeline," look he is coming yonder..... The others therefore looked, and Angeline said;

"Why it is Jennie Turmer and Mildred Maxwell with a number of girl scouts. " "Aye and I did not expect them to follow una" said Radeliffe" believing they had remained with the Princesses" for it was one who suggested to Violet, and her sisters to find you."

Now when Jennie Turmer and her companions had come up with them, she saluted them,,,

"god help you in your journey, dearly beloved, and un aid to your helpers, but also peace be to you."

All of them eried at one time;;;;;=

"Wolcome , welcome my good girl scout, the sight 6 your presence brings to our rem our remembrance your good will and kindess and unwouried laboring for the good of our country and Its cause."

"And ax said starring himself::

"And a million, hundred million times welcome," as thr thy company, Fiss Turmer, how desir dise desirable to all uf of u : us."

"yes it seems to be" How had it fared with young friends, since the time of our last parting. What have you all met with,, and how have you gone through it all townsom Then starring himself to satis y the probable curiologity of the girl scout told her of all things that had happened to them since he first started out, and howeard and how and with what difficulty they had gotten to this part of the woods .. "

"Right glad am _ that you have progressed so for with success a in your undertaking" said jennigT armer and for that you have notwithstanding many difficulties, continued in this way to this very day even though I know many advised you against it for the perils you may meet on the way. I will also say right glam , am of this thing, and that for im mine can sake and yours, the enemy have sowed, and you have ulready reaped, and let us hope and pray that the day will soon be coming, when Abbieannia can rejoice with the world -- that is if you hold out on yout adventure for in due time you will and must succeed, if you do not give up. We had to leave off, Violet, and her sisters and the rest of us for the fires struck Manle, s cumps,, and stopped our efforts and drove him on a disorderly retreat but with Gods help success will be and is before you, so strive that you may succeed. Hany others have bem been that have set out to loarn the clues of the disasters which we have been sasking, but none have succeeded yet. Held fast therefore to your purpose, let no one interfere with your plans, you are not yet out of the gonshot of the demon fire either, you have not jet succeeded, striving in this purpose. Let the hopes of success urgo you en,, and bolieve steadfastedly that god will help you tru through. K Let nothing that is in your cause get in your way aless it be for you good, and above all look well to every part of the country, and to all the damersx dangers especially the forest fires for they are the worse above all things, and designably desperately dangerous, set your faces to the e task you have all power in heaven and within the christian localities on your side."

Then Starring thanked her for her exhortation, but tel told her withal, that they would wish her to speak further with them for their help the rest of the way, and the rather for that for that they well know that she also was a good scout, and that could tell them of things that might happen to them if they were not any too cureful, and also how they might resist and overcome many perils. no which also Angeline pichese consented. go Jennie murmer sais;; said;;

"Well no one can foresen anything that far" she answers but we all must go through through manybtr b tribulations paril before we can succeed in anything. And then you cannot go out on any kind of adventurecwithout there being some kind of excitement to it. You have found something of the truth of these kind of experiences already, ad and _ am positively sure more will immediately follow, for now as you see we are still in this welderness. We are also heading for a large christian army that is advancing this way to making a junction with noncentinian Arrenburg and viviananna Vivianaanna, which you will bye and bye see before you. As later on you might be everywhere at beset with perils and enemies, who will strain hard to either hinder your purpose or kill you you must have a force of retainers to guard you, but we must be faithful in all our work or otherwise there will be no success for our Countrys cause. But when you are come to the view of the army, and shall find it is the christian army I mentioned, for I saw it coming from the heights before I met you, then remember your friends, and on the future of the adventure let us all committ the keeping of our souls to our od in welldoing, us unto a faithful Cra Creator and a God Loving Country."

"I would have been here much sconer, but that through my fooliheness, I elept in the resting place near the summit of this hill, and even then despite that . would then have been here such sconer, but in my sleep I lost my roll, and came without it to the brow of this hill, and then when , felt for it and I found it was gone was forced with o sorrow and axi ani anxiety to go back to the place where I had it been alseping, where, found it. And now I have come up hore."
"Weil I will call out one of the lieutenants of this camp, who will if he likes

your talk bring you in to the rest of the ranger force, and examine you according

to the rules of the Rungers."

So the guard shot off his pistol, at the sound of which, came out from one of the tents a tall stately man who asked why he was called. ttThetevastatt There was a few minutes of conversation between the guard and the officer, and then he said more loadly "This is general Walter Starring of general Viviens commands sent on a journey from general Vivians lines by Violet and her sistes to learn of something important concerning the flood and other disasters, but being weary from being a long fugitive from ferest fires, and probably shadowed by secret enemies he asked me he if he and his followers might lodge here for the night, so , told him , would summon you first, who after you have had discourse with him, my may do as you may think proper, according to the law of the Forest sanger Campe. The officer of the ranger looked him and his companions over very carefully, sized them up, and alter could see that the man was stern and rough in appearance. Then he asked in gruff tonos;

"From what part of general Pobertsonia Vivians army did youse came from, where are

youse going, and wom nent youse!" "Starring told him in his military manner."

" Him, I see it. How did your yours find your way on this path?"

"I was directed by general Viviania and general "ansonia."

"Well that sounds pretty good for your wolds, what have youse seem and met with in the way?"

"Starring gave a graphic description of his experience.

"What is your name air!"

"I'm Walter starring. I and my companions have so much desire to lodge here in your camp for the night because by what I percieve this is a camp of forest Rangers, and you may be camped here to watch fires and make secut security for refugees." The ranger smiled, but the water stood in his eyes, and after a little pause he au ld :

"I will call forth two of my officers and a member."

Bo he sent unother man, and called out three more officers who after a little discourse with him and his followers, allowed him to come into the camp, the officer saying ;

nome in you phristian friend, we are glad to welcome thee,"

Then Walter followed followed them into the campallo out down on a log near another beacom fire, and one of the men gave him something to drink, and conversed with him untill autill suppor was ready, some of the officer s also spike aspoke with Walter, for the best improvement of time, and thus the chief officer wishing to know something for the good of his rangers began withWalterWalter.....;

"Well General, since we are on friendly sides, and as we have recieved you into our camp to night lut lot us if it pleases you talk with you of all things, that have happened to you during your adventures."

"I am perfectly willing, and , am glad that you are so well disposed."

. That moved you at first to betake yourself on this strange and very great mission. which to us appears to be very democrous also?"

"I ha heard so much naws of the draudful forest fires and floods and other disasters that have been as it is said made by the enemy, that unusual destruction of country side that even too have been frequently a witness of I have been even driven out of the sections of the country by the dreadful sounds of the explosions that have newsr left m? my ears. And the Vivian Girl Princennes also begged me to go out on the quest with the proces to help them in their own efforts?"

ut" said the ranger" "tow did it happen you came through the forested country his this way where forest fires of awful sizes are spreading everywhere. "!

"I believe it was as God would have it, and before, came to general Arrenburge army I was persuad by the tremendous forest fires, and for a time I was under the fears of destruction, , did not know hich way to go, then by unlucky chance , was shot at from ambush by glandelinian spies, rescued by Gertrade Angeline, who took care of me untill general Arrenburg came up with his armics, then after that the left wing of the forest fire swept upon his army and routed it, and , had a thrilling time reccueing the general himself from destruction. After , was recovered from my injuries recieved during my rescuing the general, he directed me to Reneral Vivianias army, which else in such a smoke shrouded region I would have never found, and so set me into the way that led me directly through general Hansonias camp, untill finally reached here.

"nut did you come have an inverview with general Hanconia?"

"Y es and soon many interestings things there the rememberance of which will stick to me as long as I live. Many other ti things I saw before I reached general Concentinian Aranbur : lines, now hundreds of rangers there, despite the destructive fury of forest fire, , maintained their desparate fight against it, how the fires

continued on o so relantiassily, that , lost help of ever scaling it evercome, and also that it made a scene as though the day of judgement had come."

"Did the forest fire keep general Arrenburgs army always on the retreat, !!!!" "Yes, and a most droudful one it was, it made my heart ache as ; observed its awf ul r progress, but yet I'm glad I have experienced a part of it so I'll know what I shall do in ano case another ome owner comen n toc close."

"Was that all you saw on your way tward general Arrenburgs lines after your injury??" "No, but it is too much to tell in one time . I also watched aldi r soldiers and rungers day by day cut their way through forests to make fire breachles, but all their work could not stop the flames. I could have stayed at that good generals headquarters for a long time, but that I must seek after the quest."

"And what sum you also in the way, that is before you was shot at in ambush. ???"" "Thy as I first started out from general viviens lines not far from the buttle field of E Evangeline St Clare, I caw the enemy moving off tward the northwest. Twas a strange thing to me for I never as the enemy make such a moved before. Yes and while I stood looking at them from a hige ridge, , now for the first time the forest fire that persued me and it was coming for Munleys army, and general Viviens too lay in its path. All these devastations caused by the enemy brought in mind Our alsened Lord hanging bleeding pon the Gross and that they insulted him with these disasters us he hang dying....You and while I stood looking on and ondering pondering on these things, some of the nearest glandelinians percieving me opened fire and gave chase but , escaped. General Vivian furnished with this disguise gray cout which you see I'm wearing, and also gave me this sealed roll. "and with that he plucked it out of his hosom"

"And what classed did you see on your way. ?"
"Baw." said Walt."But as I went but a little further, , saw the fire coming for my observation post like the speed of a hurricane cloud, and i saw hundreds of refugees flooing b fore it having no doubt left towns which were in its path. Then when I rescued him, and then left for Hansonias lnes and then got off again _ found it hard work to get p this hill, and as hard to come past two Blengigloemean Creatures because of my unifour uniform, and truely if it has not been for one of your guarda I might have retraced my stops, but now thank god 18m here, and , thank uoi a you for recieving ma."

Then the panger chief thought of asking him a few questions, and desired his answer to them. "

"Do you not think the devastation will hart all parts of calverinia, which from you game!"

"Yes, and , can only think of it with much shame and detostation, truely if , had been mindful of that countrys a destruction, I might have had opportunity to mobolize a large army of rangers and men from towns and villiages, and go out to turn aside the disasters myself if posible now . see it is impossible, that Calverinia in explosions, fires floods, and massacres and other horrors is nothing short but a terrible seething hell of dreadful serrow suffering and death."

"Did you not bring along with you some passes with which you might have an

easier chance of entering general Johnaton Jacken Manleys lines?" "Yos, but greatly it is against my will to carry so much thrush, but to be successful in my purpose I had to coose choose to do so, otherwise surely enough I would never choose to use such passes any more, for should, desire t to enter a stranchristian line, . would have trouble to do so for the guards would wish to desirs an explanation of whi why , carry a roll pass into the christian lines and an enemy pass also. And I cannot throw the latter away a no untill I finish my mission. And yet all

those things which I have seen and heard are my grief and resentment. " resentment." Well" continued the ranger, "Do you not believe som times the name reporting our cause is vanquished, which at other times such news is a perplexity for the whole world in general. "!

"No I think the reports are either a mistake or false. I have heard such reports but seldom, but they are nevertheless to me spurs, for in which such things happen in this war increases my determination to discover the ones who are responsble responsible.

while Can you remember by what seems you found these kinds of news annoying at times, as if the christian armies and our cause were vanquished?"

"Yes, when , think of what ' read of in the newspapers, heard of from the generals, naw startling letters written to violet and her sisters which they showed to me, and when , suw the whole econes of other great disasters, forest fires, expl sexplosions, and other floods too that seems enough to do it. And when I looked upon the discouraged faces of many of the best christian generals that is enough to do it, but when ; look at the situation in another way I feel different, for then I have the believe from histories that t have read, and reread that usually nations who are in the right cause, have the worst lack at the beginning of conflicts, and have the best of luck in the final issue. That should do anything to discourage such unusual lying or blundering reports. ! ! . . "

""""And what is it that makes you so desirous to go to general Manley Manleys army to find out who is guilty of the said disasters you tell me about in?

"Why there I hope to secure clues as to the ones who may have ordered the disasters to be made, and by finding at this I hope the c nation may be rid of all those things that may cause future disasters of the same And, for all this is a dreadful annoyance to me, for throughout the devastted devantated parts of Calverinia a horrible Palley of death is on, and there it is a great likeness of they infernal regions wfor

for the good instead of the wicked. For to tell you the truth, I love the state of Culverinia next to our plessed Lord, who did hand doud on the Cross, and therefore I am weary of all these horrors, I would even fain be where I'd see it no more, and have this dreadful war also have its final climax."

"In Then said the Ranger leader;"

Have you a large command under you in general Vivians army. Are you a Major general too. !!"

"I have four divisions, six brigades of Infantry, and four cavarly squadrons, and six u hundred pieces of artillary."."....

"And why did you not bring them along with you on this mission!"

"Bring my army along on this MISSION!"

"YEg. It would be enfer."

"hy sir it would look very conspicious and even it would be exceedingly dangerous for me to have a large army accompany me, even though willingly I would have done it. But even for my sake many of my officers desired to accompany me and I was utterly opposed to them accompaying me on this adventure. It should would or sure would have been my exposure."
"But you should have taken them nevertheless and have them close by in hiding

places near Manleys army, for you know not the danger of going on such an adventure when all the glandelinium are wise to all such spies trying to learn why the flood

and explosion disasters were made."

"So it might seem, but I believed also general Vivian could not spare that force of men and that some parts of his army would need go to the scenes of the destruction of some of our fuirest cities. Therefore I deemed it wiser to go on

"And did you pray to God and ask His pleased Mothers Intercession asking that they They would bless your interprize, and cause a good council to come to you!" "I sure did" answered Starring," and that with much affection and devotion, for you must know that He and His lassed Mother are also very dear to me." "Did youconfide to Him and His placed Mother of the country suffering and sorrow,

qn and fear of Total postruction, for I suppose you saw enough disasters to make that desf destruction visible to you."

"Yes, I prayed over and over again. The officers under me saw my fears in my face in my tears, and also in my trembling under the apprehensive fearings of the scenes like coming judgement that did hung over the nation especially Calverinia, but yet he He did not seem to hear me. "

"But " continued the Equger " could you say more why you did not allow your command to come with you?"

"Why I was afraid that the showing of so many men, could cause my intention to be exposed, and so what by one thing, and what by another, I left them behind to wander in this manner with only these few companions. "

"But why did you not trust more by chance of plans, and have them come along, pid not one of your officers persuade you to allow them to come along with you.

"Indeed I cannot hide my secrets away, for so far I am conscious of many on of my own failings, and I know also that any man by his conversation may soon overthrow any argument or persuation, he would try upon others, but none affected me this way though of course they tried. Yet this I can say, I was also very wary of giving them occassion, by any unseemingly action, to make them for four to go on any mission with me. Yea for this very thing, they would tell me I was too rash with my own safty, and that I would rick too much for even children that should have sent soldiers instead of me. Hay I think I may say that if they san any danger in which they thought to hinder me, it was my tendernoss in the o welfare of , islet and her sisters, or for the suke of od and His Blossed Mother."

"Indoed" said the Ranger"Glandelinia is like a remale Cain hating hating her sister Calverinia and others, because her own works w re were wicked and those of her sisters rightcour, and therefore all that Glandelinia has done is implacable to the good, and our novernment must deliver Calverinia and her slater states for our own good. Yet though I have not heard of the disasters Walt, yet from the first accounts of the explosions that have made floods, and from fires also it is clear to me and to the nation in general that these disasters must rank among the greatest disasters of the whole world in general/Movertheless these disasters through glandelinians fault cannot be literally account for. Closer inspection by the investigators could not be used to establish even the true rank of the eruption like explosions, for for war made cataclysms that would wreck towns from concussion many alles away miles bury towns a able off under earth debris, and whose oncussions were so loud as to excite the co mend of people nearly eight hundred miles away whi h explosions threw up such a quantity of debris and earth with the sume volcano meaness as to seriously deminish the intensity of sumlight for days and for forest fires to cover the country side for many months throughout the whole of Calverinia, must be the mot greatest disasters ever heard of or known to our own existence. It was something most unusual that even our jovernment really I know

point believe, yet transmission as must have been the authorate of explosions that produce produced much effects as recorded. It has gradually become certain, as all the in wontigators have proven, and who have taken chances with their lives in exploring the whole disaster a country round about, that even the explorations that wracked and caused floods to sweet Abblecam away was by no mound the most remarkable feature of this most tremendous discoter. Yet it is too much to claim that the evisceration of these enemy mines of great size was only a more subordinate outhreak of disasters consequent upon the main disasters, yet it is certain that before that explosion disaster occured, others of the first mignitude also had already occured at a distance some hundred miles from that city, that might have began the origin t of the following floods"

"How do you make that out!" Asked Starring.

"Yan. "

"My the main relative importance of the unasual explosion, given rise to the velley of death over Calverinia, in flood fire and so forth, as compared with the main explosions and the resultant forest fire plagues to boot may be judged, it is certain that that flood horror did not begin, as the government naturally would suppose, with the big explosion fourty miles northwest of Abbieunn. That was rather the closing act in that diseasor drama, the sequel to other big mine explosions like or utions at

more than two hundred miles distance from Abbieann." "How can any one prove that?" demanded Walter Starring.

"It's It can be or proven by the fact that the debris of many other ernormous explos ions overwhere lies on the forests in fields and over w everywhere showing that the latter explosions have occured before the big minos set near Abbisombles blew up."

"That seems exemperated,"

"Well it may neem so to you who have not witnessed it. The discovery of the awful disasters recorded in the news and in other reports, and also as will soon be describ ed in many of our magazene mazagenes could easily famile the ausgestian for the whole world in general that there were many other phases of the eruptive explosions and flood disasters more interesting than the Abbisonn catastrophy, but any understanding of what really occured in those days of horrid bloody disaster months elsewhere involved so much study by government, and cographic and other Socitie societies that

it has not been possible untill now to even give a loast verdict of the real ... nature of any of these disasters, and even jot there is much that must be left to conjecture, although the general fautures stand out fairly clearly. The take of finding at and interpreting the events of any of these great explosions and floods has been much the mre difficult, because so far as can be found, nothing resembles them us closely, or has mything like them ever been recorded before-Not even a volcanic eruption of the most violent kind op compares to them gince there were very fow real witnesses to the immonse catastrophe we therefore are limited in framing our accounts of the events of these horrors to deductions from the study of their awful effects on the state of galverinia. Indeed Walt it is hardly probable that any observer too close would have survived to tell the tale if he had been near enough to n any one explosion disaster of the Abbicann kind to see that a actually happened. It will be understood therefore, that the accounts of the explosions themselves must of naconalty be must up of reasonable inferences and conclusions ff from the only evidences left behind, rather than of the narration of a series of observed events, which the dovernment so desires. Any anyhow real facts are hidden or prevented from being known by the enemy,"

"It may be a fact at that" said Walter Starring. As I have cheard some time before before the beginning of these great explosion and fleed disenters, whose sounds first announced to the world that a war of battle and hell eruptions of gumpowder was in progress, and a pation of forests burning, with wild buttles and massacres and what not in anopenkable horrors, a host of smaller explosions burst open the Plains near Lake Solicia, through which ran a part of the Yellow Brick, or Big Girl Knool roud, causing the Lake Solicia Flood horror. The date is known but was probably sometime early in November 1913, causing a frightful loss of life for a flood over twenty one hundred thousand liewever the venemy did it, yet in the very formation of those ernormous mines, they were powerful enough as many papers say to present a feature at even a far distance even more unusual than for even a volcanic Phenomena nay put such an action of nature out of existance, nay this was no reawakening of d dormant disasters of the past, such as constitutes the vast majorities of early explosion and other disasters, but rather the man made formation od of new highly explinexplosive mines near the dikes of Lake Selicia in areas where none had been made, up under ground previously. If there had been nothing class remarkable about the disaster, this alone would have set it off as a notworthy event."

"Probably so" said the Runger, but the explosions were the sume at or near Abbieum don't you see The explosions there may be of grouter force for you must understand that proofs have been shown that the explosions left many crater like holes in the ground, deformed the face of the country, and made a stretch of five hundred miles of fiscures in the ground like those produced by an earthquake lies many of the explosions there were or how the explosions may have m looked when they occured, we

have no means of knowing as the enemy even provents such investigations, but there is nevertheless every reason to heliove they constituted literally a host in number , and that the crocraters produced by the explosions consist of lines of cratiform holes blown through the floor of the plains nour the city, resembling parhaps the close set shall hales of a Viview Wickey battlefield though of course much larger that the explosions produced by the biggest shells. What ever the cause of these explosions of what their force it is certain that they looked like volcunces in erue eruption the throwing at ash and pusice in ernormous quantities."

"But how can any one tall how they looked like when the explosions came?" "No one to be an o can give on, idea of what the scene must have been like during this momentary stage of horror, before the flood same. In addition to such myraids of explosions, probably equally as great as volcanic scattion in all probabilities, accros of hundreds of the blasts must have been going on like a rapid musketry fire. One theory was that not far from this scene a forest was being consumed by a veritible sea of fire. Whether this set off the explosions also no one can say, but the audden outbrook of the flood partly rained the forest fire-Yet prodigious quanities of debris, mus as of earth, broken trees and water too sand and clay, sund stone and turf insued from the ground during the explosions, and later on the ensueing floods coming from only Heavon knows where poured at on the ground, following the slope in rolling tumbling torrents that carried alwa all before them. In the moment of the explosions if one could have seen them, to the blants no doubt would have made many ignorunt witnesses believe many separate volcanous would have appeared in diff erent parts of the country near Abbloom n such pouring for a moment forth its own contribution to the general chacen and then to be engalfed and put out by the nuclen devastating flood that follows."

"But what about the main force!"

"No one can account for that. Yet from each explosion there was probably a great black cloud rising to a considerable height in innamorable expanding lobulated convolutions. From evidence of other explosions, great flushes of woird granduer accompanied the clouds riving during the blusts. On making a most careful observation it probably would have been or become evident that the course of the cloud was more from high explosives than more mine powders. It was in fact pr produced by a mingle of gun cotton and T.H.T., and the force of the blaste might have been so great that the whole cloud was paffed up like those seen in graptions of volcances. If any other of a score of valleys in the vinicity had been the seat of explosion shocks and disasters it would probably be squanible to gain any information of its character before the main flood disaster, for the whole country foundabout was terribly devest ated in such manner as to destroy all evidence looked for."

"But " inslited walter Starring " what could have oraced all evidence?" "My the ensuring flood of course. Abbieum had been in its own place a regular Center for Railroads 1ke Chicago in morion, a part of the great Benden railroad also having run through. The city was much used by the best railroad lnes in the lines in the nation before the disaster which wired out all these railroad lines with the city. It is contain that none of those railroad presidents, ever suspected that this rich section of Calverinia might became the drama of such on unusual disaster. There was no indication of encesies being around to set in such droudful mines, and there had only been in the far off forests south of Abbicann as Independent forest fire raging. The region there was overgrown by dense forests of a ruce, poplar and birch, broken only by penda, a big river of the rminia pun and high tumdras in the low places. While any no might have any time suspected come disasterous explosion, the possibility of such a cataclysm as broke out in neugal state and awooting away such a big city as Abbicann would never have occured to him. There was only one man , know who claimed to be a vitness to one of the explesions near Abbisans mind you only one of the explosions, out of many. Warned by many other far distant preliminary war disturbances of whose character no clear account could be given beyond the statement that there might have been " strange earthquakes of neconds duration, one of the plains men, had gone up on a high hill near Abbiconn to look for the progress of the forest fire, and was having the full view of the city within his eye sight, when the nearest of the explusions occured."

"Were any others with him. ?"

"No he was the only one who had any opportunity of observing what happened near Abbiennn. I have racieved an unusual interest in his story, since meager as it is it constitutes the only scrup so far of direct evidence concerning the biggest disaster ever hard heard of that can ever be secured. He told me;

"It looked like a big mountain blowing p with lots of fire, with far distant forest fire coming down the vulleys with lots of smoke. At first , did believe it was a volcanic cruption occuring suddenly. I started fast for the lower places to avoid the shower of debris that followed. I then was herrified to see the immense city hid away in dreadful clouds of smoke or dust and heard a tremendous rear in her direction. I felt the convention of an ourthquake neveral times. It was a scene like a seething h 11. For fifteen minutes may half a hour everything grew dark, so I could not see. I thought hell had broken loose Later when and Abbleam ruined by the crash and then see the flood rush on her, I worked like hell to climb up higher to avoid being caught in the torrent.1'11 never forget it till my dying day-"

Realiting: 'A Amperia of the testimony of this man, I endeavored to question him to recieve further details, but none were de obtained. He and his associates were too badly frightened and too much concerned with the effects of the disaster, and with flowing "from the wrath to come" to make any detailed observations. He must have left the region before the disaster was fairly under way. Indeed it is probable that he and hiscompanions could not have encaped if they had been a little later. The forest first not in the path of the flood came down the Wickey Bay Valley and those were first of such intensity that they swept ever all the adjoining mountain sides consuming every forest in its path, every, westigs of vegetation throughout the area surrounding the flood came of Bongal State and Abbicann"

"But is it not probable that those statements of the diseaser is not exaggerated to some unusual degree!"

"no sir. The worst will never be told. So completely were the trees destoyed in these forest fires that there remains to day not even a scrap of charred wood or any other evidence to indicate their former presence. In all the paty hath path of this droudful forest fire all plants trees and all, bridges over streams and so forth were completely consumed, and their ashes long since scattered. Elsewhere t where the fire had been somewhat lest intense the roots of the former abundant forest trees and lower vegetation remain in the soil but the fire made a clean sweep of everything above ground. On account of the complete destruction of everything combus tible, no trace a f a forest for six hundred miles hardly remains except ash and desolation. The entire forested region beyond the flood has been reduced to a baron waste, a near desert of charred wreck and ashes, Many spaces still smoke as if they were fumurole. I was told by am, many witnesses of the forest fires that the flames consuming the red hot vegetation like oil, converted the ground into red hot earth, and sand hills in the path of the conflagration turned into a single flery torrent of its own of seething swirling masses of red het sand and rock, which rolled down he valley under gravity. Pefore it finally came to rest this flery torrent run down the valley for a mile or so. Even at that distance the sand was so hot that although It no longer atterly consumed even new forests in its own path, nor started new fires up the mountain sides beyond its reach it still reduced every stick it touched to charcoal. The charcoal forests produced with the ending of the confligration are extremely impressive witnesses of the flery conflagration that overwhelmed them, far more striking than the baroness of the other path of conflagration, where the work of destruction was so complete as to leave the imagination powerless to reconstruct the original scene.

In many places I have seen the tranks of the everwhelmed trees standing where they grow grow, rected in the ground, but turned to columns of black charcoal, Such

charcoal logs were in many cases a foot in diameter."

That indicates something unusual indeed "said Starring. "Although Starring the description will undoubtedly call to mind the condition of an ordinary forcest fire, yet it some imporbable that the forcest fire can do all you say, but just the same I have to believe it me panger because though you might laugh at me I've soon sights resultant from forcest fires that makes your statement seem nothing, a more nothing. During the fires I have been a fagitive of, rocks have turned to the likeness of molten lave, and though those melting rocks cannot be compared to flowing lava, difficiently from a lava flow in many cases, they were nevertheless turned liquid whose before the immense heat. The physical behaver of this resultant fluid because because of the heat was of course very different from molten lava, for lava under the most favorable circumstances is aviscous liquid, loving slowly like stiff far, whereas these melting rocks run like water."

"Yes but, adoubt that the Abbiecan diseaser can be outrivaled sold the Runger. The tangual explosions continued for a time, say loss than fifteen minutes, past midnight that fatal how, touring groat yearing holes in the surface of the Bengal valley-the present mine of explosion craters which dot its surface in places where the flood had not hit now for course filled with water. Some of these as investigators found are isolated, others stretch out in long lines like beads on a string indicating that they had been placed by the sc secret enemies in long lines but in tunnels underground. In other places they are so thickly peppered over the surface of the ground as to coalesce and form compound nests of "shell like craters." everywhere. Two of these measure two miles in diameter. The explosions responsible for the craters, make shell craters of the buttlefields of the Vivian Wickey seige appear in significant so comparesion. Still these explosions capable of tearing up huge pieves pieces of ground in some places are thun a mile wide and upheaving them like volcanic cruptions would from the human standpoint form about as awe-inspiring an exhibition of titunic forces as can well be imagined."

"How far was the extent of the forest fire up there?"
"Well this fiery conflagration at its height sir must indeed have presented a spectacle if it could have been seen through the sea of impenetrable black clouds that rose above the burning forests far surpassing the most weirdest image of the droudful informal regions ever enjured up by post or preacher or pante in an effort

to picure picture the place of overlasting torment. The spectacle of the explosions was not seen by the human eye but some of the fire was. Yet its resulty is one of the most impressive features of the diseaster. Not only did the terrific conflagration continue down the main army of the Nickey Lunein walley, trurd Evangeline St Claire for two hundred miles but it also ran back a sen of fire across the forested divide behind v a Ava Maria Hoights of the Vivian Hills, and completely encircled plamond mountain rushing up a side valley under the Bondon wills to join the main great conflagration again down tward Sound pend where its now heading. Here surprising yet a large section of the conflagration is pouring across the Mic-pollester Rier Riveralong which course it is burning both across and both ways sending one sea of fire down tward the thickly forested base of Heidi's Ridge on the Mic-Hollester side of the range, while another burns up into the main valley between Gound Bend and Gloriannia Ridges. Over most of this area this conflagration is so intense in heat, and trees are so close together that no indication of what was even a forest remaine. It is therefore impossible to ontimate the amount of destruction as yet.

The figure of the loss of the property caused by the explosions, floods, and the fires put together is so large us to puss comprehension. The country itself

has been pulversized by the explosion and floods.

The nation is sending out huge armies of ablied bodied men not yet in the army to fight these blazes, yet they find before they had finished turning acide a portion of the fire it springs up unew somewhere clas. In socking to gain some magnitude of these awful forest fires we may inquire how it would appear as if so many big fires would be raging along the mountains of the Pacific side of the United states. The answer is that that part of the country would soon be entirely devoid of all its forests, and the effect over all that country would be as if all the mountain rage range of the Pockies would have broken out in eruption as vol violent as the most explosive scuptions we have so often read of."

Indeed they had out talking together untill suppor was roudy . The table was not forthcoming the rangers just eating out of military utensils, but they had good food nevertheless, and while they are the talk continued about the conditions of the wars progress, the difficulty of even all the men called out from various cities and towns to holp the rangers combat the dreadful fires,, ab also about Our Blessed Lord, and what se might fool and think over the awful situation brought on by the wicked Clandelinians, as namely what even He might do or cause to be done in the fu ffuture if Clandelinia keeps it up, wherefore what Emperor Vivian himself was didding, or what he did it, and why the Abbiennian Government was seemingly so slow to take a hand in the situation, and by what all Covernmental officials may have said and done about the series of disasters,, that why it is that emporer Vivian being a great warrior in his earlier days did not do something to Glandelinia, and why he had not fought with the enemy more than one battle, knowing that if such things go on us now it will be to a great danger to himself. For , as the rangers all said to Starring that it appeared as if the country of Calverinia was 1ke one Crucified with the loss of much blood. Therefore it was true that if any one who can secure any suffucient information not only aw as to who among the glandelinians did the deeds and caused the disasters by order or action but also how they got the materials to make such tremendous explosions, will put him into grace of great glory and honor for accomplishing it, providing I he did it out of pure love of country, to aid the Vivian Girls and not out of search for honor and fame alone. And bosides there were some of the rangers who did speak to the grout amperor who claimed that galverinia was like one of Cladelinians helpless victims who was forced by her to die on the grosse , and they attested they had heard from his own lips, that he is such a lever of of his own country and her states, that the like is not to be found from any other ruler from the east to the west, and that emperorWivian was striving to arouse the nation as fiercely as possible to aid him to crush wicked@landolinion,.

They more over gave an instance of what they said and affirmed, and was that he had stripe himself of much of his own possessions that he might do this for the sake of aiding the poor distressed refugees of calverinia, and his officials had heard him say and affirm that he was not goong going to tolerate these disasters from Glandelinia any longer under no conditions whatever... They said moreover that he had made many lieutenants of good learning generals, and had from many of the men refugees sprung p n w armies to swep swell the surviving sections of the mobolization camps in big cities throughout various part of the country of course any one mentioning that from the shocks of great explosions that it was testified the cities were so violently viberated as to apparently cause them to dance the "HIGHLAND FLING" made pturring bent double with laughter as he thought it absolutely something out of the ordinary, and that those who made such reports were plumb Bug House Capital B. Thus they discoursed together till late at night, and after they had comitted themselves to Our Blessed Lord for prot ection and for the hope that the far distant forest fires would not surprise them in the night, they allil betook themselves to rest, after placing a guard on duty. Starring was placed in a special tent whose doorway opened tward the sum rising, where he selt slept till the break of day. When he awoke it was morning, late in the morning beyond ten elc oclock but it was half as dark as night and the air was thick with smoke fog.

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HE IS THRILLED AS HE WITHESELS PROGRESS OF THE CONFLAGRATION, HOW THE PROPLE OF A MENANCED TOWN WERE CARED FOR.

THE strange darkness and the smell as of burning woods and trees aweke them or otherwise it was probable they would have alopt all day so late had they remained up in the night talking. After some discourse with him they told him he should not depart untill they could see what the meaning of all the smoke in the atmosphere meant. At first they climbed to a higher hill but could not see anything so thick was the haze, and not even a breeze was blowing, and though so late in the season it was as hot as a interior portion of a Volcanic crater. They could have recorded heat of the greatest intensity. As rangers had to do and always do they therefore consulted a map of the Cal varinism forest in this locality, in which they showed Btarring first the formation of the woods near the Imperial valley, that it was a very extensive forcets of surpentine and fir and other trees, and extended for a thousand or more miles. Here also they saw on the record map the main stretch of the Mic-mollester woods, and the names of the many hundreds of big tar and peat bogs in these woods that if the fire ever struck indeed such a thing as calling it a hellish inform would be a more trifle indeed.

There had been many worthy octs that these bodies of rangers had done. They had olsowhere subdued forest fires that throatened good parts of the nation, stopped big grams fires, quie quenched the violence of oil fires in the plains, escaped the ferocity of the bodies of the enemy, waxed valiant in fight against seething flames of forest fires gone beyond control, and turned to flight the armies of Clandelinian fire vandals who tried to stop their work. They told him he he if he so desired how willing they worm to recieve him into the favor of adding in the fight they now would have to wage against the conflagration. Yet he told them that his first duty lay in his mission, and that only if the fight would be successful in enabling him to work his passage through would be give agaisstance.

They clowed him all manner of forest fire fighting equipemth equipment, which the neverment had provided for all Rungers, as sack, s plankets, saws, axes, explosive mar materials, water in barrels wagens and teams of horses and cutting and digging utensils of all kinds, shoes that would not burn and abosto suits. And there was enough of this to harness out as many men for the service for the government in fire fighting as possible.

They also showed him some of the other implements with which they had done conderful things in combating the Red Plague. They showed him the explosives used by the mining engineers for broaching the forest in the path of the fire, the low trees saws, the large saws, the ornermous spades and the picks and showls. They showed him besides many other excallent things, with which general starring was delighted all delighted and said it did give him on impiration to fight the fire if necessary.

Starring of course was really uppreh naive for the day before he had observed at a great distance a most plousant monstain country but heavily forested everywhere with enrormous thickly growing turpentine pines, a scene just then very delightful to behold added with springs and fountains so beautiful to be hold that it was known as the "Delectable Country of galverinia" Others called it Culverinias Immanuels Land. He had that night before desired to go forward, which he hoped would add further to his comfort because he know they were nearer to the glandelinian army he was heading for them any one close know. But to day he could see nothing but smoke smoke fog no matter which way he turned and a bake even heat permeated the atmosphere and there was not even a breeze.

Now he did not think of setting forward, even though they were willing he should for he desired to remain with them untill the throatening "storm" was past, but they did not like to detain him on his sistion but as he fielded inested on aiding them first as he could not proceed as he said anyhow unless the conflagration was repulsed they then said to him to wait untill they consult together among themselves about it. They only took a minute and then they told him to come, and they while doing it themselves harnessed themselves and him and his followers from head to foot with that fire proof suits lest perhaps he should meet with disaster on the fighting line. He being thus accountered, walked at out with his friends, while the mules pilled the wagons twurd the lower section, it being their proces to purpose to breach at this point as the Rungers being well acquainted with the situation just know where the advancing fire was even though the dark fog of smoke even meet to hide its light.

"Are there any big towns near the section upon which the great fire hurricans would menance?" he asked,

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Then when they had just about got out of the large clearing, and headed for a wide earth road in the dense wooddes woods, they presently saw before them the van of an advancing army of A bble annians and angolinians. It was a part of Vivienia; great Abi Abbleannian Btbb: host. It was advancing down the road from the direction of vic-whitther Run further north, from a villiage bearing the name of penas and it was nearly 67,000,000 atrong , and advancing from and down different local localities, and roads.

This big oray now coming thard the main woods has no new affair at all, but a column of troops of almost oldest formation, though I might have to show the reader the origin of it.

Almost at the very beginning of the war, there was ramors of the enemy always making efforts to get this territory into their passession, and general viviania, Hamsonia, and Herdrade, with their ompanies of efficers, percleving the path of retreat that the various armice ander the Manleys were making since their defeat at grangeline at almo, and now before the fires, that their way of retreat from the northwest region of Sound and led away from the forested regions and tward Big girlkness, they contrived therefore to make a junction with Concentinian Arronburg and the Vivians too, warning each by wireless the direct course of Manleys retreat, a retreat wherein all concentration should be made against, otherwise the war might rage with more than usual fury in this section all the year long.

Therefore at this indication of danger tward Big Girl Kneell all troops, such as Calverinians, Angolinians, inians, winkis Avrocinkilians, wriponligonlians, columns, over plains, crops lands, places of glenwoods, and over hills and through woods of all sorts over risking to themselves the perils of the ever operate and through woods of all sorts over risking to themselves the perils of the ever forest owners, and babbe, fire, and that not.

And moreover in this big army there was followed by immence bodies of cavarly, armies of heavy and light artillery, munitions, and weapons of all sorts, and spice and occuts of all kinds. Here were to be seen too, and that for a good purpose, the members of the powerful domini in droves of numbers, great Professional secuting officers, detectives, and investigators for war and other disasters.....

The armies through this region advanced in a series of hufe columns of some distance apart but within easy sight of each other, under their proper and reliable commanders, where such and each commands are of comprehensible goof, so here lie likewise you could meet with the proper troops of each section of the army, where the best commanders of this army are someet to be found, and also military efficers who are priests and labour who say Mans for the soldiers whenever opportunity presents itself. Here could be found the Winkie Abyssinkilian divisions, the Abbieann columns, the Abyssinkilians proper, and all others, with the main bodies of the fierce Calverinians and Angelinians leading the van, where all sorts of cavarly took the course or both sides but somewhat in advance. But as in other armies on the march of one one is to be the chief in the lead, so greatal general Hansonia pedrufe was appointed to lead the van.

Now as it is to be observed the way of the adventurers lay just for this advancing army, and those who are well known by this army and officers needs no ontroduction to the officers or guards. At the time before tyle this army stared or started its advance Prince permains vivian, the son of mporor Vivian when coming with his father to join general Hunsonus army went through a portion of the big Mic-Holloster Woods to making a junction with Humson Vivian, and that upon this exciting and perilous times too, and general Viviania invited him to making a direct jin junction with him untill Hansons army should be come up with, and asked him to direct command of the army in person, as he deserved reverence for his great generalship and righteoueness. Yes because he was such a person of honor, general Viviania had him from camp to camp, and showed him all the lay of the country, how Munleys awance or retreat tward mig Girl Knool could be frustrated near a there, and a battle of good measure forced aginst him, that he might if posible cause the great Prince to take personal command as it was necessary he should do so untill he reached ansuman wast armies. Knowing the necessities of this the Prince remaily did so and was therefore in personal charge. This Prince as well as his brother Prince James vivian were great and loving friends of general Walter Starring, knowing his friendship and service under all ckinds of conditions perils, and meather for his little lovely and be brave sietors, the Vivian Girl Princesses, that is to say to put it more simply, Violet, and her sisters.

Now alter gtarring, and his followers, including the two girl and ne boy secuttt were heading tward this advancing army, well so they did, and met up with the van and behold even as they came within slight of the loading column of officers, all the officers and soldiers were moved, the whole command at this point itself as it were in a hubbub about them, and that for several good reasons. For;

"First, despite the fact that the adventueres were uniformed like glandelinian soldiers of chilfd child scouts, the soldiers and officers reconized them at a glance, know who they were, and made a great gazing pen them, some said they were fools for venturing cut dithout a force of troupers in such dangerous territory, some said they were deing a good duty on any conditions, but the others said that they would not venture cut in their manner in such territory without good reason.

Secondly, and as they wondered at their disguises, so they did likewise, at the appearance of three child scouts with them, but et all those who were of the advance guard were soldiers and officers well acquainted with them all, so that soon from one end of the column to the other, they sh soon spread the news that guarring and the three great hereines of the army have meet them. Thirdly, but that which did not a little mass the officers alone, was that these adventuerers set very lit lightly upon the perile of the country, they caned not so much of what they met with , and if quostioned as to who is whether they knew what they were doing they would only answer That the Vivian Girl Princesses cent Sturring, and he needed guides to tring him through the advanture. One of the officers, beholding them said;

"Where to General, and your companions?" "Sturring explained the giventuer and its cause, and this caused an occassion to be more surprised, some giving him tarning as to the campers, some trying to chice him out of his purpose, some speaking represenfully, and some advising that he should have a large body of rotainers or cavarly. Over his arival however things had come to a habbab of joy and greating, coming to a great stir in the commands, inso much that all order was confounded. Word was presently brought, to the Prince, who quickly rode forward, and after a heart, gr. ting to _tarring and his fellowers, and a still more ford gracting to the two girls had some of the soldiers to take them within the command, to be given the honor that was due them ...

The Prince Jarmaine vivian knew that gtarring was out on an adventure for a purpose to learn who were responsible for the awful incidents in _alverinia and elsewhere about which not only the nation but the whole world was overturned .. Caneral Viviania also came to see who were brought into the lines, and seeing who they were asked them from where they came, whither they went, and what their purpose would be if they were successful in their mission. Starring told them, all who were assembled, of their mission,, and that they were forced by strange and anastal circumstances to go on their journey through the evil sections of the country, and that they had left general Arrenburgs army since the first passage of the " Red Plague"But all those who heard the story, and asked assettions and recleved answers b did not believe them to be anything also but mad, or else such as went on an adventure regardless of danger to life and health, for the clandslinian armies which had put such horror and confusion throughout the country were more dangerous than formerly, and to enter general Johnston Jacken Manleys lines to learn information of which even the Princesses themselves did not find seemed sucide.

As Su Starring and his followers were all dusty, becomeared with south and blackened by smoke, and grarrings and even Angeline sichees uniforms partly burned, they were taken to a quirtar masters wagon, and for the purpose i of their adventures which they insisted on continuing were given citizens clothes in instead of uniforms, and then were get into a big mess wagon where they recleved a good hearty moal. There, they therefore remained for some time as the army was preparing to halt for a rost. Starring told how even when the refusees of floods suffered, how when near enemy infested regions they were made objects of the sport of the glandeliniums, malace or revense, the glandelinium leaders laughing at all that befell them. The howeless inhabit inte however were patient, and suffered so silently that as Starring admitted even some landelinians who were o more ob serving and lass preh projection than the rost, began to check and blame the baser sort for the continual disasters done to the country by the armies. They said that for aught they could see, it was no fair way of fighting a war under any condition and that there were many of the officers who were responsible for the disasters that were more worthy to be put before a firing squad than a christian spy, than were any others. The refugeed did not render railing for railing, giving good words for bad, and kindnessfor in injuries dong. Starring stated that many of the glandelin ian generals were charged with being guilty of the disasters which had caused such horror and excitement throughout the whole nation. He said that the guilty on ones if four found when captured, shouls be led through the company streets of a christian camp with irons on them, for an example to them and a terror to other wicked ladelinane glandelinianess. That the people of the States of Culverinia and others recleved the ignomin; and shame that was cast upon them by the effects of the disasters without a murmur or protec protest was a wonder, but it nevertheless won the compassion and aid of many other countries as far as aid could be given. The Abbieannian government had degreed the death of any one found guilty of the avful flood and other disasters.

Every new disactor had put the governmental officials into a greater rage, but it seems they could not do anything. And Starring called to mind again, what he and his friends had heard of the Abbicann horror, and were the more confirmed that the real terrors of that disaster would never be known as the flood erased mostly all clues necessary to be investigationed and traced. The stricken states had comforted such other, and whose at it was to suffer, and the sorrow ful inhabatants had committed themselves to the all wide disposition of Him that ruleth all things, untill the enemy should be overruined. Glandelinia's indictment was one and the same in substance, though somewhat varying in form, the contents thereoff being

this;;;;;
That the Glandelinians were enemies to and disturbers of the safty of allthe christian nations, that during the war they had man horrors and commotions by

FLOODS And other disasters, in contempts of the law of Civilized warfars. After all this had been told, one of the officers told starring that on such conditions the mission he desired to perform was exceedingly dangerous, but he answered;

"I have only set myself against that which is bringing on such disasters to our beloved country. And us to all porils, I defy the devil himself and all his adventuresous angels, violet, and her sisters have depended upon me to fulfill my mission and r will.'

After Starring said this, a proclammation was made that they that knew semething or had chances to say for the generals, about the a effects of disasters they too might have seen, should forthwith appear and give in their evidence to therefore there came in three witnesses, whosen names were Columel Heiner, gantrio, and grancis antrio. They were asked if they know the general whose name is Walter Starring, and what th y they had to f day for the good of the country about the mission he was undertaking. Then stood forth polonel Reiner, and he said it, "Your Eacliency, I have known general starring for a long time, and will attest

upon my o ath before this honerable council of generals and officers, that he is-"mold" said general Viviania " give his auth,"

So they sawre hosm. Then he continued on; "Your Excellency this man, is right in uttempting what the Vivian Girl Princesses have tried and failed, for what the Olandelinia government has done, in making those disasters, and committing the dreadful massa cree has made of itself one of the vilest countries in the woirld, she neither regarded, women or children, the Laws of God, nor custom, but in this war but does all she can to possess Calverinia by her cruel methods, which the wicked Glandelinian Covernment in the generals calls principles of war and its causes. And in particluar heard general Starring once affirm that he knew many who were witnesses of the Abbisam disaster and other big explosion and flood horrors, and therefore he is right in attempting to accomplish his mession and we should d. all in our pwer to power to help him He also said that christianity, and all the customs of Christianity were in dire poril because of such an enemy as Glandelinia, and therefore we cannot be reconciled with her untill she is rightly brought down to absolute submission. By which saying Your Excellency, we all do at once condem not on only landelinias method of burbarous warefus warfare and all her wicked landable g doings, but all her peoples in the doing of them. Therefore for the suke of the Bafty of our cause we should be to him a great aid in his mission."

Then said general Viviania,;;;;;;;;;;;;; "Have you anything else to ha

"Yes, your Excellency, I should and have lets more to say, only I would not rob others of their turn to speak. Yet it if it is necessary, when the others have given in their of evidence, rather than anything shall be wenting that will be evidence again 4 against@landslinia I v 11 onlar o my testimony against her.....

Then they called cantrio, and big him look upon a large map of alverinia,, and as he dise they also therefore asked, what he could say for the countrys cause against the dispators of "landalinias making. Then after he was sworn in he

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our Excellency" said Colonel contrib, I have no great acquanitance with the Nature of blandelinia and her ways ... nor do I lesire to have any knowledge of her. gowever this know, from all news I have read, and from reports I have heard, that landelinia has done her share of disactor making,, and that giar a Atarring show should make make himself to all glandelinian generals a very postilent fellow. From some discour co that one day I had with him in general Vivians army, I heard him say that our cause was nought, and such by which no part of the country could ever win it unless we have mount to frustrate landelinias purpose of disaster making, and to drive her out of Calverinia, break down the recistance of the besisged at Vivian _ickey, which saying of his Your Excellency very well knows h what necessar ily then follows if his advise is taking, which it should be, to with otherwise, we will still fight landelinia in vain, are jet to face more terrible plagues of disasters like those of the past, and finally shall be defeated, therefore let him have a large force of retainers and grout spies, and aid him secure the clues of the disasters causes and those who ordered them. And this is that which I have to

Then Francis antrio ,his brother was sworn in, and asked to say what he hew in behalf of the Country, against the landelinia nation, of how gtarring should be aided in his adventures. Then he said;

Your Excellency, and you army generals all, this great christian scout I have in known a long long time, and have heard him speak things that ought to have been done the time the first disapter was started. If this had been done landelinia I'm sure would not have been able to progress further in her disaster making. The wicked Manleys and all their followers, had also railed on our noble and rightsous country and her noble leaders, and thereforecalse general gtarring has spoken cof correctly in his declaration of his wishes to force the true facts of he the causes of the disasters, and her had said mreever, that if all the Governmental officers in bbicannia, and hor statew, were of i his mind, if possible, there would have never occured but one disanter. Violet, and her sisters had said the same, thing, menides he has not been afraid to go on any such trip, your excell ency, calling landelinia at angodly nation with many other such like vilifying terms. with which he had be pattered, most of the wickedness of clandelinians."

When this last colonel had finguled spoking opeaking, general viviania at

Prince Vivians advice or direction, directed his opech to general Starring, saying; "Bo you wish to have a strong each ersort f during your journey!"

"It would be bost for that purpose sir. I'm su e the rearunagate, heretic and traitor of a ganley has something todo with the whole affair, or that is one of the wanleys at least, or maybe all of them. I say also in answer to what colonel H laner said, that what he has witnessed concern concerning the disasters, that what rules or laws or custom or people is supposed to be Simidelinia has no respect for in that regard, as all glandelinia to diametrically opposed to all G odliness and christianity. If I had said amine in this, you can convince me of my error, and am ready here before you to make my recuntation. As to the others and what they said , say only this, that in the great catastrohpes made by glandelinia of the past, and these series of emeracus forest fires now rading, there can be no redress untill we enforce its coming, therefore whatever in thrust into the efforts of our government, cannot be done by humanaty alone, but by pevine ansistance, , but there can be no Devine Assistance, without having Faith in His help, therefore let the whole nation have masses said for our success in our adventure. For all what the Glandelinian nation a has done so far, as all of us know whether we have all been witnesses thereof or not, all of glandelinia is more fit for being in hell then on this with, and so the Lord Jesus have merc, upon us all, and ald me and my followers in the mission."

Then prince vivian Heamselife called to his officers and staff who all this while stood by to hear and observe. ""Centlemen of the Military Roral Staff we have before as a great lader, leader, general Walter Starring by name, about whom so great an acroar has been made throughout the van of our mosterous army, you have also heard what these worthy officers have said in behalf of his mission, also you have heard his raply and confession, it lies now in your breast, s to give him a good strong escort, but , think I will have to a Instruct to whom you should recommend, There was an act made by maperor vivian my father, that lost Violet and her sisters in their own scouting expeditions should meet with too strong bodies of enemies should have General Jachk Jack Evans and his retainers as their guard ians. There was also an act made by imperor Humson Vivian, my Uncle that who ever would not accompany the Vivian Sirls on their migsions when called for, should be disbanded from the army in disgraco. There was also a degree made by my own brother Jimale Vivian that whoever accompanied the Vivian Girls on their missions either openly or in secret to keep them out of untimely danger, should be duly rewarded. Now the substance of these laws is to be fullfilled for Starring, who is doing this for the Vivian Girls my sisters, and therefore he should have a good reliable bodyguard. ger he is out on one of the most important missions of the cause, not only ricking untimely dangers, unseen perils and the like, but also the horrors of ever opreading and swiftly advancing forest fires which must there fore needs be intolerable. For the actions of all the Hanleys too, their laws and war carrying was made upon suspiction of us, no war crime in the early war being apparent, but here now are the worse wholesale crimes ever recorded you also see he requested the body guard, and he for his great mission for the sake of my Princely gisters deserves to have a good stolid one.

All of those generals decided by jury case or bring glandelinia in guilt before the whole world. And first among thomselves, general Vivienta said;"I clearly see that general starring is right. Then said general Nero, "Away with Glandelinia from the face of the earth. "An ayo" said general Hororode" for , hate the very name of her. "Then said general ...ienstien." I could never endure the name of Glandelinia." "Nor I" said general Hubbard nowen" for she has always was waged wicked cruel wars." "Crush , her, cris her" said general Stanislaw."A sorry scrub." said general Grandy. "My heart rises against her." said general gladerlinia. "She is a murderer on the face of the earth" said general ghristic wilson." Destruction is too good for her" said general !Pensie. "Lets dispatch her armies out of the way." said general Crinson." Then said general Viviania" "Might I have all the world, and heaven given me I could not be reconciled to her unlest she repent, therefore let us forthwith struggle against her in the face of all difficulties and never desist. Starring shall have his bodyguard as he desires, and he can continue on his adventure and Pray god aid him through to a good success."

Therefore when he was ready to leave with his friends he recieved his strong bodyguard.

"The scenes had been awful" eaid ne of the officers. "Clandelinia is trying to put Culverinia to the most cruel destruction that could be invented. Clandelinia scourged her with disasters, deformed her land with fires and explosions, and burned up all her best of forests. If we do not do something 1 m afraid Calverinia will come to her end".....

Now us they waited on their horses for the arival of the bodyguard , there came ip behind them a number of other great christi-n generals, and they saluted Starring and his companions as they finally rode off, with sound of trumpet. They headed for the nearest way out of the pat path of the advancing armies as to go that was was impossible as the long lines of troops fairly blocked the road. Now as they continued on, the same officer who accompanied them, and who was to be the main, communder of the bodyguard entered into a brotherly covenant, and told him that he would be his ampanion. This officer whose name was Colonel anders Welsonia also told starring that there were many o more of the men that would take their time and follow after. About fifteen to twenty minutes after they had gotten out of

sight of the wast christian army, Starring said to the colonel,;;;;;;;-----"What part of the country can we find general Johnston Jacken Manleys army, and how far do we have to go this way to get within sight of his wicked hoots! "I cannot say just now, declared the con colonel. "Some of the scouts said not long ago that he had been moving off from the locality of the town of pairkness and he was going northto west of grungeline St clairs to joing his sons armies who are retreating tward Big Girl Knool and Kittons placherts."
"Going tward those towns." said Starring. "Is there any grave danger for those

towns there. My heavens floods and shock and fire have rained them terribly. Now the enemy going there. They must be stopped. Thank heaven Prince ... ivium knew that is

and is going there too."

"Yes" said the colonel. The Manleys are joing there. "I hope Conventinian or Concentinian arrenburg gats there first. I heard he too is heading for the same wp spots with the two Vivian Girls in advance. If they all concentrate there, 1'11 bet there'll be some batte soon battle soon."

"Pray sic, what part of the country do they call it he is in with his army?" "whis part of the country is a stranger to me, as well as to you, but we can have him locared by ecouts. If not we must be content."

"That might be so, but this glandelinian army I have heard of, and as I have heard it is a dangerous one, and we do not for eaflys sake want to come upon it unawares. Otherwise my offorts will be of no avail, and we would have to beat it. "Yes I will assure you that all the armies belonging to the commands of any of the Manleys are exceedingly dangerous to approach especially when one retreat, and we have a very good reason to be careful how we come upon it, and I have sent many demini there.

"Pray how many memini will accompany us now, if a man may be so bold as to ask?" "Well" said the colonion Colonel, "almost a hundred, and in particular some of their officers. And to tell you the truth, I have sent gentlemen of good qualities, who have done wonders for me, and , recleved my command and commission from the same occupation as , am one of the officers of the H cemini myself."

"Are you one of the high members."

"Yeo and the Supreme Person Hendro Darugr pargar, is a very great spy and Gemini, and his two great assistants dingigore and Whilliamson Bchloederine are equal. They are very honourable, and they too have arived to such a quality in their owkr that they know how to carry it all through, even to the uttermost-_is true we some what differe differ in the kind of work we do, but it is well for our success. First we never strive without success, we do it through all obstacles,, even against wind and tide so to say, seconfly we are always realous IN EVERY THING we do, and we never fail.

Then _ Starring stopped or arged his horse a little aside to Angeline pichee, and said;

"I'm sure that this colonel is one of the best of the cemini-and if it be so we may surely have a success in our adventure."

"Ash him and find out." said angeline pichee." Was gtarring came up with him again, and said,;

gir, you talk as if you know something more than all the world does, and if take take not my mark assino, I deem , have a half guess of you"Is not your name Ned perkins, the young men who first of all befriended the Vivian Girls when the war was in its infancy ?"

"That u is surely bmy name, and i am the one you mention."

"gut did you never give an occassion to the Vivian Cirls to need your assistance more than once."!

"Yes, yes,. The worst that they ever went through, had the luck in my judgement to accompany them at the time their enemy makeley tried to do them dirt, and I as every me knows pulled them through, whatever peril it was, and my chance was to get them away from him thoreby, but if other perils are thus cast upon me, let let me count them a blessing, but let not us run into perils heedlessly in

"Well, said starring I thought indeed that you woo were the man that I had heard of, and to tell you what I, thisbar we will run into more excitement, than

you or I are willing we should even think of."

"Well if you will thus imagine, we cannot help it. It's the fortune of war. Nevertheless you will find me and my men good guides and helpers. We will go against wide and tide, through hell if need be to assure your success in the adventure, th the which I percieve you are determined to see through, but you must also take our advice, the advice of your girl scout guides, and stand by them when they run into peril, as well as when we have to fight our way through ... ut when we first sight any of the armies belonging to the commands of the unleys, we must not expose ourselves too quickly, not a stop farther untill we see un easy access. Never desert your old principals, unless they do not turn out to be as good as formerly, o lets go whead. It's getting too warm here to be comfortable you know the forest fires are very near ."

As they all rode on gtarring again renewed the conversation; "Now many divisio mof general vivianias army were pon the rode when I meet with

There were three ernormous columns under the generals of Francis erdrude, galder linia and Prince livian, all whom you are greatly acquanited with They have taught their armies the art of proper warfare, and all the soldiers have buttained much of the art of all their officers, so that they can do all their commander suggests." "Well that seems good and safe for as then, said starring put

"Prince Vivian is No is a great officer, and he is going to join one of the Vivian Girls to help him intercept general Manleys retreat tward Big Girl Knool."

"Alas" said Starring, "It is too bad we could not have stayed, that we might have had their good company, for they and we and you sir, are 1 going into good and thrilling adventures."

"We are all indeed, said colonel Perkins, but as you have your mission to perform which is a rigid one, and as you must do it for the cause you love so much, and as you also highly esteem the efforts of Violet and her sisters, we can always hope for a remion with an army by and by."

"That seems hopeful indeed, said Angoline pickes herself, "but we need lots of hardy men not men who are so rigid and love so much their own notions, and do also so lightly esteem the opinion of others, that let a man be never so brave, yet if we jump not with him in all rightful things, he'd want to desert our company."

"You"that would be a bad thing, said gtarring, "We have had experiences with such , even of those who are brave-evermuch, and such mone rigidances, prevails with them and come comfour condemns them only to their own folly. But , pray, what are the proper things we must do to accomplish what we are after."

"That is hard to tell" said the colonol. We however will have to make a long journey in all kinds of weather, neither waiting for wind or tide, and risk all perils and hardships. We have to huzard all for cause of country at a clap, and to take all adva advantages of every opportunity that shows itself. We chave to hold through through thick and thin, though all others light be against our opinions, and we must do so if we have to face rages and contempts, but we can succeed."

"Aye" said jennie murmer, " and hold you there still, good colonel perkins, for my part , can count ant one a cowardly fool, that having the liver liberty of haveing adventures like we all do, shall be so unwice to fail in the end, quail before hardenlys and run off. Let us be wise, and trust in God and His Blessed Mother, tie best to make hay when the san phines or not. Let us be content to tal take any kind of weather along with mo. For my part I like an adventure best that will stand with the security of gods good plessing unto us at all times, for who can imagine, that is ruled by proper reason, that he could do anything o no make matter how steep and high the so called "hill of Disciful pifficulty might be. The Vivian Girl Princeusase went through all perils in their work though they never need to do so."

"I think that we are all agreed in this matter, and therefore there is no need of any more words about it."

"That is right right, there is no need of more words about it indeed, unless he that believes neither success in the undertaking, nor reasons for failures, and you so we have all on our own side that is right, and therefore valees he knows his own liv liberty knows any better than us, and therefore through cowardice seeks his own safty when his comrades are in perill!

""ell my dear friends, said padeliffs now also speaking, we are "we are as you all know going all on a stirring adventure,, and for hour better diversion from the things that are bad enough to cause a failure give me leave to propound unto every one of you this question. !!!!!!""::

"Suppose a man, I spy, secute- or maybe one of the gemini, or a professional lilitary betective, &p-should have an advantage to go out on an alwantare like ours, to get for our Country the good blooming of a winning cause through his successful efforts, yet so as that he can by no means come by them except in works at least, he becomes extraordinary zealous in all parts of his work, no matter what Seexciting and difficult times and hardships he goes through, may he not use this means to attain this end, and yet also be a right good apy. A spy that only goes through an adventure when it is not at all dangerous, is he of any benefit to his country anuse."

"I see the bottom of your question" answered younce urmer herself, and with thegode the good leave of all those prosent, y all endouver to shape you an answer, and first and first, to speak to your great question an it concerns a spy i himselg; suppose so spy, a worthy professional christian spy possessed but of vary small tarkent in the eyes of others, and yet has in his eye, a greater, more tarlent and ability that he seems, he has also now an opportanty of getting it, yet by being more stations, by working and endouvoring more frequently, and scalously, and because the temper of the Abbieuthian people requires it, by increasing some of his efforts for my part, I see no reason but a man may do this, providing he has the ability and the nerve. Ay, and more a great deal besides, and jet not, be a really called Profocational unless he succeeds every time he makes a move to accomplish his work. And

"I. His desire to help his country and God is lawful to any degree, which cannot be contradicted, since it is also set before him by Our Blessed Lord, so that he may and should be successful, and got what he is after . making no question for perils and difficulties, if only he does it more for the sake of Our Blessed Lord, and continually ackes His h 1 help, and also places his work and himself under the gam rilance ship of our Blessed Morther.

2. Besides his desire for h what he wishes to accomplish, makes him more deterimed,, a more zeadous worker in his misedon, by, and so makes him a better spy. Yea makes him tetter improve his work, which is according to the safty that his work depends on and also for his country, which is according to the help of God.

: Now an for his complying with the conditions of the refugee peoples of the flood devastated states, the temper of the nation by it, to serve their cause, use

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aso all of his efforts and principals, this argued, let that he is of a brave char actor, a man of keen but quiet temper, sool and collected, shrewd and crafty, 2nd of a sweet and winning deportment for his friends, and more fit for the opying function!

4. I conclude then, that a spy, that turns himself out to be profession-1, should not fo so doing be judged unloss he can accomplish the hardest tusks successfully, fears no peril, hardenipe, and weather, but rather, since he is improved in his works thereby be counted as one who persues his call, whether he had good opportunities or bad to do good work. And now to the second part of the question, which concerns, the Gemini spy you mention a, "suppose such a one to have but a great employ in his mission, but by becoming a p spy he must have better qualities than even the professional, perhaps to go through a long course of practice and study which a common professional does not need or more. For my part I see no reason but this may be done proporly. For my,

1. To become a Comini is a virtue, by which what means so ever a man becomes so, but such a man must be righted us, a daily a communicant and a daily attendant at Mass, and gunder and other evening services as long as he is able to do so. Her is it able for one to be a member, where he has also the ability, to be one, the strength, and the health, and the never nerve.

2. Periods the man, who is a member of the Romini by becoming a member, gets the countistion for such an office, from the Imperial government of Angelinia gette only, that is the only good Covernment of the nation, so thereby when he can proved he passed the examination and the severe tests, he becomes a good member, and good National gpy, and all those by becoming members, in a good ond profitable sign do for his commission. To become a member, costs nothing, except for the doctors examination, and the charges for the tests and visual earned are the members of the gomini that in everything they do cannot be soub doubted."

while answer thus made by Jennia Turmer to Endeliffee question, was nighly applauded by them all, therefore they concluded anon the whole, that it was most wholesome and advantagous. And because they have no one could contradict it, and Starring and his body_mard were nome distance off and heard not the conversation they joyfully agreed to have are if opinion of the question as soon as they came up to them again again so they node faster and caught up with the mehm. They decided as they went, that not madeliffe, but Jennie wurmer, should should ask the question, because as they hoped their answer to her would be more sufficient. So when they overtack Starring and his gourds, Jennie projounded the question, to Starring, and asked his opinion.

"Why any one can answer ten thousand a such questione." said gtarring, "For if it is dangerous to follow on advintares the like of cure, as it probably is, how much more dangerous would it be to do such as a man abominable thing as to back out of an adventure because one is a coward and a weakling, for he therefore would make of both God and His beloved country, a stalking hereo and a mockery. Her do we find any other, than those who counct keep from mortal sin, who live like hypocrites, devils, and witches who could not be of anything size but a coward. "I wicked persons, for those kind know the results of their sins if they have to die, and when they see there is no way out for them to keep our out of a perilous adventure them thay desort. If every one of us be brave, as we should be brave, shall we not in the near future accomplish our mirelen with great success. The enemy have the secret of the originators of those who made the algusters as a of the information which we sought to obtain, and we can as so.

2. The Vivien cirls are good ories even though being Princesses, long journeys with perils and hardships and other troubles were their perance, but to succeed in their i missions were usually their results, and greater praise from the nation the outcome.

3 Ceneral Hondro Dargar is also a great spy, about and everything wiknown to us, he was jeazous for his position, that he might be possessed of all information that can be obtained from the enemy, and he had chanowed genley very often that very son of perdition.

4. Whilliam chloeder is a great Supreme person too, for he is equally us success full sither will it be contrary to my mind, but that those sen take up their vene vocation, for the efforts they use never full are good for the cause, so surely did he also succeed in once securing a whole uniform from Munleys hend-quarters with important papers in the pockets. To answer the quention therefore affirmatively as I percieve you have done, and to accept the maswer, is propor and good and our reward will be according to our accomplishment of the mission."

The others stured upon one unother and had not oward to answer Starring-grangeline iches looked surprised, and there was a great allence along them, Then continued tarring"" see you are surprised at my unswer, staggered. Yet for a moment have more to suy" if aludelinia cannot fight us more than by flood, explosion disasters, massacres of so many children, and by forest fires, and what not what will they do if we do not recken otherwise. Calverinias norrow seems like a sentence of God, and what will the Glandelinian nation as when they shall be rebuked by the flames of a accouning fire!"

They had now come to a large forested plain, where following a read leading northwest straight they continued on their way lith much content, but nevertheless that forested plain was not as large as they had expected it to be it, so that when they had advanced quickly over it, they were underly confronted by a wide stretch of water, which proved to be the Mic-Holloster Riverliow at the first sign side of that I lain was a small rice of ground, clear of troom, and on top of that hill one of

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the wayside shrines or ouf of our Lord Crucified,, w: which some of them that had formerly gone over that way, because of the marity of such beautiful shrines, had turned acide to see and pray before, and which they had usually decorated with the beautiful wild flowers of the forest...

"No, said starring, let us turn aside hither, and pray for our success in our mission. It's been a year since I ever came upon a wayside shrine "

They did so, and then said Starring"we have a good view of the surrounding forested country from here, a thing so deserving as to almost turn us out of the vay to see."

"but what could be see from here."

"Why here is a good view of the forest, and toking in the sights with a little pains we can discou discover our course."

"Lot's proceed down the other side of the hill" said Radcliffe."

" othing doing" said starring. "We might surely g the wrong way, I have heard of this place before, and besides this section of the woods in this location 'a d fact is in paths of the western wing of the forest fires, and therefore is a arare for those who may go through it. "Then he called to the colonel and said;;

"Is not this place dangerous?Does not the western wing of the conflagration threaten this part."

"Not very dangerous unless we are caroless." he cald. "We can get out of reach of the fire if we can only get bouts and cross this river to the other side. It's too wide here for the fire to cross."

"Then " said Starring to the rast, "lets try and cross the river, so that we can still keep on our way. If it was not too strong in corrent I'd try and swim across if the rest of you cun. "

"I'll warrent you when the fire comes up, if it does, it will turn aside and sweep around the hill with the shrine on it."

"No doubt thereof, for the wind is driving the fire that way, and a hundred to one if we go that way we,d perish there. Better try the river or follow its course northwestward if we cannot crosss cross."

"No one can cross the river here though without boats." said "Angeline Bichee. "Eut do you think we could try and see."

"Not without boats."

"And " said Starring" As Clandelinia .lso is the vile enemy to the wrightine right ways of the Blessed Lord, and an already been condemned for her felly, why should we too bring ourselves into like condennation by crossing a river by ownsaing when it would be swide. Bosides if we try it, and it ends fatally, and the Vivian Girls hear of it, the results might be putting on all to shame, for no one can swim the current of that river at its height new and survive.

"But will we curvive if the vestern arm of the fire comes up and surprises as."? "I do not believe we will be surprised by the fire. We are also all on the same mission, and if we we would trarry a little or go down the banks of the river but follow a northwesterly course, we could side step the " red plague, of which the forest fires is named."

"Why do they call it the "Roa Plague" asked Endeliffe. "Is it not the same name for a dangerous disease, a rad disease by which Cholora is known, or Scarlet Fever and son on!"

"Yes, that is true, but the fire spreads among the forest at such a rate that it is well deserving the name. To make these fires, to flood out the population, to tear our cities and towns to places by waters and flood concusions and the like, is but a devilien prack which _landelinia usest to win her dusturdly cause, all the ring leaders who caused the catastrophes ought to be hanged, and Manley and his generals and all his followers deserves no better reward. Assure thyself Radeliffe, and the rent, that if we discover who the ones are who did these things, or saw to it that they were done, that when we come before the Vivian girl Princeences, we will do them word of it all. They desired to know, for they tried to find out too and they will know."

"But suppose they or we do not succeed."

"Wel we'll succoed, or we, il assassinate the Manleys one or the others other." By this time they had come again within sight of a long and wide plain all forested, but with some large clearings, low whether they decided to go through this section, or whether they declared to go back, even I the aurthor am not certain, but this I may observe they continued enward nevertheless down the northwestward course of the river. On the course of the river they finally came to a large board landing place, where stood an old boathouse hard by the way side,, at the sight of which they were both concerned because of the strugeness of the form, for it seemed to them as if it had been once a little Church in the forest, therefore they stood looking and looking pon it, but for a on r short so space of time could not tell what they should make thereof. At last they decided to dismount and investigate, and Starring, and the two girl scouts dismounted and went forward. Angeline espled w i written above the doorway, a writing in an unusual hand,, but she being no scholar of foriegn languages, called to _tarring(for he knew eglish english- to) see if he could pick out the meaning, and so he came and found it to be as it is to be followed; it.;

"Bouts for laon. 45g per hour. \$3 for crossing river and back." Bo he explained it in ab bbleamilen to the rost,, efter which they bout concluded, that it was a bout house and saddanly an amuzing sight cave them a occansion the sight cave them.

-of firm the and host after heat, the very flames geoming to be faufted on the The air, and gradually declining to earth, while from clear of clean of flaming ambore and quarke were carried over the rest of the forest, and nearled the earth after starting fires among the folia foliage below-per twelve miles at once did

And also let us consider ago that a 11 the fire cannot come down into the ravine or the glen, others so far as I can understand, have been caught by one and forced to seek refuge in a ravine as well as we, and yet have escaped out of the inferno, who knows but that God that made the world, may cause that the main sen of the fire may pass off quicker than we think, or that at some other time or other make it burn out mooner than we expect, and when that should come to pass, for my part , am resolved to pluck up the heart of a man, and to try my utmost to get out from the inferne. We were fools that we did not try to go across the river in t instead of coming down here, but however comrades let us try to be patient and endure a while, the time may come that may give u us a happy release, but let us not be our own murderen."

With these words this this man at present did moderate the minds of the others who were disca discouraged. During this conversation, starring had climbed up to a view point in fance of the flames to see if the sheds had burned down to the growd as he had heard no explosions, but he could eximb only one third of the way, and there found the heat so terrific that he could not race it, and down below they were all getting more desperate, and some could do little but breathe. There however was one stretch where the fire had burned across and onward leaving nothing but a smoulder behind and tall half burning trees and stumps, and sturing said to

Remember Mr starring how valiant thou has been before. We , have hep I have helped the rangers fight their way through these fires,, nor could all that thou did hear, see or fo l in the "Valley of the Shadow of Death?" make you give up. What hardships terror, and amazement Thou has already gone through, and why should _ not now, hoping the others have not fear. I am in the glen with the rest and also this giant conflagration has passed with most of its terror by now, the wind had stopped and the flames are rising only upwards, so I believe we can do do it, if they are game enough Remember how paved a town that was in its path, how , with thousands cof soldiers and rangers tried to keep the fire off from prientown, so why not try a stunt now. I'll tell them all my plane."

He therefore climbed down, and when he came to the bettem, he found them expecting his return, and he told them his purpose, and they all declared they would try it if he was game enough.

It was however getting a little lighter, and slightly cooler, and Radcliffe asked Starring concerning the sheds, and if they had exploded. To which he replied; They were not touded with explosives or otherwise if they had been and blew up

the concuesion would have thrown a down the rocks upon us and buried us under the debris here below. As we are all stud sturdy fellows, and choose rather to bearall hardships for the sake of our country our experience here will make mistory."

Then said gaddifee" Lette climb to the top and see if we can find out way tward the river, for we do not want to ever be in the path of the fire again." "Starring decides to climbagain, then when he returned he said-

"It is going to be cooler now but we will have to remain here for quite a while, as up above there is too much smudergy and fire to go through the remains of the forest yet, which the fire has already dispatched. I and many soldiers and efficers and rangers have foughtothese forest fires before, and when , thought it safe to cross over the scorched areas, I will do so but we must wuit a few hours, when the emoulders will have died down somewhat. And yet there is too much smoke, And something good will soon come to relieve us, by which we may have means or hopes to ascana."

Therefore while waiting for the time, they began to rapy, and continued in prayer fa for about three or four hours. Then Starring climbed up to the top."

"Indeed what a fool we were" he said to himself" to have been forced to life lie here in the ravine, when we could have tried to swim the river. Now even it is not quite safe to cross that burning ground, and yet we must do it or stay here forever. I The river is only a hundred paces off.

then climbing down he gave the orders, and they tegan to beat and fight their way back through the ravine once more, and after some difficulty came out of the glen. Then finding no fire had entered the ravine they continued on through and climbing up its sides, saw a sight which almost made their limbs fail. Only a few smoking trees were still standing, while the ground and debris was all smouldering and smoking. Yet gturring knew which way the river was and therefore in order to reach it must go through this, though the task was hard. They however had souked their vio clothing good, and therefore they all went on at a dash, unfortunately without their horses as they had forced them to swim the river, while they dashed for sufty into the ravine. After a hot trip of it in which their eyes were tortured by smoke and the heat was almost unbourable they came in sight of the river, and when on the shore first tested the water before during to cross. It was not any too warm, and they all dived in. The current was not strong at this section and they not across in about fifteen minutes, and were now safe being at of the fire zone as they believed as the fire had not reached the opposite side, and here too they found their horses eating grass near the shore.

Now when they got here they began to contrive with themselves what they should de in completing the journey, to preventatione that should come after from running

firm advanced host after host, the very flames seeming to be 'wafted on the Q-120 air, and gradually declining to earth, while from cloud of clouds of fluming

into the path of the conflagration as they had... tot whatever whey could have or would have planned, to make, if the fire would come up this way it would also r erase gll all evidence, and all they could do was to pray more fervently that any one who comes after should be able to escape the danger. On the other side also as luck would have it they had recovered their horses, and therefore mounting these they continued on, till they came to a ridge of low hills, not quite so thickly forested. .Ac the grade of the slope was gentle, they rode up the side of the nearest hill, to behold to their surprise, gardens, vineyards and orchards, and a small waterfall, where also they drunk, and washed themselves, and did freely out of the vineyards... How there was on top of the hill a large lookout station, and it stood by the

nigroway elde. An they came to the summit a man came out, and riding up Starring asked him who he was, and what he was doing on the mountain side.

"This " said the man" is an observation post for Forest Rangers, and the station here gives as a fall view of all the country round about, and I am left alone here to keep a lookout wille the rangers are out fighting fires. Some of them have laid down their lives for the safty of people living in these forests."

"Can you direct us to the Glandelinian ar y under general Johnston Jacken Hanley!"

"You are just out of the direct way."

"How for is it thither?"

"It is hard to say as he keeps moving on." "Doon this road lead for Big Girl Knool."

"You are going the right way."

"How far is it to there!"!"!!!!!"

Too far for mny one, and it is a miracle for any of those that shall get thiter indeed."

"Is the way safe or dangeroust"

"Bufe for those who know the country, keep cool, use their head, but reckless

jersons who know not the country shall perish withal."

Then the Runger lockout perclaved that some of them were wearing gray uniforms, they also put questions to them, to which of course they unswered the same before "Thence came you?"

"From general Vivienc lines. I'm general Walter Starring, and these are my bodyguards and girl and boy scout companions."

"How aid you got through the forest fire country without mishap?"

"Starving told him graphically.

"Then asked the Ranger;

"By what means have you so persevered on your adventure!"

Starring told him, and when he heard their answers, and their stories, he was pleased

therefore, and looked f very friendly upon them, and said;

"Welcome to my station .1'11 put up some tents for the others. You and the child scouts follow me."

And he led them to the station, while tents were put up by his assistants and the others recieved shelter within, and he had them purtuke of what he could spare.

Then he said ; "It is better for you to sta, here awhile, to be acquainted with me, and yet more to solace yourselves with the goodness of this hill. If the fire comes here it cannot climb as the trees on these slopes are too far upart."

Starring said he was content to stay, and so they went to their rest that follow ing night, because it was very late and they had not slept hardly for two nights. On the following morning, The Ranger called upon Starring and his followers, to walk with them a little ways up the mountain. So therefore they went forth with them , and rode around a while, having a pleasant prospect on every side. Then said The

"Do you wish to see some wondors!"

Bturring answered "Yes"

Ranger to gtarring-

So the Ranger took or led them to the top of a hill, which was very high, and steep on one side, and bid them look a cross the the valley. So Starring, and Radcliffe alone looked across, and saw down below in the valle y a large and long opening in the forest below.

"What does this mean sir!" asked Starring.

"The nanger answered -"Have you not expected or suspected that the forest vire might nometime change its course and hit around here. That breach will save us us. And have you not heard that the conflagration is also raging on this side of the stream and will be coming this way any time."

"No unaswared Starring." If I had known that , would not have come this way."
"Well" said the Ranger" that breach you see down in the valley has been made by my fellow rangers and lots of drafted and volunteer citizens from towns, and they have continued to work for two weeks without stopping, there being a day, and night shift, and it ought to keep the conflagration heading for the forests beyond these hills."

Then he told them look far off in another direction.

. Durammian to the rest, ,, etter which they boat con cluded, that it was a boat house and suddenly an amuzing night save them a occansion

and In this war they camed the river side or Applicans. They then croased the river to a section where the forest fire and come is with the shore, and where everything was still in a smoulaer and smoking like a sea of clouds in the sky in a storm. We sketch of imagination could conjure up a more sheatly place in the acle world.

Having reached this smouldering sea, but on the edge they found themselves , acing an fucing an isomence valley, entirely covered even to the upper slopes of pirning trees, and amouldering wrockage and ash. They followed it untill of proce suddenly off as if the arth had breach, and vefore them stretched a huge chasm. The pottom was a lake of ach, quite first and more than three thousand feet wide. It was another explosion explosion. On the orgosite side walls of flaming trees rose sheer again. They followed the vim of this crater, and shortly the solid ground became intersected by lanes of gravel sand and mud. They stepped down gingerly to cross the first one, but as they mowed forward what appeared to be solid ground gave way, and disappeared into apparent unrathonable depths with a dull booming sound. Starring and his followers had been literally on the pre prink of death.

They pered down into the chasm, and hurled large fragments of rock only to hear a dull thid trailing off into a faint whisper as the rocks ricocheted from side to side, then silence, and they knew they were malked walking on the crust of some inmense hole or roof of some immense and deep caverm cavern, which dropped sheet sheer down for many feet, and Starring wondered if this was not one of the deep mine galleries in which some of the explosives were stored that blaw up and destroyed Abbieann and the surrounding country. Making a wide detour, they continued their journey but after this experience not without testing every foot of the way in front of them. They came upon numerous fishures caused by the explicits explosions which they had to leap over, and althoughnthey threw masses of rock down each, they apparently fell deep down into these pits.

rinally they followed a sea of debris to where again the ground fell away into a half oblong chasm at least more than a mile wide, and although they lay down and proved over the edge it was impossible to see the bottom of what was beyond question another deeply dug explosion crater. Here as best as the twilight darkness would allow Starring took many photographs of this region, the crater and the distant forest fires but he wanted to get pictures of the actual interior of one of the burning valleys, showing the smoke and flame rearing up many hundreds and thousands of feet

It seemed for hardy, and to do this Starring had to kneel on a justing piece on the very edge and steepest place of the valley, holding the camera with t lons pointing downward. While he was kneeling there he experienced a fear so terrible that the sweat apoured down on him, and when finally he crept away, he could scarcely

As he knelt on the jutting stone the funes rising from below enveloped him so that he checked and his eves pured with water and smarted like fire and in those few seconds he had fully realized what would be the horror of the rock giving way and uhurling him down into the fiery valley beneath.

The next day being back in the ruins again, there was again a slight respite. The aburned portions of the forest alone the shore became less agitated by the fire winds, though the strange forest fire produced lava streams did not decrass decrease. Starring reported in his writing that all areas of cultivated ground were found to have been destroyed by the explasions being buried under the debris. Eutsonia and the Halso plantations and villiages near by were wrecked, and still partly under debris and forest fires ruging all around. Hany other plantations were gone.

The entire region was a smoking incenerated ruin. _mouldering wreckage of forests and induncesdeent ashes and ground was everywhere, no place being less than ten feet deep with the smculder and smudges, and in some places melted stone ran like lava floor over deep banks of aches. very tree had been burned totally and many still standing liked looked fike emouldering emoking skeletons. All vogetation had disappeared. Not a sprig of green was to be seen here . Rivers were dry, and the sand ran hot like lava.

Everywhere gtarring observed through his glasses dead smouldaring bodies of forest unimals, some half buried under smoking wire kage, others showing they had been stricken down ril while in flight, lither by heat, smoke of the fires or falling btrees. A faw seemed to have been dirred into Lava which took form from them. These bodies were burned tog far to decompose. The air in this location was still filled with dense smoke the heat creating interse thirst and causing such suffering among refugees as can hardly be imagined by those not among them.

Starving decided to try again to go further up the river as he wished to get a little around Abbleaum. Therefore the ship left the region of gorseshoe Bond at six cclock on the evening of the 22th. Terrible stretches of flames were visible during the entire journey, and it looked as if another hill was becoming like a volcanic eraction an arently fourteen miles away. The wary june rea into a heavy cloud of smoke once more, and the people who were on board were almost sufficiated and were forced to go below, and the atmosphere was so terribly dense, that no one could see a thing. The steamer was forced to pur about about, and steamed to the neuthwest for for f two hours before it was clear of this new fog of smoke. "ithin another 'our or two the Mary jane put back tward the region and encountered more smoke thicker than ever and was again comeppled t compelled to put off. It was seen that the forest fire was in constant movement and there was a tremendous roar of the flames, and great flashes of fire pierced the cacke clouds at the rate of eighty to two handred ton ues a minute. S Horseshoe mend which is sixteen miles from the closest ex losion cruter was covered with three inches of ashes blown by strong winds from the area of the forest fire, and the northern district from calto to Abbieann was completely destroy

o for ornment ornament or refreshment, myrtles, oranges, the rose ad the carnation have disuppeared before the flumes The heat of flumes most the walls of buildings

destroyed .. Starling realized that so far it was hissoible to proceed beyond than that point on account of the fire, and a huge hill was observed covered with fire where revisualy there had been a forested mountain. The smoke is dense and the whole region is smoking, and starring heard that seventy persons had been killed by the fire while getting away, and the whole country side is covered with ashes. Near Palso the smoulder and incadencent cases were many feet deep. Many present were loand to uper Ableum by the bouts of the vary and or ane from the forest fire area. "any of the refugees who were ariving on the opposite coast of the river were dying of thirst, and all of these people had been more than thirty nine hours without a myo of water, and all the cattle and other unimals were doad because of the lack of water. On account of the acca scarcity of water it was impossible to go into the interior to investigate the extent of the disaster, and therefore appossible to say how wang persons had perished on account of the forest fire.

Again Starving left Horseshoe Bend to tow a boat full of refugees to a point of safty. A quarter of a mile off there, he recieved a message from shore by some other boat sent by refugees that the passage was impassable. Novertheless Starving procuse proceeded on the vogage. Then opposite the region there was a grand view of the west side of the forest fire. Even rivers of le melted stone were coming davn the mountain side, melted by the fierce heat of the conflagration above, this coming down in every direction and flowing into into the river. This whole hill was covered with smoke and flame and there was an incessant spread of the flumes. Terrific winds blew great quantities of hot ashes into the air, which mingled with flaming brands and sparks was falling tward the river thus obscuring everything. It was impossible to get close to the shore in this location. The river was littered with burned trees and other wrackage. They attempted to peo proceed on tward the north through the smoke and falling muck of fire ashes but found it impossible.

It even meant sufficiation to try it. They returned with the boat and entered the belt again miles at or down the river but now there as was the same result. On the horizon there was nothing to be seen but smoke, which extended and piled like an immense rolling

wall. Inside the belt all was dark,
They again put back and steamed round the mend to the west. Opposite this shore they encountered a terrific gale of wind carrying smoke and flaming debris. To the north the entire termi'ery of the fire district was a seathing hell. It was as he saw virtually im impossible to approach the fire stricken districts of Horsebend or orseshoe Bend, either by bound or by river. There was little cessation in the rumblings and shokings of the strange explosions, the columns of sucke fire, ashes and so forth that continued to blight the country side. Starring was at a loss and relt like giving p. Strange noises were heard miles from the forest fires, and the trembling of the ground caused by explosions centinually indicated the impending dangers everywhere.

Large stones at the outburst of one explosion fell in the neighborhood of Horseshoe Fend terrifying the reforees hoddled there, and in deed such was the unhappy condition that these terrified referees had to face. Most horrifyig details of the forest country where themsands of animals and some human beings were destroyed were revealed by the refugees. Tany refuses suffered from burns, and the area already covered by the forest fire in the region of persented each comprised of about thirty miles. The fact that loss of life was not severe was due to the position of the country, the knowledge of it, and whose inhabit ants were fiven warning of the approaching disaster, and fled for their lives. Starring tried to cable to Pandora of the situation but could get no answer.

One hundred and thirty five of the refugees were o in condition to be in hospitals, and he was not able to supply to the immediate wants of the survivo survivors. The refugees claimed the thousand pet dee ps deers has been lost, and the outlook was still more serious. In more sehoe bend five thousand persons were on the relief list, and yet they had to go off to the west to depend on the aid of neighboring towns. It was expected that sooner

or later there would be a dreadful loss of lives among these.

The whole of the Horseshoe Bend country, over twenty miles or more in length from all the eastern river shore, and on the forested mountain side, was covered with conflagrations, and the whole country side is recking with the stonch of barning materials, and al animals and the forest in general. The curvivors were being collected by gtarrings followers in northern Abbieann, where they had to forage through the western country to find food for them, and themselves. The injured persons were horribly burned in their flight by the hot brands and grit which was driven along with tremendous velocity by the hot winds. It was said that thirty six women and children who sought refuge in a house were surrounded by fire and were killed. One man was brained by a huge stone that was dislodged from a

The arrival of the first detatchment of rescuers which brought sufferers to corthern Abbieunn caused a sensation. This party consisted of two hundred refugees, hose charred bodies exhaled fetid odors, and whose loathsome faces made even grarring shudder. All these burned persons were suffering fearfully from their wounds and from thirst, and attered when strong enough to do so, most agonising cries for water and relief from pain.

The report that a lake in the midst of a forest fire that had boiled away was confirmed sen of fire now surrounds its place. Valleys and ravines were like he pits discharging hot vapors, and from the centrer one huge volumes of steam rose from a boiling stretch of water rising like gantic gigantic pine trees tward the sky, and a dense smoke mingled with steam issued from a new quarter, forming an immense pall over the northern hills, lawering into the valleys, and then rising and spreading untill it enveloped the whole scene in a peculiar gray mist or fog. The stenches of smoke increased the sickness and mortality among the surviving refusees, and caused attende suffering among the new univals, and the stench from barning bodies of unimals was terrible beyond description. Another big explosion somewhere cause caused a great fall od of debris and stones and more consternation in Abbiean than resulted since they first urived there. shortly after the a peurance of a new cloud the following while the author and scorching

firm atvanced host after host, the very fluxes seeming to be 'wafted on the 8-230 air, and gradually declining to earth, while fresh close of clouds of flushing embore and sparks were carried over the rest of the forest, and nearled the earth after starting fires among the folia foliage below-per twelve miles at once did the new fires extend from front and rear, and their shizzing rearing and missing could be heard for six miles on every side of them,

The bright flames illumined the rolling clouds like lighting of fire color, and the rolls were reflected through them into woird chapes, and as they rose heavily upward, the sparks seemed like innumerable flakes of flery snow and like flery snow from the flory bottomlans pit did they first ascend and then descend, a living carpet of fluming sparks, or rather pall, p upon field, grops gardens copses, groves orchards, vin yards, woods, orangeeries, forest plantations, and the other stretches of the deep forests, the flames rising as from them and spreading nothing within reach, and where there was nothing to devour, the flamen melted.

The cities and towns could spare their mendreds of the seands of able bedied citizes x citizens to go out and try to check the conflugration twice or trice over, and not miss thom, but to no avail, many fire fightern got trapped in flame roofted ravines, the flameing masses of trees filled the boot bettem of ravines, and hollow ways. In vain the repulations of men trying to force an everthrow of this Demon monotor fireing in vain their breaching, tranching, and counter firing, or attempting to turn it off its course tward a wide stream or lake.

The fire continued on hurled forward by a tempest . The poor pensants, their forms in danger hustily dug long deep pits and tranchos, as their hot enemy came on, in vain they exploded mines in a line of make a groundbreach, in vain they felled trees and covered their leaves with earth Heavily and thicky did the sparks fly before before that rearing gale, flames started up everywhere, in vain they tried to chock and bent out of existance the starting ground fires, the wast living hostile Red Demon still moved on.

The lines of fires moved on like soldiers in their ranks, stopping at nothing, melting like running water what they could not burn, turning que quickeand and mud bogs into boiling mad and sand springs, chaging water of rivers into toiling streaming streams, killing the fishes, melting the iron structures and so stone viaduacts of railroad and other bridges and rails with the terrific heat, and stopping for nothing, they exept enward clear across the open forest country, leaping the widest streams like a onrushing storm, hollish in fury and loathsome in black and reddish and other colored smoke, and where before it was green and smiling before and on each side and in front as it had been before it came up everything became a " tottomless pitopefore the fire was a valcerinian paradize, behind a smoking charred desert.

The flames are daunted by nothing, they surmount the stoopest hillsides at harricane speed, and destroyed enclosed gardens and houses of towns driving the inhabatants before it.

A rare and experimental vineyard has been planted in a sheltered grove.. The high winds of the advancing conflagration tour the trees to shrade, and the flames do what the winds and tempest could not do, and the whole promish of the vintage leaves an all is gone, and the vineyard is a thing of fire.

There are many other yeards, less uncommon but still tended with more than common care , each plant is kept within due bounds by long strenches about and around them, and by upright cames on which it is to trail, in an instant succumbing to the terrific heat the solicitude and long toil of the vine dreaser are lost and by fire his pride humbled. There are in the midste of the woods beautiful farms and vines can be seen against the various farmhouses. These vines of course spring from one root, and has clothed and matted with its many branch s branches the four walls, the whole of it is covered with long clusters, which another half month will ripen, they go to ruin when the heat sets the sets the houses ablaze.

On the fields grew th wheat, grain and corn, alfala and other crops. These are consumed by the flumes. That the fire does not touch the heat withers. The small patches of ground in the Mic-Hollester Run megion in forest clearings belonging to the poor mountain folk up and down the country, for ruising the turnips, barley, watermelons, on which they live, are either the prey to the flumes or its singing heat. The neutly arranged kitchen gardens of the burning towns with their cheries cherries, plums, peaches and so on is also a waste, the populace flees through the rusking curtainof of smoke, the air is filled with sparks, a screaming gale blows the rooms of country castles on hilleides is aflame from only the heat of the distant fire, nothing escapes.

The fire rages up the slopes, and are flung forward by the winds. They surmount the forested summi's making volcances out of them in apparence, filling the sky with flume and smoke, .. Somewhere beyond this a section of the woods is filled with forest rangers, making extensive breaches but news comes to them that the Red demon hus swept beyond their right, failing upon the forests to the rear also, and is at the same time burning the slopes beyond them and going forward like the wind itself. Yet the fighters are daug daunted by nothing, they continue working in spite of the perils they face. Reinforcements come up, and are hurled into the tasks. Not a momente hecitation or delay, though forced to retreat before the fierce heat, they strive to recover their grounf, they cut and beat their way through the glans, they sutmount the parapet of rocks, and move on, in order of bat battle and with the array of an army. Unrolaxed by defeat onward they fight, their leaders keeps them togeth r as if they had a king over them. Onward they 50 to the glens, to the plains, to the slopes, nothing comes amiss of them, where over fire threatens to sproud there they are, recklose of death, certain of conquest, if only there would be a downpour of ruin. In the towns choice plants, or flowers o for ornment ornament or refreshment, myrtles, oranges, the rese and the carnation have disuppoured before the flumes The heat of flumes melt the willness buildings

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another and still worse calculity, the fluxer as we have already intimated, could be more terrible in their everthrow than in their ravages. The inhabitants of every town of the country have altempted where they could to conquer the fire.

It would noom as if the malignant flamen had remolved that the sufferers should have the benefit of smoke to the full, for the advancing fluxes had not got more thus twenty miles beyond Evangeline at clare when they struck regions where great tar and oil bogs were citaated it was a saiden catantrophe, the fluxes increased the intensity of the smoke to a hundredfold degree, the flames seemed aking making for the region of Madge Evans mown, and Juddenly the forest fell before the flames have also and the along of those force's came to naught, and their burning embors rose up, the smoke rose up, and the hedious awarms of flaming smoking trees lying smidet the flames whereather fell increment the horror.

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atmosphere and singed it with heat.

The dismayor lire lighters towns that the fire postilence had tricked them -- for a new visitation, not confined to the territory which the Red Demon had first made its own, but extending far and wide, as the atmosphere extends in all directions. Their desparata work, no longer claimed for the main section, is now devoted to the object of ridding themselves of the deadly legacy which they were endangered by instead. In vain is their t toil, they breach the forest, when the wind is favorable that make counter fires,, they blast and saw down trees, heat out ground fires, but the fire pentilence aproids.

good n Seeing himself now in the probable chief path of the forest fire, Walter starring, hailed his followers, and ordered the guide leader to go to the boat house and noe if there were my bouts to be necured. The efficer at once, without a word, wont tward the house, while starring fearing danger shead used his best men to the best advantage as near scouts, ordering them to climb the the trees and observe the progress of the fire, while Angeline Riches, climbed a tree near the style. Thoughters were silent, and by all the rules of panger fire warfare, the Rangors who first met gtarring and his companions, should have given them protre protection, by lending some of the force, but instead of it kept all his men, to which he sent the other members, a few brave men to only guide them a little way, fearing to exhaust his stock of fire fighting supplies if he did lend them support, and then working as he went on, on his own part of the " firing linew, instead of moving to cover the followers of gtarring.

Starring who from his perch on the tree top wi saw with the swiftness of inu intuition the new method that must be chosen now, that the first had failed, and who already resolved to transfer his point, with the certainity that, inthe in the doomed state of these Mic-Whirthian Forests, victory must perch on his shoulders or either period in the flumen, immediately descended the trees, and reaching the ground hade his nearest followers to go with all speed with their axes and clear the edge of the glen and ravine from as many trees, and as much shrubbery as possible, saying" The glen and ravine is our only chance if boats cannot be obtained. """

The command of the other party, fell to madeliffe himself, with full discretionary power to remain in the ravine and wait, or go on, but he had an admonition from our pleased Lord, which seemed to say to him don't give up. mrees on the upper edge of theravine had been felled amidst the shouts of the whole force, and the promish of the guides to if necessary redoom that part of the forest. Radeliffs consulted with ingeline pichoe, and Jennie Turmer, there were among the men no more tools that could be used, and hadthere had there been, men also would be want ing to handle them . The chief guide found that escape across the river was nigh impossible, it would be of no use anyhow, to try to do so, with the hurricane lashing the sparks and flames across might only expose life recklessly.

Officers and men and the two girls watched anxiously the progress of Starring they saw the men show him where greater danger was,, they saw a broadside of trees fall before the ax and blusting explosives, and fall beyond the ravine, they saw the other man cover leaves and smaller branches with dirt, cut down brush and high grasses grass, and again see starring climb up a high tree to investigate again, He and his first followers had braved the terrific conflagration for days,,, and also nights, therefore the two girls could not confide in help from other sources, and hold out without his own command. True they had no means of regular offence against the " Red Plague, but the Ravine, they had an enemy which dies only by water, they had the honer of two girl heroines to guard, they had a chief of good

to whom they should appear unspeakable on n pain, they had the other things to consider, and with one voice cried out"To the Bavine if we cannot go anywhere also, And yot a shout of triumph from many proclaimed to them that the upper edge of the raving was quickly being cleared of trees and brush and other inflamable influmable materials, nor did they then forbore how the flames could leap across at this stage now. Meanwhile gharring climbed the tallest trees to take in once more the course of the Mostern arm of the fire...

His quick ave glance at the distant forew forest to the straight south, at the great sea of forests that covered the slo sloping hills beyond, and his buoyant nature promished to him, that a harvost of destruction would be for the flumes if the conflagration atruck here, as he behald a long wall of dreadful emoke spreading from east to west like the clouds of a great approaching storm. As he climbed up to the appearant top of the tree, he from there before the view of others hoisted the signal for au quick action, which was instantly answered from all of them with loudshouts, and the line of workers then bore down on the high weeds and grass to out them down, to the distance of a quarter of a mile beyond the ravine. One of the men was put out of the fight by a disabled ax, and had gone back to watch the work from another point. Radeliffe in another tree, when he saw the prospects of a contest with the second arm of the fire, had attempted to signal a warning to those below, but in doing so he fell from the branch clear into the river, and much surprised by hislong fall swam like a beaten beaver to the shore.

At this moment, Starring, who had been up in the tree sevenor or eight minutes, divregarding the heat of the approaching fire, ordered the men below by signals to cut their line of work obliquely, and as he did so he then signalled to the girl scouts to make sure of the ravins, telling her by signal that cooly and with fatal accuracy the conflagration was coming on like a harricans storm, and while he was signalling her the workers and his followers now reinforced by the retreating rungers, raked the forest around the ravine, while others started with axes anow among ontangled weeds and high thick shrubbery, and throwing earth over them so that the heat of the fire would have no affect.

The load noise of the falling trees was eaddenly mingled from a shrick from one of the workers, not of fright or injury but which told that the tide of battle had turned , but what was worse for them, the fire was moving in a trianglar manner which would soon out them off from the Ravine If they were not quick enouth enough to take advantage of it.

One of the pungers himself recieved a desperate wound which would deprive of him of no arm. The wound was so severe that he was obliged to be carried to a sufe distance, leaving the direction to an officer of not so good experience as he has. Starring now ordered the men to slowly full back to the thicker weeds bushes and sha shrubbers to the right, and to clear the way before them, but some of them that is the rangers terrified by the suidenly growing heat, and by the injury of no of their best leaders, fled to the reor. leaving o no one within the danger zone but their leader, who having for the moment lost his senses from a navore wound in the head caused by a falling tree, the branch of which struck him remained at his post,,, gazing about with a vacant stare..

Starring, ordered some of his followers to rescue him, which hey did did they did, while others worked now in the bottom of the ravine so that the conflag ration could be battled there also in case it poured in a deadly fire of burning branches woods, and embers. The commanding officer of another batch of rangers thray in his own men to the task, as he found as point of the ravines sides to be exposed at all points, and this was the first point attacked by ax and shovel pick and saw, scythe and rake, and one of his officers appeared, and waved a white flag bent to a long branch, telling him that the fire was about three miles away. The confusion of other men now became completely unamanageable, yet now every tree had been cut away, all weeds were down, and the other shrubbery shattered or covered with earth, nothing left by which the flumes could readily feeed feed upon. The right of the ravine was cleared at the same time, as was the left flank, which lay to loward of the fire. The top of the ravine on the right of the advancing fire line, and the extreme left, looked ike t it too would escape, and work continued here last. As the work was finished, an awful stillness set in, nothing was heard but the feeble booming of the distant flames, the eighing of the coming fire hurricane, or the breathing of the men.

It doesnot take so much courage to fight the enemy soldiers in battle, Of course there is the glow of action, the fierce love of killing which rises in the blood like fire, the thought of victory and the righ spil, all this to spur on on one on nut to enter a fire plague stricken forest, to fight against the udvancing conflagration, is like fighting a foul disease, this takes courage does it not??????

After a brazes breeze from the northweattt, the wind had died away as soon ad as Starring had climbed to the top of the tree. After he had been up in the tree untill the work below had almost been completed the gale came on not violent at

but increasing every moment, Redew there was an answell trampling, and shouting shouting, and soon after a crash in the forest somewhere as if something had fallen and every one believe in the alarm, a range tward the ravine, asking each other questions without waiting for an recleving any answern. Investigating the sound starring found the noise proceeded from some falling tree. By looking down gtarring observed as many of his followers as could first reach the ravine, going below, while others stayed above looking westward in the utmost constornation. It was growing quite dark again, the winds began to whistle through the branches, and the noise of the tempest further off was scarcely loss than the roar of the plagara. And in the midst of 1 all this, the officers in charge of the rangers with their speaking trampet, the officers and mon accounting and shouting to each other in efforts to be heard, and mingling their voice with the angre our of the coming fire harricume—this all this, in the darknoss that proceeds the fire, and with the increasing dury of the gale, combined to form as much of the terribly sublime as flarring over durad to withous possentrated in one scene.

If his tree had not been shoulded from the wind by a towering wall of rock he would have been toneed off. These below were filled with apprehension, but the extent od ofdunger, and hav all this would terminate were questions which now arose in his mind, although measures of fear or trepidation, but nevertheless to such questions there were no answers, for thinknowledge realder with only him, who guides any storm and directs the whirlwind. Sturning soon was to have a view of a conflagration that he would never forget. The wind continued to increase in fury, and big walls of flames were driven madly along the tree tops; and among the forces of trees top and bettem. At this time even when it seemed impossible to walk the ground below without rink of being ifted up and carried away by the reging winds, some of the braver of the rangers, kept themselves aloft in tree tops, toosing and awaiging should with the awaying of tree and braiches. Clinging by their bodies, fee feet and a arm, with mysterious tenancy, while their only useleful hands were employed in breaking and chepting off branches to a prevent those trees if possible from eathing fire.

How these gailent follows kept from being blown off the trees was equally a matter of wonder and admiration, powers they had outstoff what branches they could,, except the big ones and descended and headed for the ravine. Feeling sure the fire would not touch his tree because of the shelter by the rook wall guarring remained to watch the advance of the fire storm. The harricane had now acquired its fall force. There was now no more work to be done, purely body except guarring were in glow and ravine.

The trees round like thunder, and fell, branches were or form off and smoke passed in fegs. B, this time the fire see was relling up and enward its tremendous waves, and that gtarring might not lose the granducer of such a view he fortified himself more against the wind that tried to eway his tree, and in spits of the fierceness of the gale, planted himself between trunk and big branch in a position favorable for a survey of all around him, and in sufty, so long as the fire passes without hitting the litting the trees.

He had often seen good paintings of flores forest fires, but here before him was the original. Those imitations are often graphic and faithful so far as they go, But they are necessarily deficient in accompaniments which painting cannot supply, and therefore are feeble and ineffective you have upon canvass the forest consumed by red smirches made for fire, but as they are pi painted by the arist so t arr a artist so they are. The universal metion of both is thus arrested and made very stationary. There is no sobject in which the brushes of the painter, acknowledges more its indebtedness to the imiganition than in its attempts to form the view of such a conflagration.put should even the attempt of the artest be successful, no far as the eye is concerned, there still would be wanting, the rushing of the hurricane, the rouring of the blazzing trees, the rouring hies of the flames, and the penderous relling forms of the quickly spreading and rising volcanic sruptions of smoke and flame. All there were numbered among the advantages of the position of giatting, as firmly planted, and bracing the heat, he opened eyes and ears, heart and soul to the beautiful frightfulness of the tempest around, and the roaring flames approaching with storm like speed.

At this time the fire hurricane was supposed to be at the top of its fury, the moment just before the fire comes up, n and it seemed to gtarring quite impossibld for winds to blow more violently.PParts of the forests had been reduced in the scale of proportion by this swiden transforming of the two elements into a mere nothingess of fire and falling embers. The fire came wave upon wave.

The smoke from smudge fires was even so thick, such fires being in advance of the main conflagration that you could not see more than five feet off in any direction, but of the fire itself the spectacle was one of majesty and power. Within easy view there were forested mountains and plains, which were becoming becoming all ablaze if or as if caused by some terrific volcanic power from beneath. Starning saw immense masses of rolling uplifted clouds of smoke ermerging from the left of the forests on one side, and seem of flumes rushing and roaring across the valleys untill they too became seething volcances of fire.

These waves were of fire of course but rolled apparently at times like the waves of the sea, were rapid in the forward movement, and were in massivement and in elevation of tongues and se shoots ruching a ward through the smoke, they yere the offspring of the well known " notomless pittingsome.

It was their heights that impurted the thrill and surprise to the scene, and not less sugnificent than the waves of flumes themselves were the varying dimmensions of some submrning valleys that remained between the, them. The engry appears which they presented to the eye, that guest almost vertically, upon their own

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which when they did, they percieved as they thought, a lot of men working among the forest, cutting and sawing down trees, digging ditches, and bla sting. And they percieved that the men were rangers, because they were the uniform of forest rangers, and Starring a Lasked;

"What are they doing out there. ! What is ouns this!"

The Ranger thon unswered;

"Did you not see a little below thems hills, across the river on the opposite side a stile that led into the general Mic-Hollecter Woods on the left hand of this way."?

"Yos" answered Starring.

""Then" said the Ranger"From that stile there goes a narrow path that runs sooner or later tward the "Yellow Brick or Big Girl Knool Roal, and these sen(pointing to them who were working afar off—came once to live in these beautiful forests, and while out so a scouting came to that stile. There o one of the milleding to the top of the highest tree ses that the fire sooner or later would come this way and trey they made this breach and are now over yonder making the other."

Then Radcliffe and Walter starring looked one upon another, with tears guehing out, but yet said not; I nothing of their experience in the Glen and Ravine to the Ranger. Then he led them to a higher place and bid them look in another direction. They therefore oboyed, and now that the west and south was very dark and smoky. They also thought that they heard from that direction a rumbling noise as of fire and they smolt the scent of herning pine. Then though he full he known Starring novertheless anked;

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""We might as well call it the "By way to Hell" said the Ranger" for the western arm of the forest fire is ragin; raging there"""...

"Then suid Starring to the Ranger;

"I perciose that those rangers had plenty of time to work as well as others, had they not."?

"Yes, and in making the first breach it took them a long time too."

"How far did they extend the gap, since they had started in the work."?
"About six miles, and enother as far as these mountains."

Then said starring to onone of his followers;

"In the face of these kind of dangern we have need to cry to God for strength."
"Ayer said the Barger" and you will need to see it when you have it too."
By this time Starring had a desire to go forwards, and the ganger desired they should before the fire came up to prevent their progress, so they rode together tward the end of the hills.

Then said the ganger to ctarring-

"Do you wish to see the large clearing nature made in these modefif so you can if you have the skill to look through our large field glass."

"Starring and his friends willingly accepted the invitation, so they again climbed to the top of a higher hill, and here the Runger lended them the glass so they could take the lock. Then they attempted to lock, but the remembrance of their last exiting experience made their hands somewhat charky, by means of which p impediment, they could not bok steadily through the glass, yet they felt sure they observed something lke like the clearing, and also some of the size of the place. When they were about to depart, the Rangor gave them a note of the way, and bid them, beware of going in any northeasterly and westerly direction unless out of the fire zone, and take heed that they sleep not in these forests, and then bid them God speed.

"What direction shall we be going now!"

"That is hard to say" unswered the lad. I sir was born in the country north of here, a little on the left hand, and we are heading tward it now."

"put how do you think to get in through there, when the forest itself is in danger, for we may all find more difficulty there."

"Well that big clearing is in that direction and we can reach it as other good people do."

"But what good would it do for us to go that way when it might lead as into now dangers."

"I do not intend to loud any one in that direction. I am only saying I have left

my country over there to join the army as a scout."

"Eut we came not in or through a pleasant portion of the country roundabouts yet, and safty is not even at the head of this way, so came through hell a number of times, and therefore, four, however you may think yourself, that a time will come that we'll regret our passage through this prtion of the portion of the forest as we had bud experiences already."

"Coneral, this country is no utter stranger to me, I know it well, be content

to follow my gourdianship, and all will be well. And as for the clearing you talk of, all the world may know it is a great way off from here. I cannot think that, any man in all our country does as much know about the perils of these roods nore than we do, nor need they matter whether we do or no, an since we have as you see a chance to go on a fine hourt or record breaking adventure."

then starring a saw that the lad was wise indeed , he said to Angeline picheo, but in a whisper; "There is more hope of a succensful mission if we do as he save." "Yes" said the girl scout. "When we take no heed of good council we are like a fool that walks by the wayside, but his aledam failed him, and he perishes. Shall we hault halt here for a while, or continue on our tay for the present, and then stop afterwards, and see by degrees if we can learn something better!"

"It is not good to halt now" said Starring. "Lot us continue on if you will, and we can talk to each other ever and anon, as much as we are able to."

So they continued on, and the body guard came on a little behind. Now when they had pussed a little glen, they entered into a nort of valley, where they met a lot of uniformed men going trand a pavine of to the right, and they acted so strange that Starring was somewhat applicious , and yet as the louder led the men off to the right. Starring looked carefully to see if he know him and the men, and he thought it might be some of the rangers he had met sometime before when he was with general Arronburg, she helped the general combat the fires coming twarddd tward his own lines...

But he could not perfectly have a good view of their faces, for they had gone past on horseback so fast, but being gone past Angeline Richese lookedcafter the men in the van, and believed they were either going to fight the fire, or were retreating from it.

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on the series of the grand encourse at this one options, wrote in his reports that it was at midnight when he heard a most treenedous series of reports like the loadest thunder heard at the worst kind of a thundersteem, and saw black rolling masses of differ differently colored smoke rising into the victori fire made smoke clouds to a height of which he earlmated at no lean than thirty miles. The supposed "eruption" a height of which he earlmated at no lean than thirty miles. of the manage of smoke leeking like some impense relling wall, with bright red bursts of flower, firecrete digrilar, and at times flashes like large attancely formed snakes rishing through the air.... He claimed that one or two sections of the cloud made a sedden forward descent and explose exploded also with a thundering crash; deafening

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at that distance. Tith the midvel aid t of the glow of the forest fires the dark wall resembled a blood rad certain wixed with other criots bere and there with the edges and strange line worked of player.

Fony other witnesses at the same time, and about the same distance from the scene of of the explegions reported speing the tops of trees, telchole poles and so forth aglew with riettle fire. Such offects seem to be easily explained. Then we consider how erflor mous must be the fiction going on in the hot air produced by treemendous forest fires, the trivial of the process the chaining taggether of every kind of debris throw thrown produced by the hurricans from consider how erflor at the considerable of the chaining taggether of every kind of debris throw thrown when the firest and the freeding the content of the considerable of the

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and mother most distinguishing feature of this display of explosive powers, was one reports of the magnitude and range of the explosive sounds, Many at Calverine reported that at ten minutes after twelve the reports and concommons were worst reported that at ten minutes after twelve the reports and concommens were worst than designing and armiliting, and culverine did not have a signal window in the minutes of houses. It lives a culverine did not have a signal window in the culverine and northweet, the bestering similer armies were arrowed by hearing many reports which led them to suppose that the enemy was one ng fire with artillory, and fined upon the enemy without cause. The explosions were heard not only all over the finemens butter of Calverina but over a yet wider area. At a good 10, 100 miles distant the common butter of Calverina but over a yet wider area. At a good 10, 100 miles distant the complete of the variable of the vary that the state of the vary the choice and the state of the state of the vary the same distance away, the people were no alarmed that the city aur authorities sent off the police and the marines and detectives to neek the cause and earlier of the old abundance. Angeline of the distant one of the distant of the state of the

other circumstances show that even here again the explications terring Abbienan to pieces were heard this time at the errormone distince of more than obven the same and less and yet for the televenheims there was trustworthy evidence that the newyed way heard overgreater distances. Thundering no loos were heard at rentering, disadelining titles in the same at the service was making an attack mean the fortifications, and invalint on was therefore made. Titteen the usual areas away from Abbieshi. It was imagined that some christian fleet was useful and an area of the foreign and on a direct the source of th paraysmal authreaks were easily recorded on this instrument to that about three quarters of m inch of mercuy mercury up to even two inches and a half, but barometers in the most distunt places recorded the same disturbances. The great wave passed and repassed over the world (in this story) about a hundred and fifty times, even with such effect that the inhabitants nearest to the scene of diseaser, but still far away may no may be comediated of the first place of the first paraysman to one of the control of the first place of the first plac

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around the world, and the magnetic disturbance did hundred of billions of deltars world of destriction to eletrical instruments, for thousands of miles, and while all of engall State and Central Calverinia, was a sen of flood anters, another was reported by the force saying destructionness than the flood itself, bulleved to be a strangs science sea wave, started on a quick and similar journey. There was not hardly which shook the states of Calverinia rayes was caused by the congussion of the explosions the Angelinian and the Mic-Mhirthian seas to recede three miles from chore, and then on both the west and east and southwestern consts to come back in tremandous waves from a hundred and fifty to a hundred and admits fact bight a rise and aware with the from a hundred and fifty to a hundred and eighty feet high to rise and awaep with the

from a hundred and fifty to a hundred and eighty feet high to rise and awaep with the most resistless energy upon all the shores of the western castern and southwestern continues indeed the deptruction to life and property will never be fully known. At least near destruct a thirty all thousand lives were being that the coast line to a strength of the coast lines are destructed and villiages were overwhelmed with less or greater loss to property. Hundreds of ships were east upon the shores nearly four miles inland, and meases of coral from fifty to a hundred tone for miles or shattered to fragments by the regime waters where the shores the from the bed of the sea, and either sweet lines do not be shored to fragments by the regime waters.

The Blennigh domenon lelands were devasted along their shores by the waves, and of one island, all the inhabitants were drowned to a man, and longighereness, creatures flow any in herror w from the scene of such a disaster. Three islands, St Johns, as a sea and great destruction was done.

Of course this triple disaster, of almost a simultaneousl character was not the only herror.

Also can be added the astenishing and record breaking forest fires all over easter eastern and southern Calverinia, and through northern and Central Angelinia, Ever since eastern and southern Calvarinia, and through northern and Central Angalinia. For since the forcet fires grew as encouncing, in other countrys far from the same, some strange and remarkable sky effects were observed in different parts of the world bocause of comuch smake traveling around the globe. Many of these effects however were of extraordinary beauty, but in othern were like sky smudges partly cheering the sun, or making slight durkness while the sun shone through a strangely gray black sly sky. At first thinking volcanic erretions had something to do with this, many scientific inquiring the were made and in due time there was collected and tabulated a list of places from which these effects were seen, together with the date of such occurances occurance common cause and that it must be smoke of some big fire that maintained itself up at an error was the sun also concluded that such stronge optical phenomena had a common course and that it must be smoke of some big fire that maintained itself up at an error was the sun also caused the source was from these two fitself in and Angalinia anaported the source was from these two states indicated that such error mous clouds of smoke started from these two states of southern Abbleaunia and that the rodificus fury of the error mane conflagrat long could at that time alone account for the presence of some make and make long could at that time alone account for the presence of so much smoke at such

tates of southern Abbleannia and that the prodigious fury of the ernormous conflagrat 1885 for could at that time alone account for the presence of as such association and light in the atmosphere.

It was believed that this this cloud traveled at double the speed of an express train, and curried by winds of any directions but mainly by westerly winds, in four days it had eveneed the Mic-Whithian seas, and was rapidly going over other nations two days inter t was moving over other for iega countries, and then across other seas back to its birthplace. But the upper winds still carried this haze of association and again, and still against went around the world. In July 1913 the smoke area and arguing and again, and still against went around the world. In July 1913 the smoke area had expended so as to include all countries, countries, so that is some the our could be such as the season of the best gave no light, except twillight, for a great for a season of the best gave no light, except twillight, for a great day by the property of the form the day, in a season of the best gave no light, except twillight, for a great day be such as a countries of the property of the form of the property of the form of the property of the form of the property of the great of the

were true. The whole southern and southeastern portions of the city of Abbieann had vanished entirely, except an islanted section, ten blocks or so square, and projecting at a light of lake Angeline with deep water all around it, looking like a ruined venece venice in the square at a remendous work of destruction this must have been is attested by the evidence that where the mightlest and most maginificent city of all advorting had stood, and surrounded by luxuriant forests, it is now in some places a lake of waters, wity only the northerly and eastern section of the city still remaining but mostly in ruins that are too serioe severe to be mended.

mostly in ruins that are too serios severe to be mended.

Bearring began to realize that there is no region in all Abbieannia was more

frequently visited by disaster, and all the horrors of this ernormous war, than the

beautiful countries of Angeline, Angelinia, and Angeline, ine, and nowe nowehere else

has greater damage been done, than in the territories of beautiful Calverinia.

Tye These beautiful countries have more than two hundred very big cities, and yet

the was disasters have been so frequent frequent in any of these States, that now

the principal ones will always serve as dates o to make time or refer too, just as in

our own country is the case with any great historic event. During this awful war so

far since 19 12 came in a month had never passed without there being a score of terrific

disasters of some sort, affecting only the christian side, and the disappearance of

a city or a townwas of frequent occurance. In the vinicity of numbemoreach, that and

the region of Delights Junction formed but one single paradise which connected them. the region of Delights Junction formed but one single paradize which connected them.

but because of the terrific explosion at Jennie Vivian during the battle of grangelinia randia, nolights canation was decastated, and a part of Jennie Vivian city disappeared into the river, with all its neighboring forents and fertile fields and a terrible number of christian wounded also, who had falcen fallen in the battle.

This explosion also destroyed by blast and concussion one hundred and fourty five towns and villinger, and one city ... The whole country was violently agitated by the

towns did villages, and one city... The whole country was violently agitated by the first greatest explosion of the war, and a tract of nearly fourtyfive square leagues then the day before had been covered with flouring flouring the greatest was rediced to a heap of ruline or wiped off the map. This destruction and fares was rediced to a heap of ruline or wiped off the map. This destruction was allowed to loss of over twenty two thousand lives.

But many of the others or empty other disuster combined cannot compare with his awful abbleana horror. Flover in the war so far, and probably mover will lets hope again for the christian side occur acatactysm so torthle as this. When the first explosion occured after twelve, near Abbleanan, it did immone damage, but oven after the rulin, it was balleved if the flood had not touched good parts of Abbleana it would all have been whed out by first, because fo set fires mode overy hill near Abbleana lost like volcanous belefing out flames continuously not only from their tops but their sides valleys and flames as well. The speedy forcat fires soon extended to a portion of the Calverine should small a third of this cantain range was either in full flames or beginning to show aims of confloration. Hills these forcet fires were regime onward, the whole forcet for many miles was in a state of tremendous agitation from the fire harricano of wind, the clouds floating chove were seamingly all afterne, and at one moment there were fifteen big floating chove were seamingly all afterne, and at one moment there were

fifteen big fires seen at the same time. Hen women and children flad in terror from their burning homes, and filled the air with their cries of herror and distress. Indeed many hundreds of them had who had not time to escape were trapped and barned in their homes. Day after day before the not time to encape were trapped and that do in the mole country of enatorn capbodion the fro of the forcet fires increased, and the micle country of enatorn Calverinta seemed likely to be wised out by fire. Ernormous waves of flumes spread over the greatest forests, and in some cames moved tward Abbigann, and there was a scone of horror and earlible results of the conflagration pageing all the powers of econe of horror and terrible require of the configuration pegang and the powers of imagination, grow luminous clouds gathered above the chain of the Calvarine Hills hich which runs along the authoractors stretchyof Calvarinia. This cloud increased in size with minute untill at lant it close to form a part of curpy overh a overhead of a grown and blood red color which even hung over the earth for hundreds of miles. In proportion as this cloud grow, the forest fires apread forth and gained fresh in proportion as one casta grow, the inventibles apread forth and gained free furly, burning all before them. On the morning of May the last, the cloud seemed to suddenly break up into flames, and a tract of country extending from Point calverine, to the north on fur as Aberdeenia, to the morth and west, and covering an area of about a hundred and fifty miles, and only the morth one of flame, at once.

There stood the provious day the villiares of Tellington, and Baldeinbess, not one of the inhabitants had esculped the fire had come up so suddenly. They and their villiages had been consumed in the set of flames.

Chapter Thirteen

CONCULDING INCIDENTS, BEFORE STARRING HAKES AN IMPORTANT DISONVERY. HIS CONVENSATION ON SOME TOPICS OF THE WAR. HIS DESPERATE EFFORTS TO FORCE GLANDELINIAN PRISONERS TO CONFESS CAUSES OF THE DISASTER.....

Few months in Culverinia had passed without some war disaster taking place at one point or another of the normal war zone. However or whole towns have been literally aproc ed b, the concessions of explosions, fortresses by hundreds have been demolished during butiles, plantations ruined,, river islands broken up into reefs or blown up entirely, and whole court countries devastated by these terrible disturnables. Thanks to the fact, that Starring will soon discover the real cause of the Abbicann discover, which will give the Abbicannian authorities ideas and means to prevent such catastrophes in the fund future by sending such immense armies as to clear Calverinia of all the clandelinium armies. All the volcanic eruptions in a the world combined, all the met horrid earthquakes, and hurracanes and tornados and other catastrophes put togeth r are nothing t compared to the war horri horrors which have made such mercil ess onslughts upon the inhabitants of Calverinia, the poor unfortunate non-combatant people, and yet all these horrible disasters as Starring knows from his own investigat ions since the war started are even mild in comparison with the appulling cruelty. destruction, that Glandelinian armies have shown to helpless women and children, in their massucres, and other atrocities. hije perhaps since the first part of the war had started, a quarter of a million of little children have perished in these tertirot territories because of these massures and discusters of war, it is no a conservatively settimed that not less than ten millions a perished in the horrors of massuce massacres floods and other discusters, and in the terrible raids, and expeditions caused and made by the Glandelinian soldiery. It was cortain that there were nearly six million child slaves who were formerly r scued by christian armies, that perished in million child slaves who were formerly r sched by christian armies, that perished in the succession of disasters, and many more in massacres and other horrors. General Starring himself in one letter to the Vivian Girl Trinesses written in late mineteen twelve related that whole cities were dop? depolated by the Glundelinians who even used little children as targets in the way that sportsmen shoot birds and pigeons from the traps. He wrote that the Glandelinians fed their bloodhounds on little children and infants, the older children being regarded as food too carse for these animals and so were crucified and butchered. These scenes determined him to stend his ife life so were crucified and butchered. These scenes determined him to spend his life life in behalf of the christian cause, and the story of all his heroic efforts in these volume volumes is to be the greatest of all known. He wrote that the child slaves in the away fared as well a off as lost soulsin to

infernal regions. The boys evere condemned to labor and perish under fire while at work, or in mines, or at breastworks, and the little girls to expire in the fields at trench digging and so forth, no matter how torvific a fire from opposing sides may be. Heither grouns nor tears, nor the tenderest calls of nature could move their unfeeling oppressers to relax their wicked brutality and tyrumy. Indeed their provisions were dealt out to them in such stinted quantities that they seemed better calculated to protruct existance and to lengthen their misory than to enable them to live. Oler older wirls applied ander the pressure of hunger and fatigue, clusping in the agonies of death their dead or dying counger friends to their breasts, shruided and contracted with famine. The claudelinians indeed were worst than gruel tigers, solves or lions, and the infurturate were suffering always from a sharp and cruel hunger. For all the time the war has raged on, the slaughter of these infurturate were suffering always from a sharp and cruel hunger. For all the time the war has raged on, the slaughter of these infurturate whretches, whom with divers thind of terminate, matther search or hand of before it will meet blatter. divers kind of terments, neither seen or heard of before in all past history of reality, they have been cruelly and most inhumanly but whered and but chered and elain. Of the three million christian children and grown ups in the six cities near Gravewhite there remains alive scarce than four hundred persons. good sections of the country of Calverinia not touched by filed fire, and explosion horrors, containing as much ground as from gun Franscisso to Chicago, lies wholly rained and devantated ...

The River salends of the Mic Nollester Rum are waste and desolute. The River islands a score of them known as the North Bond Isles neighboring north of Evengeline St Claire city, and others about sixteen in number, that had been as fertile as any part of Calverinia, pure and temperate in air are now totally unpeopled and destroyed, so that any ship going there, but at risk could only find temments of people out of all the half million or more seen there before the war. There are hundreds of other river and lake islands that are totally deserted, for all these months before the graph and the half million of more seen there before the war. There are hundreds of other river and lake islands that are totally deserted, for all these months before the graph and the destroyed these abominable graph that are totally deserved to the second these abominables and destroyed the second the second that are totally deserved to the second the second the second the second that are totally deserved to the second that are totally deserved to the second that are totally deserved to the second to the second that are totally deserved to the second to the se cyneities and destable try tyrannies, there have innocently perished over 12000, 12,000,000 child slaves, many children stolen from all parents being in this fatal i list, worey Moreover Starring also believes that the number is nearer fifteen or more millions consumed in this slaughter.

With the almost total extinction of the child slaves came the assumed necessity of other child slaves, and children were stolen from christian towns and villiages during rains and forays. I' was the policy to use up the slaves by hard labor and ill treatment for to the Clandellines they were a chosp correctly, but by the aid of christians in and the "territie hooded terror" of right riders many of them escaped. The horrors of the carsonal struggle would fill many volumes. Thele while the rival armies were annihilating one another in the fierce buttles whole communities of child slaves fled into the interior of the fores a which were well nigh inaccessable, and where they could either mooner or later find their way to friendly towns or villiages, or christian armies, and also where they could defy capture. Even when Starring and his force had landed at loland number too there was not a remaint left of the cixty hundred

was traversed by the flood in about seven days and even here the loss of life and of property was simply appulling. Survivors who passed thro through the experience safely declars its he herrors its herrors even at Dorothy Cale, and Angelinia a Agathia to have been far beyond the power of a million words of books of words to narrate.

After the most thorough possible official sitting, accomplished mainly through the boards of registeration, and inquiry the loss of life in the flood at Angelinia Agathia n and borothy Gule was over the twenty thousand of whom 3,678 are not identified. For Dorothy Gl Gale, more harder hit than Angelinia Agathia, the exact figures can never be hit or reached, as many thousands more reported drowned, are suppose supposed to be missing, without any reports of their conditions or whereabouts. supposed to be missing, without any reports of their conditions or whereabouts. As wellall know captian one of the most striking features of the horror, rus that most immense dam of wreckugs from humseds of towns and from Abbieann too that formed as a long and high bulwark somewhere north and in front of the city of Mildred Greenburg, and extending across from 8t Marie, to Francisanna, and a little to the north, of collen Rum and polarine gostellio cities. This was caused mainly by the formation of some slight rises of ground in this locallity, which though the flood as said was deep enough to sweep over, was not able to carry on the wrockage as elsewhere a dhere the tangled sen of masoes of shattered houses, railway bridges, trees, and all kinds of railway cars, and debris of all kinds, from all ciries and towns, piled up in inextricable confusion, packed to solidity by the sea like towrent which carried thom forward like a huge mountain of battering rams. Hingled with the mass they say were countless of bodies of humanb beings, and animals. It was at this point absolutely impossible for even such a flood to separate or force onward the confused heap, of such an extent, and had the water done so, the cities of Mildred greenburg, Big Girlknool, Angelinia Agathia, and porothy Cale, and others in the same line would have been devastated even worse than Abbleann was by the flood, and mainly by this onrushing sea of wrockage. This prevented the disaster from being quadrupled. This war er far had smitten many Calverlaim and Angelinian cities with fire flood and disaster, sometimes with groat loss of li life and property. But the four recent big flood disasters, thus known, are the greatest of all, and give facts most completely the irrestible atrength f of Natures forces, when forced by the enemy to direct itself against the feeble works of man, even in this age of his greatest material progress."

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CREATEST DISASTED TEIRITORIES ARE UNDER THE

abABBIEANHIAN FLAG.

Chapter Fourteen.

It can be said by now that under the Holy Fing of Abbiecomia, Abbiecomia herself remember some of the most desclated countries in the world, and the greatest of all forest fire scenes, and many explesion craters, some birrer than the biggest volcanic craters in Hawaii, and a war that is raging with a fury and a power that no one can concieve. Calverinte paradize of Abbleannia, rayaged now by the very fires of thr the wars inferro, from what it had once been a smilling land of winter and troute boatty and bountiff! I simme in the most ad as fair and protty as those of the American gundary i c witch islands, and those to are devastated. Calverint is now the land of the creel war nod pure, which overwholms all nations in the worst conservation of all and that is were and all itshorrors.....

Angolinia chare, too though so for ensuring met of the discord is a region also of the wars great activity. To make a statement more fair, Calverinia, the immensest state of them all occury a contral parties in the Abbiesmistan major, about two thousend miles went and gouth of the Abyesinkile State. And the famous Plangislomeneon islands occupy a central portion also near the Edy of Vivian Wickey, and the grup group includes wighteen inhabitated islands all of volcanic origin, and having a having all kinds of Bo plengiglomenean greatures, the most beautiful onimals of all kinds ever im imagined or pictured but rayneing in then their fury to glandelinions whom they detest of the grown is gather in tales, and it includes now it three quarters of the countries of the grown in the proof of the grown in the learner, the learner, the learner of the Three ment famous Aprel 100 for peter.

sume names of the lalands, the names of the Three meat femous Apostice. Bt peter, rough and andrew obteined penession of these the war would be lest. But to return to Abbiesan, guarning, effor his visit to the first errorsment breek in the centh caused by the extlesions went to another, a surprisingly monstagous bit, thirty miles in cir comformer, and two thousand feet deep, the wast inregular floor contained all kinds of debris. There were two gaps in the crater, where the munitions that blew up must have torre openings in the side. Met a tree, shryb nor were a turff of grans obstructed the view. Starving was now atricken at this sight, and could not comprehend the three deap than Another well sight, and could not comprehend what went have done this. Another well as must be average was nine miles what really must have done this, another explosion crater he discovered was nine miles

in circumference and purhays a thousand feet deep.

Howhere else in any volceno mag there may craters to compare with those, Betther could there existed an explored with ease and comparatively safety, spritche as they proved the evident force of these "eviptions" it is needless to add that no million volumes of description can give any one en idea of the incomparable magnitude and aplandor of the scene. In the center was a hole about half a mile wide that looked like a bottomless lit, but Starring had means of making soundings and found it opened into a cavers or something of the coort about five hundred feet further down. Or was it the opening in the roof of one of the hunge mine galleries. That Starring wished to investigate. He decided to enter the crater, which was affected by means of strong ropes. He let have if dean to the furthest extendity below the dark hole of the pit, but seeing by the aid of a torhe torok water below the dark aperture and not down to see the interior. It was he paye up the intention of landing below but to go far enough down to see the interior. It was not a cuvern undenly part had water which way under where he hung. It looked to him like a cavern however but not made by nature. It was evident the explosion dug this cavern too. All of the debrie of the cratet and around it above was all earth, rocks and stone. Nevertheless it was an awful margin, and as Starring looked down over the crater walls, he wendered what explosions must really have produced such awful big holes.

Beyond him be could see seelly the strange movement of the distant forest fire. The tendancy of the current offimmes if it may be so called, seemed at that distant like a long heal hell, though at times it warled, flowing to one side like a lava stream, while along the borders of the distant forests, waves of darkened apparently slumbering forests, apparently as un unmoveable as those through which Starring had just passed appeared in wringled folds and masses or like dark green clevids, heaped against the distant shore of the big river. Yet if one watches these wavy forests closely however he will presently be observe what uppears like a fiery red serpent uppearing at some other portion of the woods, and uppearently creeping through and under them, like a chain of brilliant flame, its form lengthene as it goes, untill it embraces a great section of the forest. Then it begins begins to spread and rise

as though the body of forest had burst aconder, and was disclying into fire, along its whole length into the fierce flood of turbulent fury, which was seen elsewhere. Boon the broad thick mass of forests, thus surrounded, which seemed fixed and immoved immovable slowly burns forward as it seems und soon the whole distuppears in the dreud ful rayenous vortex of the fire. Focasanionally the fire seems to launch huge shricking streamers and fountains high into the air with a noise like the rpar of many firrorks and Skyrockets, presenting a spectacle of wild fire beauty within the entire woods.

According to what gtarring felt about the matter, was that the world considered clandolinia a most dangerous and thou of all times, and she and her numerous reprovinces and states formed a class of wicked countries by themselves. landellnia was proving this now. clandellnia by all other nations was feared more thin any other country, and the nations feared the dread result should landellnia win her bloody and and most wicked of wars. And the history of calverthia in this longest of all stories tells more tales of horror as regards the loss of life and property as may be read in reality in all histories according to the disasters throughout the worlds. There have been since the war started fatal catastrophes, and ruin has been wrought which seems terrible in comparison with di disasters of real history. While at this spot Starring became nervious of the situation produced by the forest blare. He saw from his point of observation hear the crater a large town in the math of the configuration. He knew long before the fire had advanced tward this town, and

of the conflagration. He knew long before the fire had advanced tward this town, and

Only gigantic causes on account for the girantic thenomens of this forest fire. Before threatening this town the fire had traveled sixty miles in a straight line, and was from fifty to sixty miles bread, seconding to the forest through miles it be forest through miles it burned. The fires had already lasted for many contast for about thirteen probably probably, end had already burned or move than five handred miles of fees a foresta. Four have forestyfings was raring indeed with terrible fury, the flames surging and rearing threadown its length like a barricane with a power and fury perfectly indescribble. It was nothing else then a hell upon earth, with a speed

without the help of wind varying from ten to twenty miles on hour.

From the scene of these confligrations, whose united lent a length was unknown the main confligration in reaching the vinicity of the Abbitoth to the table of table divided itself into four arrows, between which it shut up men and benefa, and all refuses. There it am raged along the river it extended the shore line for miles destroying all before i. it. From the alone of one huming hillside, strangely enough produced by the heat of the flames flowed a rapid stream of red hat me Hed rock, rolling rushing, and tumbling like a aweller river bearing along in its corrent large rocks that made the river of molten alons almost foam as it dished down a precipice, to form into hard substance below.

Starts Starting recieved this storylifrom sother survivor who had experienced the shoc shocks caused by the employing. The men told it thus,;;
"At first, thought the shocks were a series of enthingues, but as the shocks became more startling every minute and so many too, and when their succession become so rapid that the countryside quic quivered like a botlingboot, nearly all the time followed by so many large reports, became nervious. The effects of the trembling was to me like that of a ship struck by heavy raves. Though I saw no such movement the crust of the with seemed to rise and gink like a sea in ze storm. I heard a loud noise and as if

big rocks were rent, as if muntains were falling, and buildings and their contents were being chattered, trees ereging like reeds, end eaw unimals run about demented, while the frightened prulation of the town in was near thought the judgement day had come... I was the most coured and did not eleap the rest of the night."

Cometines Discring had inclinations to believe not the reports of the explosions having cracked the country relie in thousands of places for hundreds of miles, but he had discovered that the streets in the town of publics near the main explosion crater, had crached open, and that the shocks and explosions further off were as frequent as he that har of a welfa. Watch.

In La Polama City three hundred chocks were counted during those fifteen or twenty mu minutes in a valence of debuis from a mountain elde alide down, swallowing up houses, trees, people and enimals and travelln; low miles in as many minutes, burying a town with two hadred and thirty one people, and many animals, and seven hundre meant of cuttle.

The people of the valence resulted and of their beda had fled to the mountains, which

The people of the valies a routed out of their beds had filed to the mountains, which themselves seemed to be spitting in all directions, and collatorine on an elevated spot with the earth realing under them, they spent a night of terror. Looking tward the river shore they saw it sink, and at the game time by what an appeared to be a sidden most tremendous struction from the plain they saw a wave of fire among the forests, which whice filmes appeared to be humbred of feet high, butled up into thesis with all the fleming forests to fall in a tremendous fire starm over the aurregading country. fluming forests to fall in a transculous fire storm over the autorounding country. It seemed evident to starting that the entire southwast store of lake Angeline and from one hundred to four bundred feet from the concussion of such mighty explosions which invole involed in the complete acknowling of a large eart of casteer. Abbienna, the destruction of a number of lake clove found, and beautiful fring of chore forests. The tegion was very thickly people, and the number of lives therefore excrificed by this disaster is never known, and from the medium hile hills, the crash of the explosions of the forests, the floods, and other complications of herrors produced by this explosions the terrified survivors fled to the north, each with a tale of great was and irreporable lease. France out the forest fire disaster, and related by the explosions the terrilied survivors flad to the north, each with a tale of great wes and irreparable loss. Thronge as the forest fire disaster, and its accompanion horrors are, many travelers journeyed from after to the vinicity from all over the country to see the grand display of the flames. The spectable could not viewed perfectly by night from the tallest by lidings of two many two hundred miles away and places of antly within forety miles of the confligration. Across from the north of abbienant which Starring was able to observe from a high elevation, is a continuous chain of explosion gratue, which proved to be a etring of some of the past mightlest explosions in in said the words record however inthis story for the size of an explosion crater is the biggest one which Starring had visited. "oweve Harver a storm of forest fires had prevented his right means of approaching it, and and when he had attempted to reach it by crossing a portion of the road, the fire obstructed his passage.

obstructed his passage.

He tried to reach the crater by means of goingthrough a rowsy gorge, from seven to all eight hundred feet depp deep and averaging seven hundred yards wide, but this too was forested. The fire persued him and his followers through the gorce, and the flames porsued him all the way has the region of the crater. Tremendous explosions somewhere followed, throwing ricks to ernormous heights. Starring knowing the fir flames had spread over the forested plains below in great seas of fire many lemmes when somewhere to the forested plains below in great seas of fire many lemmes when believed its satisst to try and find the crater and seek refuge in his confines. He passed a region were twenty r vill larges were in danger of being destroyed by fire, and by afforts managed to warm fifty blousemd inhabitants, who not away on time. The confineration following him was fifty miles long, and in places twelve to lifteen miles wide, and theybeight of the flames was from eix hundred to one thousand feet feet is couldn't find the crater yet and had to trace his step back to Abbieann for antity. How soon if ever, another such disaster may burst forth no one can predict.

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But long before that hour approached the work of destruction, had commenced, an eye witness and sufferer during this dismal night says; The fury of the fire hurricene a weal indescribable, worst than a tropical hurricene, end the have which met the eye, as building after building was consumed in the fm flames or term down by the wind contributed to colduce the firment mind. The howling of the hot temporat, the poles of the terrific clouds of flame the incessant roar of falling walls, and branking of falling houses, the dismal shrinks of the fugitives running through the street the screem of despair as enough was cut off, the lamentations of wee, and the screems of women and children calling for help on those

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Amentations of wos, and the screems of women and children calling for help on those whose cars formed an accumulated sorrow and of terror too great for human fortitude too waste for human conception.

to remain in the town, they lied to the river choice, and to led large clearings to avoid the fierce flames. The cattle had broken from their folds and their dismal bellowing increased the scene of horror. The force of the storm of winds and the scening of the storm of the surpassed all conception. After the transaction of the fire humanisants. sees of flame aurpanned all conception. After the passage of the fire hurricane a scene of descintion was presented as it viewed always after the passage of a big forest

The face of nature itself seemed completely changed, not a single house or building in the town however alrong or sheltered or big had ascepted being burned to a total ruin. The town was a heap of smoking ruins, not a single house left afamiling, and all the town was a heap of smoking ruins, not as fine town was a heap of smoking ruins, not as fine town was a heap of smoking the more atomic and the whole country side was a smoking

In the town however atrong or sheatered or dig hus assumed forms to a total runfire town was a heap of smoking ruins, not a lingle house left atunding, and all the
forest trees had been burned down to mere atumps and the which country, and all the
sea cloud from smouldering ground and forest debria. The hig chapt Agurch of it michee's
with its lofty steeple was leveled to the ground by the heat of the funds of it michee's
hall, the post office, the castle and the fortification charge a claming, the town
big lumber yards while which cost ten million dollars a i pleas word destroyed.
Had it not been for the partial protection afforded by a large clearing the total
destruction of the towns population would have been unavoided to it was large enough
around it dagming them in a sea of tire. They puffered fearfull agree unough
around it dagming them in a sea of tire. They puffered fearfull count in the heat but
There was no loss of life bushede to town, but those who did not escape and were
burned to death were said to have been about thirty, and the loss of the town including
the lumber yards was acver fifty million dollars. Most of the live stock and horned
out the perished, the chase corn and ground privipe values were to totally destroyed
by fire, and fawhine threatened those who survived the catastrophe. More fatal in the
forest perished the forest fire and the how hind, when it atruck the olty of hardsafes
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devantains florth pend. The busher very sealers the name place attempted at that and a large liver Schooner called the pavaria from the name place attempted at that period to bring away as many people as possible but only acceeded in getting about eaventeen hundred before the fire started to burn the lefty. The rest of the in habitents had to either trust to ravines or the clearings in the forests, t or find the margin of a lake.

habitents had to either trust to ravines or the clearings in the forests, tor find the margin of a lake.

The destruction continued and the daylight of that awful morning, showed a scene of terrible desolation, never withesened even during any calverinian Typhoon. At this place the inhabitents blow up a loves of the river with the hopes of atopping the progress of the fire upon the town and the wiver had rigon in the lower attests to two or three feet, and in miny places as high active had rigon in the lower attests to two or ing gale, and the rise of the water platestration which tottering houses, the rouning gale, and the rise of the water platestrated and in the forest fire and despite the flood the houses all began to catch fire nevertheless, in the mean by country towns, many of the lumber a camps and their towns were destroyed and a great number of the smaller houses in the case by country towns, many of the lumber a camps and their towns were destroyed and a great number of the smaller houses in the city itself was the main sufferer. The fire and the flood destroyed nearly to the city itself was the main sufferer. The fire and the flood destroyed nearly tongues of fire shooting across the sky was availly grand, and the fire gale blew as flercely as a hurricane.

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At one oclock the territories of the hot winds increased, and if the fire never the health into the almost upper regions ill winds descended. The filmes reaching high into the almost upper regions ill winds and canned the rilliancy by the cloude of sparks and flaming ombers which were souring in every direction. At a little after two the actounding roor of the flames was being augmanded in will language from the content of the day house were building at once that the flames may be and count fore main the man and count forements.

after two the antounding rose of the flames was bewildering, and no many houses were burning at once that the flames m leaped a thousand feet high. The scene of the awfulconflagration was inexpressibly terrible, and grant fragments of flaming more from the forest hiseling like glant skyrockets flaw through the air like fiery meteors, one flaming mean of mose of a globular form, and a deep yellow roll who was observed to rise perpendicularly up to a fa vast height.

and being finally torm spair by the wind, seemed to epast in through the air lin the same manner as matted ore would have done, and then went out. A few minutes after the appearance oe of this phenomena the destening round the found and to a distant sound, and the flames, which was spreading round the town rose frightfully up twend the overspreading clouds high in the sky with noval and surprising action. The vast body of flames from so many burning districts of the city, appeared to join with those of the forest fire, while the remarkable nhenomena proceeded the winds of the those of the forest fire, while this remarkable phenomena proceeded the winds of the fire storm hurled the vast clouds of smoke down upon the burning city, and issued forward laming tongues of fire, which were numbly returned from the other houses upward. The strange coruscations of the flames, for the space of time they continued instantly succeeding each other from different spots at once, this strange quivering and dasting a tongues of flame up and slandwise and sometimes alward downward may be instantly succeeding each other from different spots at once, this strange quivering an darting of tongues of flame, up and slandwise and sometimes almost downward may be compared to the minature blasting produced by the repid and freegular discharges of opposing lines of volcances in action, while this remarkable phenomena proceeded, the earth vibrated in a manner and in time answering with the creat of many explosions, now near and now distant. Refore the fire came up altogether the hot windo was blowing with a volence beyond conception, hurling before it millions of flaming misoles, the fragments of every buri burning house. The atrongest houses all aflame were caused to vibrate to their foundations and then cave in hurling a blizant of sparks in all directions, and the auriace of the very earth smeked and blazed at the finning destroyer raged over it. The horrible roar and velling of the wind, the noise of the tunultum sceen of flamen, whose frightful white but waves angulfed the whole city in a blasing hell if all the other elements might spare, the classing of allow trees and buildings, the fullum of roofs and wells, and the combination of other sounds by the mil'ione it neems, formed the most hedious din, which no hurricane of the trpoics

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tropics and which appalled the heart and bewildered the mind. After five oclock the storm of wind auddenly abated and the hell of flame rose straight upward, at which time the dr adful rear of the elements partially subsided, the falling of burning buildingswhich by the lant dreadful gust had probably been curried to a great height the shriek of suffering victims in the ravines who fought madly to keep the fire from coming down there, the cries of the terrificial orduges in other ravines, and the howing of the dogs who had accompanied them, the crying and shrieks of children, were clearly auduble, and awakened the mind to a distrepain upperhension of the have and terrible carbu carrage which had been and were still desoluting the countryside. This continued till seven, when the crucking flames had concused everything and became less, and the miserable population of the city were now destitute of any shelter. At eight am the dense cloude of space below to began to break up, and at ten colcek in the eyening the most street to shine through the muck to duri tion and terror to the eyening the most street to shine through the muck to duri tion and terror to the eyening the worse field of buttle eyen presented, and and a facely and terror to the post of two themses and week more field of buttle eyen presented, and also a smoking embore as of the have a the region which graring risked heart, encore and hinding torture to observe on the purpose of further Investigation.

worse field of buttle over presented, and a sea of smoking embors as if the world has been deveated by the foul mouth of the informal regions... And in all the region where this damanthle hold had event in did its fury lie to give explosion craters where the season of the hold of the control of the purpose of further investigation.

One of these craters was a circular pit, something like one of the huge mine crater made, and in which the world war but insended by the control of the purpose of return miles, not incircumforence the wine decreted was not incircumforence the world war to the control of the control of

Then the whole portion of that town, where it atoms.

Then the whole portion of that town, where the shipping had been, disappeared at once under deep water, while the houses near the central section of North Bend, sunk or were covered nearly up to the caves, others up to the first floor, and others again one or two feet only, accordingly to the distance at which theywere situated from the waters edge. The shocks of the concussions in fact shock or blow down the very artificially subtained bunks of saud. As the sank sand shock or foll dwn down and spread cut out the houses subsided, while the river waters rushing in undern ath

spread out out the houses subsided, while the river waters runding in undern and underneath as well as above from the force and procours of the waters, gushed up in spouts into the streets and completed the ruin. Fort St Andrew, and the houses that stood on high rock foundations belone, were chattered as if by a windstorm but remained above the water. This part of Innet which however still partly stood, though terribly spattered was standing upon a rocky plateau and therefore missed dovastation by the river, and the main flood that struck later washing nearly the whole lower town away.

It seemed strange that the force of the concussion did not dissipate and diselve the very foundation of it, and that it did not fall to pieces and scatter under the water, as the root of the piace did, for the checks 4 hundred of them within in fifteen minutes were so violent that It throw poople about like footballs, on their kness. Faces and made them do cart wheal performances, as they tried to run along the street to provide for their after, and it was impossible to keep any one on their footbar and grade in the distance the ground heaved, and shook and vibrated

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thousand persons whom the rading rading and fierce landelinions had found there a week before. Their pitiful tule was told only by some caves where thousands of sampled human bodies of men women and children strew the ground. The Clundelinions in this was told the nainthophone armsind analysis of the property of the this neighborhood remained unsubdued, and no force had yet been able to dislodge them. Outside of Abbieann in the hilly country where some Glandelinian forces, and Starring believing these knew something of the Abbieunn disaster decided to try and surround and capture them all if possible. He had still over 10,000 of his men followers, and therefore the expedition started. Starring offered to each Ranger's who should capture a Clundelinian officer a commission in his rank of work. The force employed against these Glandelinians consisted of four regiments of Calverinians, and the whole force of Rangers with him. He learned that within his stay here in Abbieann the Glandelinians beyond had greatly increased, noth notwithstanding all the measures that had been concered for their supression, to the great terror of many inhabitants of neighboring towns. The clandelinians of which number Starring knew nothing about, was under command of Colonel Coddoe, and he was a formidable landelinian guerralla. Under his leadership the various bodies of fierce Clandelinians were formed into one great force and well organized and brave as lions. Coddoe was as dangerous as well as he was a military head of his force, no party could be sent forth by the christians but he knew it in time to. lay ambush or descend with fire and sword on the region left unprotected.

He was thus always a supplied with arms and ammunition, and as all his men were excellent murkemen, never wasted a shot, and never risked a battle in the open, his forces naturally increased, while those of t his enemies were desciminated. His men w re never captured, and never took a prisoner it was impossible to tell when they were def defeated, and the only men who could obtain the slightest advantage against them as we will soon see were Starring and his forces. Yet the rebels had every topographic topographical advantage, for they held possession of cockpits. These highlands are Turrowed through and through as by an earthquike with a series of gaps and ravines. These chasms vary from three hundred vards to a mile in length, the rocky walls are a hundred feet in height, and often absolutely inacessable, while the passes at each end will admit but one man at a time. They are thickly wooded, wherever trees can grow, water flows within them, and they communicate with one another, forming a series of traps for un invading force.

It is not strange a then, that in many parts of the war zone, that the highest military authorities, at this period have pronu pronounced the overcoming of the fierce clandelinians a thingboore difficult than to obtain a victory over the biggest army of evil spirits. But how to execute such an expedition through such a ruinous country devastated by explosions, forest fires, and floods was also a difficult problem. mo assault such a position without annihilation was impossible. Starring was willing to try but most of his higher followers were inconvientiently cautious, as the expedition was exceedingly dungorous. In case of misfo tune would come Starring selected one of the most difficult passes, posting in the forests a series of large outlying parties to signal with their whistles one by ne the approach of any of the Glandelinians on the rear, which would warn Starring, and he would retreat. Through this perilous country Starring and his band bands bravely advanced, but whistle after whistle they heard scunded, but just then there was no other human noise in the woods, and they advanced till they saw the smoke of distant glandelinian rifles before they caught a glimpse of any Glandelinian soldiery.

In his very first attack, he was miserably defeated, and almost had to fly for his life amid a perfect panic of the bands of m n in which some fourty or fifty were killed and wounded. Starring had been disguisted by this defeat, and he desired to have revenge. He hated these Glandelinians most because despite all things their bruvery were overshadowed by the shockingcruelties they committed in their expeditions and he firmly believed there were many glandelinians among them hat either knew or even had something to do with the ernormous disaster. He learned that these glandelinians in an attack upon a town compelled a number of priests, monks, nuns, and even children their crisoners to carry and plany the scaling ladders against the parapets of a high earth breatworks, hoping to see these poor creatures killed by the fire of their own c countrymen who defended the town. A Convent hold by soldiers that had made a bold resistance, on surrondering, was set on fire and burned to the ground with the garrison in ot it. In many prisoners had died under the tortures that these glandelinians inflicted on them. In the brilliancy of the success of this glandelinian commander many others on chem. In the prilitancy of the success of this Glandelinian commander many others had joined him in great numbers. There was ne large Glandelinian war cruiser in the river, but the men who were in charge got of the and the ship was suddenly blown up whether from the drumkness and careleseness of the crews, or the direful revenge of

some Calverinian citizen remains a matter of doubt.

It was said that nearly fifteen hundred men on board this ship had perished.

Starring had followed the news statements of the attacks of this clandelinian hord, and knew that his next operation was an attack on La Polama before the disaster, which town however repulsed the attack. Yet these merciless clandelinians fierce than piratical depse desperadoes were accustomed to shut up their rrisoners, even children in Carlolic churches, where it was eas to either keer guard over them or terture them. At the captured villiages of Tli, and El Toro in this instance so little care was taken of the captu ed that many of these unfortunate cut captives were actually starved to death in the churches, while the Glandelinians were revelling in their dwellings. In cruelty and wickedness many a a Glundelinian general made the famous Pirate Morgan seem like a great saint.

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General goddoe was near by being destroyed on one of his expeditions for a consider ab e force of Calverinians had had time to put in order a fortification at the entrance to the town of Colso, and three extensive buttlerecof cumnum were stationed on all r roads to cut of the generals retreat. But the Claudelinian general fought a d battle as desperate and as terrific in losses as two Cettysburgs put into one, the two Calverinian batteries were captured, and he took the third. He then captured the town

the risk of starting a new forest fire. Preparatory to this ardusous undertuking, Starring made preparations to surround the whole region. — hen the Calverinians approached again, the cliendelinians fired again from all hidder recesses, but the Calverinians were now to weel acquanited with the habits of these Glandelinians to be discomposed by them, and this time the terrific Glandelinian fire did not seem to have much effect. The Glandelinians however

terrific Glandeliniam fire did not seem to have much effect. The Glandeliniams however made a more desperate and obstinate resistance than was expected, and finally at night starring himself and his followers had to give way again. During the long battle starring had givel orders to rive these Glandelinians no swarfer but the Glandelinians and fought doughedlinians. Six hundred of his men fell, while he believed the Glandelinians did not lose a single man.

During his advance tward his strong holds Starring and and his followers had observed further signs even in this district where one of the most violent parts of the disasterous floods had swept over. All shipping be longing to the town of La Polama further north large and small had been seized and torn by the onrushing waters, and shifted about like pieces of paper, many had been aground in the deep mul completely, some thrown high and dry among the trees on the sloping sides of hills shifted about like pieces of paper, many had been aground in the deep mud completely completely, some thrown high and dry among the trees on the sloping sides of hills and many others haveled no on the other pellmell in frightful confusion. In the town in which the enemy was in possession, and countryside itself there was not a house that was secure, and besides the bas of life attendant on the shipwrecks, numbers of people had been killed either by falling walls, the crashing down of the ruins or by the masses of different objects which had been wildly driven onward by the floods.

At the lowest estimation over sixteen hadred lives had been lost, and two hundred and seventy seven vessels wrecked and destroyed, and the surviving population had abandoned

seventy seven vessels wrecked and destroyed, and the surviving population had abandoned the town and no now general colose occupys the remainder of the ruins as a position.

The scene all about the countryside near this town even now was most frightful. In every direction masses of vessels appeared above the water still remaining, standing up one might say like blades of grass in a field. Countlous does of wreck, boats, fragments of houses, trees, boats, spars, cases of cargo, and debris in every shape covered the stan standard water in a manner that define all description. hims of all kinds and sizes were scattered about in all imaginable positions, sometimes in most incongruous positions and situations, one a large steamer had taken p its station among the remains of a large grove of pine trees far above even the high water mark of a river.

In another part of the emmining flood, alongside the austance and of the town, were

In another part of the emaining flood, alongoide the eastern end of the town, were a score of ships piled literally on one another. One a calverinian brig of some fifteen thousand tons was seen to go down against the river docks at the outbreak of the flood and was lying entirely under water no part of her showing, and when she was cleared later by the receding waters on her was discovered a steamer of nearly twice her weight with one part of a topmast above the receding waters, on her again, two other big ships, each two thousand tons in weight, and on top of all, and resting on the latter of the two big ships, though herself half under the wreckage of all descriptions desposeted there by the waters was the huge Abbleannian war cruiser, called the Columbian.

Starring found an eye witness of this terrible section of the disaster, as he saw it from a vessel that though caught in the flood survived the experience. He told Starring;

exploding noises in the distance recedied, nothing could have been more natural, and in one sense peaceful than the whole scene. A day afterwards what a change there was. Several of us were leaning over the side, watching people inspect the partial wreckage of their town, when without the slightest warming, suidon as a flash of lightning came such a shaking of the timbersoof the ship as jet perhaps no vessel had every experienced. It was not a quivering as produced by an earthquake, or by the shocks that night before but a downward and award shaking which threatened to be not one bolt in its place, nor any planks together in the ship.

Indeed sir it cannot be described, the scene on duck during this strange incident. Hany fancied that the machinery had gone wrong, and ran though this was not

Many funcied that the machinery had gone wrong, and run though this was not very sast to look at the engline room.
Yet to make it more strange to us the firemen and engineers swarmed up from below, the crew were on dock in a moment, the passengers made a simultaneous rush for the hulks to the ship, and crowded the quarter dock, constrination on every face and not a word was oppken till the ship was again quist quiet, when a marmar went round" semathings wrong with the river. It's running off its course".

And so it was.. And persons on the ship who had live a on the river sho. a for any many years and who were in Caiverinia for fourty years, declared that each an action of the river surpassed anything of the kind that they had ever seen before.

Over the action of the river there was no composure among any one on board, and

Over the action of the river there was no composure among my one on board, and many of the more timid women became alomst almost mad with fright. The making and noise of explosions the midnight hour twenty four hours ago, had probably terrifted the them out of their wites, and now he when they were just or juning to forget the terrible impression this strunge n w calumitycoming in its startling suddeness guite overpowered them. Some fell of their knees and orone out into trantic propers, some rayed about the decks in truntic curses, and some tore their clothing to pieces in the intensity of their fear that it curses, and some tore their clothing to pieces in the intensity of their fear suggested the cranary current of the river increasing, and then we have a compared to the moving started the hill sides a tromendous fearing flood rushing on us like a time semicoming behind the hill sides a tromendous feaming flood rushing on us like a time twestiff madl river steamer happed happened to be passing outside, so whe other twestiff madl river steamer happed happened to be passing outside, so was other to disting the time work of feaming waters received the tory, and then to disting the time the wines town up north was a mass of found and tu bling working outs the more and the wave of feaming attentions to those nearest them is silence, a few of us get them life belts, or made them take hold of her coups in silence, a few of us get them life belts, or made them take hold of her coups in silence, a few of us got them life belts, or made them take hold of her coups

or seats or nationways coverings.

Some of them climbed into the rigging so as if possible to float clear of the ship some went forward to the bows or went to the puddle boxes with the same intertion. But the timid ones, half wild with terror before became perfectly immamanageable now. About twenty of them almost blind with fear, rushed headlong into one of the life bouts, and their examls induced one or two ladies and some men and children to follow bouts, and their examls induced one or two ladies and some men and children to follow

One instant before the tremendous flood struck us, the forward tackle of the life boat broke, and it fell down nearly below in the meantime the terrible sea of waters rolled swiftly upon us, but neverthe less we had few minutes to prepare for the shock, and it may be well imagined, thou h

less we had few minutes to prepare for the shock, and it may be well imagined, thou he though it is impossible to describe how the thouse two minutes went by. Down on the devoted ship came the rouring tor e torront, literally piled. It is a well in front rolling upon us at the rate of seventy miles an hour, with a perpendicular face rolling upon us at the rate of seventy miles an hour, with a loud crashing thundering it to make the seventy miles and hour, with a loud crashing thundering it to one of the highest houses it struck was actually rour fine measurement in comparing it to one of the highest houses it struck was actually a hundred and fourty feet.

Most fortunately for us a out a mile cutside of our position, a long stretch of the helevation ended in a low point. This expl exposed to the fill full force of the torrent, met it like a wedge, and it was ov observed that at the moment the sea of ruging vetters reached this point, it first hurled up a cloud o of or wreckage or every description with a desfening roar, that shook the ship then broke and dropped so that when it struck the ship it was not quite so high. We had been lying all morning morning head to the north, but the water receding from this portion of the river so that when it struck the ship it was not quite so high, we had been aying all more morning head to the north, but the water receding from this portion of the river by the northward suction of the flood like a militace to meet the wave, turned our being round, so that it took us on the stern. When the first rush of water came it slewed her a little more, and the main force of the waters itself fell full on the stephene at school of the waters itself to the water of the waters itself to the water of the waters itself to the water of the waters the water of t slawed her a lttle more, and the main force of the waters itself fell full on the starburd starboard quarter. The waters came with a roar of a hundred Niegaras and contrary to all expectations our ship rose over it like a duch and was borne along and contrary to all expectations our ship rose over it like a duch and was borne along and contrary to all expectations our ship rose over it like a duch and was borne along and contrary to all the water smanehed the quarter boat to ribbons, twisting the clarifications and cabins, and some of the masts went by the board. In the plants had been fortunately cast 190se, the board. In the said hilks had been fortunately cast 190se, this so many panics ricken the third sank in its lace like a stone. The life boat wisk as and it is mystery stricken in it, as I said fell just before the flood struck as and it is mystery how the ladies and children hung onto it in safty while all the men were thrown out how the ladies and children hung onto it in safty the men were drowned, while instantly and n't one was recovered. Probably all the men were drowned, while instantly and n't one was recovered. Probably all the men were drowned, while that high elevation which broke the full force of the torrent; it is likely the that high elevation which broke the full force of the torrent it is likely the been almost none. It was impossible at the time of the shock to cutful a catch a cord. been almost none. It was impossible at the time of the shock to catch a catch a qord-

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The low rumble heard on the first acpearance of the fload had increased to such an extent n that no human voice could have been heard, and as it passed on carrying an extent n that no human voice could have been heard, and as it passed on carrying the ship along with it, and beat in awful fury on the next town, the sound as it the ship along with its echoes from the distant hills, and seemed for moments increased mingled with its echoes from the distant hills, and seemed for moments increased mingled with its echoes from the distant hills, and seemed for moments increased mingled with its echoes from the distant hills, and seemed for moments increased mingled with its echoes from the distant hills, and seemed for moments increased in a secondhorror of a town going to piece a was hardly noticed, so occupied were a secondhorror of a town going to piece a was hardly noticed, so occupied were heard or the devouring flood. As the ship outrant the flood or got clear of it later on, and the chief danger had passed, yet the flood or got clear of it later on, and the chief anger had passed, yet the flood or got clear of it later on, and the chief may have deen different, but the effect of their draw to be the twenty follows and critical may be employed as it had been during the great that had fallen won all onboard restrained as it had been during the control were been different, but the effect of their their wonders were however a little craft and captain and children was very great tall hulking fellows were howling and crying and carried them to make the word of the later on the source of the source of the ship had got out of reach of the higher ground. The confusion was they expected the ship had got out of reach of the mingrature of the was a rumor that the ships colle in the shock had write vernched her storn and there ground it advisable to send all the passengers on the higher elevations. This considered in advisable to send al

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sea of water for all those away ages and rights. I no ind ad and terr ble ware those nights and days, deep and sincers our thunksgiving to you when it had all passon, Leaving acthing out its terrible memories beling."

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"During the night of June or any the last which ever day it was, the weather was even unusually warm for such stime of the year, the sky in the south was actare as if the however was raining down fire and brimsetons at the end of the world, and overhead the sky was overcast, but with smoke, and far off in the north there was a flash and a sound like thunder. con afterwards the sky darkened in that direction, and debris of the land, stones, fragments of trees and what not poured down in torrents, while a strange powerful oder of comething like powder exploded prevaded the atmosphere, the flashed in the distance increased in vividness, and the thunder of a most peculiar sound and with an unusual v reverbration crashed for nearly twenty minutes in the distance

sound and with an unusual v reverbration crashed for nearly twenty minutes in the distance terribly and deafoningly loud with intermissions so short of duration as to be unrecognizable entirely.

By the large of about five minutes after the uproar ceased, the darkness began to increase and then it was seen that the strange butthly and wrockage showers was bringing down fragments of buildings, torrents of crops, and and even water, mud and clay. All this debris fell for about an hour, covering the ground to about three feet, and during that time overything despite the darkness had a dull leaden aspect, while the falling mus stuck to the roofs of the houses and the leaves of the trees.

There was no concussion of the ground here but nevertheless the windows in the houses of the town word blown out and roofs shaken of f, and some buildings wrecked. The calverine River which runs past my home became immediately a raring terrent The calvering River which runs past my home became immediately a rating torrent but going contrary to the direction of its current, bursting one of its leves and flooding the land through which it pussed, and creating freet af of estruction but its waters became of a strange muddy color, and for three or four weeks after the unusual event the calor of the water remained though in a decreasing degree. It is worthy of notice that the great body of water came from the vinicity of the big flood,, for the lower tributaries of the Calverine River were very little swollen.

We found that the scone of the explosions, which we at first throught yought thought were cruptions was about eighty miles oast of our town and the debris was hurled to the west. I heard that a small vessel which was about thirty miles down the river from the scene at the time of the explosions, experienced a shover od debris similar in every every respect that fell in our town.

The area then over which the debris fell must have been at least a hundred miles. Starring in p inspected inspected another explosion crater, and saw that at a great distance beyond the crater the tree were destroyed, and the cart was covered ten twenty feet deep in some places with earth debris. Here and there et umps of blasted

twenty feet deep in some places with earth debris. Here and there stumps of blasted trees were sticking up a fow inches or a few feet from the debris, giving a full and striking evidence of the force of the explacion.

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Most of these stumps were quite shattered even by the debris, and in muny were found embes embedded large pieces of rock. On removing away some of the debris from the ground at some distance away from the explosion crater large splinters of wood belong ing to houses, and bloached leaves were discovered. Beyond this zone of desolation, the forests were destroyed to a great extent as if by a whirlwind. Brunches of trees, broken and twisted off from the parent stem, had fallen to the ground, and by their weight crusheddown all the forest undergrowth. In spite of the heavy ruins of debris and mud and water and other ejex ejects of the explosions which were almost continuous during the uproar, the leaves of many trees still tanaciously clumg to the branches.

Some etreems which ran through the ravines radiating from the explosion district were in many places dammed p with large ammodratmounts of wreckage and with splinters of wood.

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Yet it was a long distance to the explosion hole, no ensured and ensured they present the fire wave had passed a week before. The immense pine trees with such a cloud of leaves which had been so thickly growing here were now guant smoking skeletons, threatening to fall upon them as they passed by They plunged into a depth of smouldering ground, and to make it easier to travel they had to lift themselves up by successive broad steps and cling to rocks and ground for aid. Energing from a portion of this cooling but smoking desolation they came upon another und more warmer zone of the fires pust rage, where the biggest trees with shrubbery and brushwood once so twined together that a path had to be ciet with a cutlas was now mere dwarfts and the region was cut h such a sea of smoke that they had to turn off till they came to a path washed in into deep ciptern like cavities, down which they descended on one side, only to climb out at the other.

Emerging upon a small smoking plain covered also with tree skeletons, they saw

out at the other.

Emerging upon a small smoking plain covered also with tree skeletons, they saw beyond a fire smudge which was impossible to pass, even though it was the aftermath of the fires passage. Here there was not even a tree, and the smoki smoke riging from the smouldering rubbish on the ground obstructed the view. or an hour and a half after submerging their themselves into water to wot their Eloths clothes, and with many stops for breath they continued ensured, and then Angeline Riches pointed with many stops for breath they continued ensured, and then Angeline Riches pointed iout a 1 narrow ledge, where some fire fighters had been trapped and periahed, and was found afterwards almost charred into aches. They followed the narrow path over heatened ground, and they could not see at any location in the distance, and blasts of hot air tainted the atmosphere for many miles around. Starring and Angeline Riches peered into one smoking ravine, glowing like an even or fire place, and it was like a glimpse into a lava filled volcanic crater, for the whole interior and bottom of the ravine was still full of glaring smadges and up came cuch blasts of heat, that they were glad to escape with only a few elight blister burns on their hands for their paine.

The crater they reached shaped like an immense deep ravine, six hundred fest down and had a lake of water in the bottom.

The starring had heard much details of the furly of this forest fire in this whole region, and which had raged when he was so caught in Abbieann and coud could not get the ship to peas North gend. The town of North gend had been in its pa typath. It was on the morning of Stempter September Ioth when slight apprehensions were felt by many persons of the the town by not the only unusual violence of the wind, and the increasing warmyth, accompanyed by smoke, but by its crazy actions. The preceding evening had been hazy with smoke and unusually dark, but at first nothing serious had been appreheneded.

several houses in different parts of the city were began to drive. The ship aller and the size and the size began to drive. The ship called the name of the town, slipped her cable, and stood down the river to avoid the fire storm the captian saw coming like a cloud. As the night approached the wind increased in fury, and appeared to have reached its height

and e even cwelled lke a rolling sea tis a strange comparison for the effects of explosions) by which means many houses now standing were shuffled and moved many yards from their places. One whole street which had been six hundred feet broad a its whole length (a greatmany houses though wrecked, which however are still standing on both sides) is said to be twive fifteen hundred yards across now as before the the concussion every concussion of which small openings I have heard the Mayor and others say they swallowed established the small openings I have heard the Mayor and others say they swallowed established the carth caught by the middle and squeezed todeath, the heads of others only appeared above the ground, some were ag swallowed dwn entirely and wore never more seen. These were the smallest openings however, other cracks of which were more large, swallowed up great houses, andout of pome of the gapings down entirely and were nover more seen. These were the smallest openings however, other cracks of which were more large, swallowed up great houses, andout of nome of the gapings seemed to also add to the flood from the river. The exp though dark and starless during the night because of such forest fires, was in a minutes time become gray dark and reddish and full of cruptionscof flashes in the north, all these dreadful circumstances occuring at once accompanied all the whole for fifteen minutes with predigious loud thundering avenues that directions and also a health where the contract the second contracts. occuring at once, accompanied all the whole for lifteen minutes with proalgious loud thunfering crashes in that direction, and also a hollow noise in the sky, a great roar of clattering, and people running from one place tounother distracted with fear and pair c panic looking like so many lost souls, and more resembling the dead than those of the living, made the whole so terrible that people thought the desolation of the howels are terrible that people thought the desolation of the thoughts in a man, now to see the chon chi neys and type of houses, and the mants of

of the father and high the sec many lost equie, and more resembling the dead than those in whole globe of the new was so terrible that people thought the description of the highest place of the lower and the mades of the country of the people of the peop

were laden with the richest merchandize, and the markets and stores displayed the glittering beauties of glits from nations beyond."

a patroff the later Starring decided to explore the remains of Abbieann covered by a part of the late. One trial was attempted by him, by diving under water as long as a sould. He came back upon the surface scon, and stated, that there were surely at the state of the start of the state of the start of the said many house were full ound a railroad station but had been unable to the said many house section of Abbieann strength of the state of the start of the said many house section of Abbieann strength of the state of the start of the said many house section of Abbieann strength of the start o

force of Calverinians were to co-operate by the right. This time by the nature of ferecity of the assaultm and its dogged teanciousity, panic and disorder had paralized

all efforts on the parts of the Glandelinians, and the ascallants to theirwender and surprise finally gained acons to the places and drove the Glandelinian before them copturing many prisoners. They continued to rush on, and now found nothing in their way of of proceeds, till the three attacking parties met on the alopse of a small hill. The alabelian soldiers up above, poured down a hot ire but the parties taking advantage of the thickness of the troops andbrush pushed on, and finally the foe

atter resisting stubbornly for a who a day fled with haste and precipitation, and gave up their fair positions to the mercy of the advontuerers. Starring was severely wounded, and two hundred of his men were killed, and two thousand wounded, but neverthele nevertheless the conquerors set about securing their position, but neverthele selves, turning the deptured gums of the position a so as to swoop all the approaches from the country. A portion of the Glandclinian force were still in position to the left, too much unerved by fear to make any exertion to save their position from being awaulted by a mere handful of sensities. When night closed in they glided by steelth from their stronghold and joined their panic stricken men in the interior. The next day starring despite but injuries took further measures to secure his conquest, which he help hold in aboleute possession for a month. The clandelinian increased in numbers however, and he ordered the Glandclinian positions he captured to be destroyed.

**not actually an approach in their efforts to drive him out the late of the day didemm, the Glandclinian commender was forced to send his full force to domelish the adventuering force by main effort. Two hundred cavarly, and ten times as many soldiers were employed freshly overy day through the coal of the morning, and the coal of the evening in trying to force Starring et of the neighborhood. But Starring pesitions were world fortified, and the utmost efforts of Codious men produced nothing but sorious logses to himself in killed and wounded. Finding his object beyond an easy attainment commenced to easing heavily on his enen, negotiations were commenced and Starring demanded of him to surrender, but the orrivance occurance of an untward event exasperated Starring, and suspended their progress for a time.

Two Glandclinian soldiers, meeting a courier belonging to Starring, bearing dispatches from him to general Coddoo in their moentrollable thirst for revonge over

dispatches from him to general Codoes in their uncontrollable thirst for revenge over the sutiation of Coddees army run him through with a bayonet hough dreadfully and mortally wounded, the courier craweled back to Starring, and fell dead, while trying to give an account of the affair.

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In rage of Starring at this inpult and tracedy, was torrible to behold. Two unfortunate Glandelinian officers both lieutenanth, were sent to the Glandelinian commander with the orders that if the murdorers were not sent to thim immediately Coddoes whole army which now is surrounded would recieve no quarter, and that six prisoners would be hanged every day until those who c killed the courter were delivered into his costudy. The following evening the two murderers were sent to him, and he made their very own countrymen held as prisoners hang them. Coddoe then wisely surrendered unconditionally, and having discovered the real case of the ruins he marched these prisoners into the ruins of Abbicann unarmed, devoided of belts and suppenders for their trousers and made preparations to question them concerning the disaptor. Active exertions were now made by all to force these Glandelinians to tell, but to the disappointment of Starring, who expected much information, these Glandelinians either

exertions were new mans by all to force these channelineans to test, but to the disappointment of Starrings, who expected much information, these Glandelinians either knew nothing, or would rather die than tell.

Starrings par patroites methotism was aroused at this vaunt, and the Glandelinian commander was informed that should the real cause of the disaster be known, all of the Glandelinian armies would have some difficulty to rain any part of Calverinia they now possess.

Chapter Fifteen

ANOTHER WITNESSES ACCOUNT OF THE SCORGE OF THE ABBIEANN DISASTER, AND ITS EFFECTS.

While reaming there, starring more than once heard the story of the appalling disaster at Abbieum, the beautiful city situated between the two rivers of the Arronburns Run and the Mic-Hollester. Starring to save his life could not comprehend how it could be that in a very few minutes hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of the inhabitants were killed or drowned. Yet he came across the little black haired girl who in that city had befriended Angeline nichee, and her venturesome friends before the catastrophe and who with them had survived and was indeed a perfect eye witness of the whole catastrophe as it actually occured, having not been in bed that night for fear of a dread event, as at that time the sky far off was lighted like an inferno by the distant forest fires and she had dreaded some sort of a catastrophe.

The narrative produced herewith, and written as the conversation goes be brings the detail before the reader with aforce and simp, simplicity which leaves no doubt to him of the exact nature of the disaster. Starring knew the little girl by the description furnished by Angeline tchee, and the latter had fortunately met her in one of the refugee camps, and bad her come and follow them, as for her goodness to her and her com panions she decided to make her a little girl scout.

Starring first asked her;

"Are your purents living ittle girl?"

"Where are they!"

"They are in Pandora sir.. "

"How did you come to be in this camp. "?

"I came myself sir. I refused to go home untill . Ifound Penrod who was so good to

" hat is your name child?" "Jume Georgeiana Torio."

"I would like to question you about the disaster, since Penrod, says he knows you, and that you of the inhabitants, including your parents were the only survivors. There is reports in news papers, magazines, and so forth that this disaster, was a big "earth

earth quake_followed by a severe volcanic eruption. I want the exact truty little girl whichI know you will give me, for you look as good as a little suint."

"I'll tell the truth sir. Cross my heart and hope to do and die if I tell a le."
"Was the disaster an earthquake, and a volcunic er ptica!"
"no sir. The shocks were too sudden to be an earthquake, thy sir as bad as an earthquake is, it would give you more time than this shock did. According to the way it reemed to me there was no earthquake. There was a rour like explosions, and the effect upon the city was more like a terrific cyclone. I felt no con cussion below t my home at all, and yet all the building suddenly felt. Ly home didn,t."

"Well I won't question you for a time now. Tell me as much as possible of your experience.

"It was about twelve oclock sir, and I and penrod had just left each other about half an hour before, and I returned home. I did not go to bed, and neither did my father and mother because there was a terrible forest fire raging southeast of the city and the wholecity had been alarmed and fedred it would strike the city. I was seated in my bedroom, just readying my prapr prayer book, when there was a loud crash like thr lo deet thunder but far away. The noise was miles away, but it sounded as terrific is the most loudest thunder would when crashing right overhead. Believe me I was scared, the windows went out, the house jumped as if there was a shock more in the air than elsewhere, and the table at which my mother was sitting rading a bible jumped high, and knocked her and the chair pulmp to the floor spilling all the book books on top of her.

The shock was like a terrific cyclone, there was no earth, tremble, and yet building fell us if they were blown down, and I could not percieve a breath of wind stirring.

while my sister ran in to terror to the door, was reflecting with myself what could be happening as there was no shock from the ground, but without having the least fact as to the real cause just then, there came again a long roll of such loud thunder like a volley of cannon, big enough to stretch a mile, and the whole house shook and swayed to its foundation, and a frightful hissing and thundering noise came from the very sky above, and a terrific glaring fiery cloud came down upon all our houses and into the street, and there was then a something like a horrid blast of hot wind. We threw ourselves down the stuirs almost scorched, and suffocated, and there we remained in suspense, wondering whether we should stay in the cellar or chance the perils of the hot cloud in the streets, as the danger in si inside a inside and out seemed equal. In a moment I was stunned with a most horrid crash, as if every building in the city had fallen down at once, while at the same time came thundering that was four times as low as before and rolled long and fast. The house shook with such violence that the upper stories immediately fill fell, and though the collar which was almost under the ground did not become enthomyed us we found, yet every thing was thrown out of its place in such a manner that it was with a no small difficulty that , or my parents and sister kept our foot and expected a pected nothing less than to be crushed to death, as the walls continued racking to and frr fro, opening in several places, large stones fulling falling down on every side from the crucke and the ends of most of the beams and rafters started out from the colling.

And sir what added to the terror and horror f of the scene, the sky was covered with each a cloud as to make overything so gloomy that though it was night outside

with such a cloud as to make overything so gloomy that though it was night outside before it was now no lark that , could not see anything at all, it was like to me of the awful Eyp Eppytian darkness told of in the Bible, and it continued for many hours. As soon at my father summoned nerve enough to a light a small candle which he brought with him during the flight into the cellar, the first objects, saw in the cellar was my mother citting on the floor with a cruciffx in her arms, all covered with dust, pale and trembling. My father looked worse, and my sister appeared to frightened to even scream. I seked my father whether he thought it was all over, for it was silent cutside now, but his consternation was so great, that he was not able to give me an answer. My sister asked me in the utmost agony, if I did not thin think he very world was at an end, at the same time she complained of being checked, and begged me to procure her some water from the callar faucts. Boot his I went to the faucet, but procure her some water from the cellar faucet. Upon this I went to the faucet, but found the water would not run. nowever recovering his composure my father told us all that we must not think now of quenching our thirst, but of saving our lives as the house would cortainly bury or e.tomb us all in the collar and we would never get out.

We hurried up stairs, father and mother forcing us girls to go first, but keeping close b hird, and leabing leaving the ruins of the house made directly for that end of the street which leads to the Mic-Hollester River. "

"Did you reach it!" angked Starring.
"I'd giv, the passure "a was entirely blocked up with the fallen houses to the height of their five stories, and all that sen of wrockage gir was emoking like a cloud and bright liemes pierced those clouds and the shoke blinded us. To escape that an ul heat we turned back and proceeded to the other end which lod to entral Avel Avenue, and there mother and father helped us over a yest hemp of shocking ruins, with no small there mother and father helped us over a vast houp of shocking rufne, with he small hazard to urn as well as their lives, and just was we were join, into this street, as there was one part we two girln could not climb over without desistance of my father and mother, and the help of our hands use fest too, I desired mother to lot go her held for a moment, which she ald resulting three or four fest behind me, at their mount there is a burney missed us all. If it had father does not stone from a tot tering wall, and burney missed us all. If it had father does not jetser, mother and a father would have been crushed in the set degrees, but the dread we were in of shering the sa fate curselves, and the helpest degrees, but the dread we were one discaling the sa fate curselves, and the help of the light of the fluxus, were one shocking us to make me think nothing slee but of the horror. The same kind which we were forced to observe all around us by the help of the light of the fluxus, were outle sleen to work give the misses of house on the work give the misses of house on the light of the fluxus, and the result in the truck as of house on the light of the fluxus, were outle side if led six or eight stories high, the highest to and underly tuilding and threatening us within our view, or my can part air, as destruction appeared to be unavoidable, I only wished that searthing would happen to me at once, and not have my legs or arms

only wished that something would happen to me at once, and not have my legs or arms broken, in which case I would except nothing else but to be left upon the spot-lingering in misery, like those poor unhappy war wretches, without recleving the least help from any person, as none were there to render aid, and my parts and sister would not have been able to help me.

And then as self preservation is the first law of nature, these sud thoughts did not so fur prevail as to make me or my of own parr parents totally despuir. We proceeded on as fast as we could with any convienice convienience, though with ceeded on as fast as we could with any convientee convientees, thou he though with great care and caution. We at length got clear of this horrid passage, and found brackves safe and short in a large open square, which had been thrown down a few minttle before. Here we stood for some time, considering that we should do, and not thinking ourselves safe in the situation, we came to the resolution of climbing over the roins and get back to our own home, in order to get to the rivers side, that with the help of any, we might then be able to see our way and get as far away from the tottoring houses in case of a second crash. This with greater difficulty we finally accomplished, and here Perrod found me and brought me off to his girl scout companions. We we reached the lower section of the city, we living on the north olice, we found a prodigious swarm of people of all saxes, of all ranks and conditions lying dead and the rooms of houses half fallen or half exposed in the ruins. There were several ricests who had r m from the at alters in their saccredatal vestments lying in the ruins of a church, laddes half dressed, and some without shoes, all those laying and the ruins, with the terrors of the horrible death they came to in their faces, buring the awful shocks that night the constraint among the dying in their faces. During the awful shocks that night the consternation among the dying people had been miversal, and the shrieks and cries of the people killed first in some other district of the city could be heard for blocks. At the same time we could hear the full of the tallest buildings, whereby many persons were killed on the gipt and others mortally wounded.

"Where every one in the city as far as you know killed outright?" asked gturring.

"Why then was it reported in the papers that the whole population was destroyed.!"
"I he flood did it." unswered Jane." We with Penrod, w and his girl scout friends
were crossing over a small section of the rising flood by means of a long windrow
of wrockage, when on a sudden I heard a cry from Gertrude." There is a deluge coming. It's like a tidal wave of the sea coming. Hurry everyone. We must get across or we

ure lost."

Turning my eyes northward tward the slowing increasing flood, which at this place was sufficient to be about ten miles broad I could be releve the water in the distance heaving and swelling and increasing and spreading in a most unaccountable manner, as if waters were coming in tremendous torrents from some hoge dum of a big lake that had bursted. Then in an instant there appeared at some small distance, a large body of water rising as it were like a moving water wall mountain high. It came on feaming and rearing, and rushed tward us with such impetuousity that we all impediately raced across that wrecking jam running for our lives as fast as possible. We got to a high section of the city on time but then we were above our waist in mater, though we run up thelve blocks from the bunk.

For even my own mart, I and my parents and sister had the narrowest escape, and we would certainly have been lost, had we not grasped a large floating beam, that

came within our grasp, till we mag managed to o work it to a higher section of the struct, which we did with great rapidity. There now appeared as much danger from the water as from the Land, and we did not know where to retire for shelter, as the flood was quickly rising higher and higher. By f ather took a sudden resolution of returning to our can section of the city which seemed too high for the flood to come and this we all did, with our clothing all dripping. Here we all stood for some length of time, and observed war; ships of the river tembling and toesing about as a tornado on the river had struck the, cano had breken their cables, and were carried our of sight, others were whirled round and round with great swiftness, way arge boats were turned keel upward, and all this without any wind, which seemed the

arge coats were there are the powerd, and all this without any wind, which seemed the more actoniching. """"""
"Well so far your description slightly differs with those of others said Starring.
"But there is one thing I have heard of which I do not believe, what happebed happened to that part of the city facing lake Anceline!"
"It was swallowed up with all the people in it in their bods by the lake" gaid the Girl. At the same time all the lake wharf boats and small vessels anchored it the harbors, all full of people going out on midnight boat excursions were all swallowed up as in a whirlpool of some kind, and never more appeared."
"Such a thing copys are accorded and and a child starring." "Panned do you helieve that really

"Such a thing seems exaggerated" said starring. "Penrod do you believe that really

happoned "". Penrod shruged his shoulders." I was in that part a few days before the disaster came. " he finally said," and after the disaster I never saw southeastern Abbiesan no

"Maybe the flood swept it away." suggested Starring.

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"The lave of lei over the city during the disaster" said Angeline Riches. From the spot where we were then but myself had the account of it from many mesters of surviving ships who were unchored lithin two or three hadded yards west of that portion of the city and the whole catestrone from their lockest stations. One of them in and said they saw the whole cutastrophe from their lockout stations. One of them in particular informed me that when the last and main shocks and crashes of explosions came on, he could percieve the whole city waving backwards and forwards, like the came on, he could percive the whole city waving backwards and forwards, like the sea, when the wind first begins to rise, that the agitation of the parth was so great and the criations so tremendous, that the shock even under the river three up his large under from the mo oring which as he tormed it acted as if it was swimming on the surface of the water, that immediately upon this most extraordinary concussion the siver rose at once nearly fourty feet, at in a moment subsided, at which instant it he suw of as much of the southeastern part of the city as the darkness would permit with the whole conceurse of buildings of every size and height sink down beneath the outskirts of the great lake and at the same time every one of the boats and vessels within sight were drawn into the cavaty or the lake which he supposed instantly closed upon them in frightful waves in as much as not the loant sign of a treek was seen after the disaster. He says that any persons who do not believe it, can make soundings of that part of the lake and they ill discover buildings under the water."

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June herselfthen went on;
"We had not been long in the partly flooded area of northern Abbieunn, when felt a shock of some kind produced by the flood, which however was lees violent that the concussions the night before, the waters rushed on up higher, and all of us for a time remained up to our waists in water, though all of us had gotten upon a small platform above the street at some distance from the river with the ruins of many intervening houses to break the force of the flood. At this time we all all took notice that y the waters were rising so impetiously that some ships were teing forced into the streets of the flooded city. The flood we could see was rushing on at terrific sweep carrying away whole swarms of wooden buildings, and throwing down the remainder of the ruins in such sort that it was justly dreaded Abbicann would now meet the same fate which a few weeks ago had taken Heidi quantion and other cities. We were all in a suchitia such a situation now that we did not know which way to turn, we were faint from the constant fatigue we had undergone with a whole night of not sleep, and we had not yet broken our fast. Yet this had not so much effect upon us as the unxiety we had of getting out of such a horrid place of death. And we were in the most greatest danger. We determined to go and learn if possible if there was a way out of the ruins. We proceeded with some hazard tothe large space before a ruined athedral hich also had been thrown down. Passing through this section which we only alightly flooded, we found it full of wreckage of every description, even of night coaches, wagons; autos, horses and mules and auto trucks, deserted by their drivers, and attendants. From this dangerous square we found our way through a long steep and vide street, Here we me the weens of horror, which exceeded all we can think of, but all was stillness in street, Here we met new scenes of horror, which exceeded all we can think of, but all was stillness in deaths. There was not even the sound of a sigh, or a groun, and we could not hardly take a step without treading on the dead, we expected here to at leant meet with some survivors who would be crying over the deaths of their relations or dreeded all vass silent. It was a street of annihilation, In some places lay carriages, wagons and even autos, with their musters, horses, drivers, and riders almost crushed inpieces or buried almost out of sight in the ruins. What struck us most was to see many mothers with children or infants in their arms, buried under rubpish, or even women and children richly dreesed, with also priests, and friars and gentlemen of all kinds either in the same horrid exposed condition or entirely or almost entirely buried. Those seen had their backs and bodies broken, with many great stones on their bodies. We came across an orphan asylum where all the children we felt sure were alost all buried in the rubbish, but there was not a sound, for they shad all perished with the rest. At length we arrived to the spot opposite to the school I used to go to before I and my parents moved north, and finding this as well as all the other buildings blown or thrown down, and seeing the flood was ever rising foot by foot overy hour, we thought it was high time to hurry and get out of reach if possibles in less than an hour we reached an International house, kept by the city auxthorities, near a big city burying ground, about a half a mile from my own part of the city, where persons of many nations usually gather. This building has leveled to the first story, and it was or had been a five story structure,."

pld any of the city that might have been spared from the flood burn?" asked Starring. "Yee, and an awful fire it was. We were in the city for a whole day and night

before we get out, and as soon as it grew dark, we were harrified by observing a terrific glare in the sky that we have never seen before, or at least I had never seen in my life. The whole city north of a not to reched so far by the flood was in an autil conflagration, and the glare was so bright that the very stretch of the flood and a good section of the lake was lighted up. It looked as if the city not touched by flood was on fire inat least a thousand different places at once, and after we had left we had hured the fire heard the fires had continued to burn for many days altogether without it intermission, and there was no one that livedthat could have stopped its progress. It was an awful fire."

"It must have been" said gtarring. "For from the nature of the ruins , observed the fire had consumed everything the flood and the shocks had not destroyed."

"what caused the fire I wonder?" asked Angeline Richee.

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"I could never learn but believe the forest fire had struck it somewhere," said Jame. "Some believe it was caused by that strange cloud of fire that the explosions hurled upon portions of the city, but I believed there were other causes, which occur ing all the same time, will surely account for the prodigious havoc it made. The forest fire that had kept me worried all the time since I heurd of it coming did strike parts of the city not hit by the flood from the northwest, and the conflagration quickly spread to the neighboring houses, and there being joined by the fires starting through other causes among the ruins increased to such a degreeo, that it easily destroyed the whole section of the city not swept ways by the flood, as it met with no interration. But six what would appear am almosth; incredible to you were the fact moreotorious and proble is that immediately after the diseaster, gangs of hardened plandelinian soldiery were buelly at work in setting fire to those buildings, which stood some chance of escap ing the general destruction. I cannot understand what could have made them do such ricked things, except to add to the horror and confusion, that they might by this means have the better opportunity of plundering the ruins with security. But there was no need for the enemy to go through all this trouble, for they could have easily have done all their vandallism without it, since the whole city of population is believed to have been annihilated within that ten or fifteen minutes that night, that I believe not a soul except us remained in it, escepting those dity scoundrels, and other roving clandelinians of the same stam. I believe it was possible some of them might have had now there motives besides robbing, as one in being particularly apprehended they say he was a foreigner, confessed at the gallows that he had set fire to the ruins of an orphan asylum with his ornhand, at the same time glorying in the action, and d-claring with his last brea

"I heard, and read,,, "" said Starring "That the whole number of persons that perished including those who were burned of evept away by the flood or crushed to death while in their beds is supposed on the loswest lowest calculation to ammount to more than eight million, and though the damage in all respects cannot and never will be computed. I suppose, jet you may form some idea of it, when you know this extensive city is now whothing but was what has been, that there were no survivors. Do you may child believe that such a horrible thing has happened."?

That is hard to tell, said _ane." It may take many years before such news can be confirmed. Fut in order that you may partly realize the swful havoc that has been made, will mention one more instance among the many that have come under my notice. This I witnessed myself during the first explosion from the window of my bedroom. My bedroom window faced a high arch passageway, fronting the last door of an ernormous galace, on the left hand was the famous pribunal Building, and on the right of the street many houses ten and fourteen stories high. The street was wide but did not provent the disaster I saw. At the first shock, numbers of night roving people who were then passing under the arch, fled to the middle of this street for shelter, those in the dwellings who were awakened, and as many as had time to get out did the same... Then came the first awfulest explosion of all, and at that instant the big arched way, with the front of the two ernormous buildings, and all the skyorapers all inclined one tward the other, with the sudden violence of the shock felll down, and before my very eyes every soul as they were standing here in the widdle of even that wide street were buried under a mountain of rubbish and wreckage."

"Rell whatever may be the facts of your statements said starring," the portion of the the earths nurface that was convolsed by the snocks of these consul explosions is estimated by many various newspapers, books, and magazines, and by many persons in general who experienced them in all directions and in every city and town, to have been four times greater than the whole extent of our distant friendly countries, gurope and Asia. The shocks felt ike air vibrations also were felt not only in parts of Angelinia and Angeline vine states but in Flandclinia, and Abbicannia they were one third as violent. All Culverinia was shoken nearly as violent.....

At a place about twenty four miles away from Angelinia Agathia city, (Calverinia) the side of a great mountain elipsed down from the shock, and the entire villiage of wenton with all its inhabitants, upwards of I8,000 in number were buried under that awalmache."

of the westward as the Being in Deenean Tellands, of st Johns, Catherine leic, and Rebonnia Ieland, where the tide which relaily rises about three fee t, was suddenly elevated about fourty feet, the water being at the same time agitated as if a storm was raging. Even the lengigloemean Creatures were terrified, and kept in the sky or in the waters for days afraid to return to land, and this not only in the islands but they fled from Calverinia and Hengall state. Twurd the north est in Abbieannia State the shock was noticed as far as Concentinia Province, whose great in Luna lakes rivers, cities and towns were all disturbed with enough force to drive all the people

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out of bed and into the streets in panic. Tward the east it extended to Abyssinkile to Porndoia, risonlongolia, he where houses swayed as if a cyclone order loos. Loose and in notthern Amgelinia State the waters of all the rivers ruse and fell repeatedly, Tward the scutheast, the shock was sensibly felt throughout the flat forested country of calvernina, in jessica city, and in pig Cirl knool, and along the country side of the Mic-nollester Run. I even heard that at sea, one hundred and ten miles west of Vivian Wickey, ships were strained as if they had struck on rocks, the seams of the decks opening, and the many compasses were upset.

On board a war ship one hundred and twenty miles south of the pelngiglomenean Islands the shock was so violen t as to tose men up perpendicularly from the decks. The great sea wave proor produced by the concussion rose along the whole southern and western cousts of Calverinia and Angelinia, and the eastern coasts as well, and at Vivian Wickey it is stated to have risen to a height of sixty five feat.

At Angeline junction on the north western coast of Angelinis gtate, the tide rose and fell a hundred times in rapid succession. At gertrude Angeline City, where the

At Angeline Junction on the north western coast of Angelinia gtate, the tide rose and fell a hundred times in rapid succession. At gertrude Angeline City, where the small ebb and rlow of the tide is six feet, it being low tide at the time in all probabilities, the great wave rolled in sevety feet f high, and at once not only raised the level of the water many feet above high vater mark but flood gertrude Angeline city destroying many "chouses along the shore. This immense tide rushing into the city caused great damage beyond comparison, and several other large cities along the coast were similarly flooded.

The tide was also suddenly raised on the southern coast of Abbiemnia, the shock was sensibly felt at Andrean Island, and a sudden rise in the waters followed almost immediately after.

That is what was reported" said STarring" and all these tend to show that the convision which produced this greatest of all disasters must have its origin. from some other gource then a natural eruption or an earthquake, and that the disturbance was more violent than any carthquake ever estimated and far more sudden. The shocks continued only for fifteen minutes, and yet all that destruction was done. This catastrophe will long be thought of as the most disasterous of all, because its force was spent on a big popullous capital city of abbieannia, where national and, nternation commerce, and travel and all railroad centers, and show houses, and every convence convenience made the facts conspicious at once. Artists will paint, and aurthors will write of its horrors for many centuries to come. The scene of the disappearing part of the city under the shore of take lake Angeline where so many were in their beds and drowned lke rats in a trap is and will ever be considered one of the most dramatic and terrible incidents in the whole historynof all disasters.

STAPLING TIMES THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPLOSION SHOCKS, AS FAR AS ABBIEANNIA, CALVENINIA, AND AN ULIMIA STATE.

Sterring continued the conversation saying;

"The concussions of these awful shocks produced by the explosions, though said to have

"The concussions of these awful shocks produced by the explosions, though said to have been felt in Abbieannia and Angelinia tate were not as violent as as felt in pengull tate and calverinia. The portion of the Vivian Hills in Rengull state I read were devastated by the shocks, and the whole of this zone of disturbance appoared to be connected with the great explosion horror around Abbieann and at Adelehanida."

"It seems strange for shocks to have reached so far" said the captian" but it is absolutely sure. I have mys if on the maps traced the extent of this concussion, which in its worse effects throughout pengull state, and parts of calverinia extended from each to west not only to within a short distunce beyond the shore of the Calverinian and Mic-II Whirthian seas, to getrude Angeline City and Wivian Wickey, but so far an one can juage, twarm the planging comencian islamas, and also the boyking satings and through the region of the Catherine Islaes in this wast region the shocks were most visitent in _encall ctate and Captral Calverinia." violent in pengal 1 state and Central Calverinia."

"From the a way Abbicann is wiped out, that seems evidently true." said starving. "The first news of the disaster told that the concussion had destroyed the town of La Polama and that a 11000 limished the disaster. The snock was left throughout all of Calverinia, and it extended upon the other side of the Angeline Vine State, to Angelinia Agathia, Jessicia, and the Abyssinkilian mainland. The highland in the neighborhood of Fig GirlKnool was violently convulsed by this shock. The earth shock in secondary motion with each explosion, and the reports that the earth there endulated likea sea, portions being raised from eighteen to fourty feet aboe above their former level, and then depressed as far below it seems improved. Yet it is stated that the

level, and then depressed as far below it seems approved. Yet it is stated that the concussions caused the opening of great fiscures in the river discs, whence water u issued and flooded the land. Even Vivian Wickey experienced a hundred succession of secondary shocks for fifteen minutes, and nearly two thousand houses were everthrown, the enemy and besigging armies were thrown into constemnation, and the sea rose so high as to flow flood the new front of the city..."

"That part of the news access unformede" said the captian, 2" but, do not doubt it neverbhelesses. I heard the coast line of take Angeline in the northeast boundary line of Bengall state was also viblently shaken, and that the force of the explosions formed large openings in many places in the ground, from which were ejected loth of water and and. A large river was draied at Aldeen, whe while near the same place, near the lake, a large piece of land sank down was and was totally submerged, drowning two omall viblaces and all their inhabitants. Sixty square miles of the coart subsided. It was said that one small mountain sank down untill its summit only remained visible, while another dea disappeared altoscher. Several other hills were cine. visible, while another doe disappeared altogether, geveral other hills were cont. were rent asunder, and chasms from thirty to sixty feet wide were forced near and connecting with the craters by the force of the explosions. The many towns upon the land that subsided were overflowed, and one was submerged upward of twenty foot. he districts of Mullementt, were also agitated very much by these successive second may shocks. It was reported that the undulations of the ground was quite visible, and It was with great difficulty that soldiers on guard in camps could keep to their ist, and the camps were thrown sown. The town of Idrave was overthrown, and when the board of the Inhabitants were said to have been breahed in the rules. governed

named of the inhabitants were said to have been crushed in the rulne, goveral other smaller towns and villiague shared a similar fato... At a great mobelization camp a fort withinto towers and walls fell to the ground in a mane of rulne, and even at purner much further to the west, the great fortification of gt inn, was eventhrown."

"When went to inspect one of the explosion craters, said starring, I came to the hills in the neighborhood of abbieum west, and observed that several large masses of rock and earth and forest debris were detacted and hurled into the vulleys but neverthelesses the newertheless of the landaux areas and results. but neverthelexes the appearance of the landscape around was otherwise not much injured. The sustain channel of a stream which hame; countries which flows through this region tward the Arronburge Run, sank to a depth of five to seventeen and twenty five feet near the region of Adeleheid lying to the northwest to St John, and from ten to twenty feet in the other parts of the channel. The fortifications and the town of Also Aronburger north of Adeleheidwere at the same overflowed, having sunk down so muches that only the tops of the houses and even the walls remained visible above the water after the shocks, which however at this section had not thrown a over any of the buildings, nut I discovered a tract of land, over three or four thousand square miles in area, was at the same time so much depressed, according to many reports which were confirmed, that the waters of some big rivers and inland lakes rushed in, and converted it inct a large lagoon, whis inundation overwhelmed many villages and towns and there remained above the water little more than the upper parts of the town which having sustained no injury, afforded temporary shelter to the inhabitants, who escaped

in boats the following days.

This occurance seems to be the more remarkable from its having happened so far from the explosion area," said one of the rangers. The nearest site of most terrific disthe explosion area, said one of the rangers. The nearest size of most terrific distance is at a distance of upwards of two hundred miles from abbieann, inthe south custern corner of nengall State. The strange phenomena which resulted from this terrific terrific disaster are highly instructive. They illustrate the manner in which similar interchanges of land o and sea many have been produced in other parts of the country by the effects of the tremendous explosions but of which no record yet has been obtained. There are also manifold traces of suspensive similar depressions on the shores of take Min-pollester. The force of the explosions might have undermined so much land as to pru produce effects similar to natural earthquakes. The city of Lateri suffered severely, a considerable portion of it having been almost blown into epots where as of the explisions occured, and the town had been almost blown into the air. A large part of the town of Contendor was destroyed by the same explision in the same way, and some mountains in its neighborhood were thrown down by the con cussion. At game town, the concussion of the explosion was attended also by a strange fire cloud and a violent gust of wind. Also from the sudden and though secondary concussion a mountain in the neighborhood was apparently cleft in twain, and one

of the main halfs sank down considerably and buried a villiage under it.. If ny Many houses were blown down in the town and many neighboring villiages, and the lose of lives lives never will ve known. The Ban galnketburg Peninsula was violently shaken, and three hundred severe secondary shocks were reported to have been felt at mindedule in fifteen minutes, and as many at Ricksenville. The center of the disturbance the reports reporters said seemed to have been in mental State, where the shocks were acompunied by as many loud thundering explosions. May housed were everthrown at Ricksenville, and at other places. All of the Central parts of Calvarinia were severely shaken, particularly in and around the Big Girl Knool egion two hundred miles south of Abbieum. The succession of shocks were said to have continued for sixteen minutes a hundred secondary shocks per minute, the earth andulating like a storm tossed sea.

with much dist distant, but noise in the air that sounded like loud thunder.
idount alverine in the neighborhood an extant volcane let loose an avaien avalanche of rocks and stones down her slopes and the burying of two towns occured there. Hany houses were overthrown in Heardick and the neighboring villiages, for a circuit of, more than fourty miles one villiage was engulfed, by the big flood, and the loss,,, loss of life was unestimated but severe,...."

"I can relate much more declared Starring. "I know it is reported that all of the central parts of Calvorinia was violently shaken, but the greatest concussion have have comes between rengal and Diny tates. Hany good sized cities were evertured, and no one can say yether not whether all of the inharitants regished or not great rents were formed in the ground, and even in the solid rocks. All witnesses say that the waters of Lake Angeline was much agitated during the commettion. Yen Even Mt Joan and its very neighborhood was violently convised convulsed. The secondary shocks were quite noticed, and great landslipes took place from the big mountain and did immense damage, thirty small villiages being overthrown, with much loss of life. Even all of the bi, state of Angalinia was considerably disturbed by the uwf I concussion . There were repeated accommany phocks felt at Angellain Arathia and a number of the concussions were severe. The shocks to the come degree were felt at porothy Gale, and Jossica and its neighborhood were severely shaken simultaneously and thousands of houses were overthrown.

"That seems unusual but it the reports are true it will be more unusual yet" said the captian. I was at Angelinia Agathia, near midnight June the First, and the shocks proved somewhat calculations. I noticed shocks were repeated at quick intervals for nearly a quarter of an hour, and nearly one quarter the number of the houses were somewhat damaged or overthrown, and a number of the inhabitants killed .. Large masses of rock were detuted from it pickeonia and many houses were crushed by their full. I heard that halfvof the remainder of the city of Heidi Junction was destroyed by the consessions and twenty two thousand of its inhabitants buried in the ruins. Then the ensue ing flood des p destroyed the rd rest of the town and killed nearly all the population. courteen big fourts in the vinicity were so completely swallowed up that not a trace of their wreckage could be discovered. The concussions and ensueing floods worked similar havor in the neighboring towns and villiages, and the entire loss of life caused by the two almost su simultaneous catastrophes is not known.

I heard a large portion of the city of Lucillie Ricksen was affected if not totally I neard a large portion of the city of nucleif access, was alreaded in not destroyed, causing much lose in human life, and great distress among the surviving inhabitants. Loud rumbling noises more like in the sky preceded every shock which continued for the same length of time. It was said more than a third of the city was totally destroyed. The great St Michaela Cathedral fell, burying however no one in its ruins as it happened nto be night and no one was in it. Most of the inhabitants fled the city at the beginning of the flood, and then scarcely a house in the city was not injured to some degrees or loss. ortunately the inhabitants then encamped in the hills, so that there was no such fatality as during the shocks, when a great many perished, eleven thousand six hundred being recovered from the ruins. The Michael Cathedra and the state of the state Hollester city was also spriously affected, and here the havor was fearful by both the shocks and the floods, about nearly a million houses being destroyed, and many thousands of people killed. In the town of nosana not one house was left standing and all of the inhabitants were taken out of the ruins dead.

The confusion which prevailed in the neighborhood of Mic-Hollester City owing to the nature of the frightful war raging close to the place for several months, was still further increased by these conclusions which did so much damage to property, and caused the death of many people. A claudelinian fleet of river warships was then anchored close to the city, and the waters of the ernormous river were agitated enough by the shock to lead to a request being sent to the Glandelinian admiral by the comm commander of one of his ships, that he might get notice of an attack by some christian fleet. of fleet came. The concussion caused the death of two thousand persons in the riset. O liest came. The concussion caused the death of two thousand persons in the city of Slorinia, yet the town of chamberstor suffered the most severely, and of all its houses not one was left fit for habitation. A great many villiages in this may be borhood was destroyed, and nearly all the inhabitants were made homeless and destitute. Be ause of the enemy, and the flood, and combining forest fires, no one could come to to their relief, and although the shock had also been very severe upon the opposite neighborhood near glorianna, it was from the there that the first boutload of provisions, tents, and timber were dispatched to be saized by the enemy. Hore than five thousand persons perished in this part of the disaster, an as the population of the villiages were annihilated, and among the survivors over fir risteen thousand were more orviess severely injured. As it was impossible for the survivors to clear away the ruins, the town aurthorities had to be content with alling down the walls which were still standing, and to prevent a plague they spread posions over the layor layer of stone and lime beneath under which more than a scores of thousands of corpses were believed to be still it lying of course all of the country was said to be severely agitated, and again there was n one hundred and fifty persons killed in the town of Perkins. The shock was also felt as fur south as Angeline Junction, which though less severe caused great alarm, and at the same time the count of Angelinia state was much

distribed, and the town of Handersburg was a good deal injured, and the houses of Point Furn was again were again much damaged, while the town of central was cald to have been completely destroyed ... The series of secondary concessions, wrought torrible havor in gertrude Ab Angellne City. The first blocks however were the olight est, but the last with the accompanying soulds of thunder in the distance did the most injury, and the uncertainity of the danger and the cause was much alarming, ospecially when the sea swamped and flooded the city also. During the prevalence of these many accordary convus convulsions, the people for the most part fled out of their homes and for the rest of the night and the day camped out on higher elevations, and thus it happened that the flood from the cf y sea, although doing most immense durage damage to property did not kill many people. The total loss to human life was not known, but o thide the city a great number of cattle on swamed farms perisjed the great death rate among the latter, being due to the fact that at night the animals were housed nder the lower stories of the cow burns or in roughly built sheds in the fields. The towns of perdrame, and perpool were completely wee ked, and the inhabitents a reare living even under any shelter they can put up, mats, boards, ld clothes, or bounds

of trees. "Such Such de descriptions seem exaggerated, but it may possibly be so" said Starring.
"But nevertheless the whole of nengall State, and central Calverinia felt the severest,, of the shocks, for in these sections every house in every town and city was leveled to the ground, and every public building, bridge, and work of masonry as was destroyed. The loss by flood fell mostly on planters, and manufacturers, All kinds of farming cultivation was destroyed and famine threatens calverinia, All the largest factories of in all in Abbieunn were totally destroyed with their machiner; fifteen hundred railroad lines were wiped out, and the villiages erected by the farming communities destroyed teyond redemption. Abbicann is entirely destroyed, as we can see, scarcely a building in the portions of the city left to view escaping more or less injury and almost almost all burned. In all about three or four thousand cities were completely demolished, The loss of life is unusual are than all our battles made t put together on each side of fighting combined. Abbieann is the center of the horror. And the enemy is to blame but we cannot yet find evidence. what do you think about it Jane!" "I think if it is true you'll find evidence yet." she replied.

inhabitante suddenly sunk beneath the lake without giving a single person time to even

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THAT STARFING AND THOSE WITH HIM IN THE EXPEDITION FINDS.....

STAPING now was in probably the heart of the region where the greatest of all calamities he had ever seen, had fullon upon calverinia, and her sister states. He wrote down in his dairy stating that the disaster as far as he cun comprehend is most complete, that as a city Abbieann has ceased to exist, and that no war or catastrophe before in the past put together has ever brought on such a loss of 11 e life as in this city, not mentioning the whole countryside swept to destruction as it was. He was firmly regolved to hold to the opinion of his believe that ever 10,000,000 to thirty million people may have lost their lives, and that over fifty to a hundred million are a were and are still homeless, and facing all kinds of complications of horrors, starvation, disease, the perils from the enemy and forest fires, and the various weathers of winter and sammer. The situation was more than he cold comprehend, and though there is even from the start the most urgent need of all kinds of comprehend, and though there is even from the start the most urgent need of all kinds of the contained and though the lower of the could be forthcoming.

And what vorried him most was that the governer of Culverinia while expressing his thanks for the marked success in his work so far informed starring by telegram that Pundora and even the whole of Culverinia is still throttened.

Curinn'to every of Culverinia given repageting Starling the fort of the process of reasons in the work so far instructions of the process of the communication in he can as soon as possible, so that the results of the process of the communication in he can as soon as possible, so that the results and one appairing a form in all calverinia. STAP: ING now was in probably the heart of the region where the greatest of all calamities

in calverinia.

The Governor stated that the En peror himself has directed the department of the Trackury of war and of the many to take such measure for the relief of those scores of millions of people as lie within their executive alsoration, and he earnestly commended this case of when earnestment disaster to the generous consideration of the great christian general Starring.

This seemed an errand that garring had not been sent out by violet and her sisters, out out of human kindness and sympathy for the affilieted starring did not intend to refuse, for he had a terrifire terrifile realization of a most stypendous calamity to oven be impending, and that the whole nation needed to prepare to meet a still most appalling situation with unbounded sympathy and generousity. He knew that even at the first sayful news it made the nation the leadeder in the movement to relieve and succor as far as possible the hungry and homeless survivors of one of the worlds most greatest of all disasters known, and to care for the cick, and injured that increased terribly in numbers with each report from pointecof refuse, besides to have to keep an eye on the enemy too. Even from the beginning of the disaster in November 1912 untill these of now the Abblesmian covernments has been continually characterized by the promptness and liberality that distinguished the Abbisamian people.

Even now still the Abbisami people actining as individuals or communities were still continually engaged in the work of raising funds, and supplies, and from one end to the other of the nation the appeals of relief committees always met with quick and liberal responses.

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Even when the news was finally spread broadcast the hervible Calverinian disasters likewise struck a symputhic chord throughout other nations, and within a few days from the time the first news of the awful Abbieann horror was recieved, the sufferers rrom the time the first news of the awful Abbigann horror was recived, the sufferers with sead the grand and onobling spectacle of the entire civilized world rushing to their relief. One big fiery touch of nature caused by the enemy had made the whole world kin. The Governor of Calvernia to which the population of the stricken state belongs releved many messages of conditioned and amnouncements of contributions from the rulers of other states, but not one of these was more touching than that wirl written by Starring hi in his reply to the Governors rlead; He cabled as follow s, as cable was the only means of communitions,

"Pandora, Calverinia,

I pray your Excellency to accept my profound sympathy, in the appelling calamity which has come upon the people of Calverinia, and which cause and result I am now investigating for the good and safty of the cause. I had been many wooks before profoundly profoundly moved by the news of the terrible catastrophe which had overtaken Abbigann profound: moved by the news of the terrible catastropie which had overtaken Accident and the whole of central and southern Calverinia, and which has costs the lives of I nearly as many soldiers as petished in the battles just past. While I am performing my dangerous work here in Abbisum and vinicity, May Almaghty God and His Elessed Hother confert the hearts of those that weep for their irreparable losses, and aid me to succeed in my efforts for discovery as to the cause and blame of the calumity.

I begine the accept my warm thanks for the complision you have offered to me, and I like the comply to your pleas as far as possible for my own good as well as to the good of the cause.

Your Loving friend And servant. General Walter Heidi Starring. General vivians assistant.

Starring before he would proceed on his adventure looked over his list of those of other nations which had rendered aid to the stricken of Calverinia and her sisters and other provincial states. The Czar and Empress of the mation of Protestentia he saw in his records had telegraphed to meeror Vivian, that they shared with him a liver lively sympathy and feeling of grief at the great catastrophes that Calverinia was suffering and stated they believed that Glandelinia was becoming a danger to the hole world in granul and that something ought to be done to bring her to her

The King of Blomlinia Count y had a unmoned the Abbienumian Ambassador to his own Palues, and expressed to him his keen sorrow on hearing of the grant Abbicann disaster and also suggested that Glandellini should be made to pay if she was guilty for, it. He also requested that he be kept well informed regarding the details of the enemys ways and of the disaster and it foult are. It is to eather the disaster and it foult are.

King Handon of Mormonula gave the same ammount. Even the frightened people of all the neighboring of ties and towns of the same state were the first to do what they could to give practical rollof. The fleeing services from the vinitity of Applicant took retuge in the largest numbers in the far northern cities. This is the letter that Starring had recieved from the Universitian governor to which he had answered;

To General Starring; My dear sir;

"This concentration of refugees in every one of our northern cities and towns threaten threatens a calamity as direful if not worse, than the explosion herrors, and the flood disaster at Abelgann and throughout central Calverinia, for unless they should be quickly provided with food they would surely periah. A number of correspondents who came to Pandora at the time, total of the conditions of the people still mable to leave the disaster district. They are on a verge of staryation, fear of the enemy and the changes of the weather for the seasons, and the forest fires which threaten to wipe out the little the floods have left them. Many of the refugees coming into the city of Pandora to day are badly burned having been almost overtaken by fires. The city of Pandora and also other big places have become cities of v of mourning. There is not a single refugee famil family in either that has not ne or more members who had not perished in the disaster. The distraught crowds block the star streets. Thousands are given shelter in big factories and schoolhouses and Cathedrals, and every public clace is filled with them. The sight of even old men crying bitterly as they walk, and "This concentration of refugees in every one of our northern cities and towns threatens

are given shelter in big factories and schoolhouses and Cathedrals, and every public place is filled with them. The sight of even old men crying bitterly as they walk, and of women collapping of hysteric in the streets is even though very common more than the real inhabitants of the city can bear. Fou cannot look at them. Great fits and convalsions of weeping sweep over the throngs untill everythmember in the dense throngs are inn in tears.

Frantne, fear of the forest fires, the enemy, and the winter weather too redoubles the the misery. The neighboring cities and towns are doing all they can, but the food qui question is desperate, so ernormous are the masses of the refugees who must be caredded cared for. Hone of those who have crowded in Pandora has any idea of returning to the cities so wantonly destroyed. It is more than doubtful if Abbieann will ever again bb rebuilted. I do no longer a city, and certainly no one whi who is in calver inia will ever live there after with seing the scenes that are all about us.

If you can open and restore communication on your own line of route I will appreciate our work very much.

Starring however could not understand how boatloads of provisions from other sections could reach the disaster districts when flood and forcet fires and other horrors cut off communications by boat and train. The terrors of fune confronted the whole state because of the dinaster, even though kind hearts and open hands were trying to provide succor. Thugh the great Abbicannian Covernment had brought its matchless resources into play that did not do any good so far as the endargered ones could not be reached. Even the River "qual Tugs and other boats, which had been sent speeding tward the disaster zone loaded with stores for the refuses in the disaster zone in the disaster zone in the disaster zone in the middle of june had never returned even now By order of the Emperor the national Treasury Department was instructed to co-operate, which meent the employment of every ship of good northern towns and the medical officers of the marine hospital service, and the army were to be withdrawn from military service to aid the refugees of the disaster, and these could not even now reach the scene, and only got as far as grancis Atlanta, and was barred the rest of the way by waters of the still raging floods floods, interfered with by the enemy, or stopped by the forest fires, and other complications....

The partiese Department with its well organized supply departments, was regarded as in better position than any other nate national institution that to take charge of the relief measures, and what could it do when there was no means of transportation qualities when all communications was impossible.

The Secretary of the Abbicann Mays, had immediately telegraphed orders to the captions of various ships, to ship all supplies to be offered them, and to sail at the earliest posible moment for the districts that were in dire wart. They were also authorized to extend relief to other sections if they found any necessity in doing so.

These ships never came back, remaster general, commissionary general, and surgeon the adjutant general, quartermaster general, commissionary general, and surgeon general, were charged by the Secretary war Hanson, with the arrangement of that part of the relief measures portaining to the war Department. Also efficial orders were

dictated for the gundiance of the threees supply departments, giving the sceme of distribution as follows;;;;

Three chief medical officers, with over fifty millions of dellars of medical attrees, act... one or .wo subsistence officers, with over seventy five million dellars stores, act... one or .wo subsistence officers, with over seventy five million dellars worth of stores, consisting of every food material on the market, one officer or maybe many of the quartermenters department, with 100,600,600 worth of cluthing supplies, for mostly only women and children. The orders directed that those officers and stores be sent on ships. They were sent on June the last it is now nearing the and of Sepatember and they have not been hard from yet. That happened!!!!!!!! The character of the Emperors instructions to the departments concerned in the relief? work may be gative gathered from the n x n text of the following ince letter, which was delivered to the Secretary of the wavy, after the pureers had heard of what caused

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the great flood of June reaching and almost devastating Angelinia Agathia, and all her neighboring cities and towns and the whole country side ...

. "I the morror instruct all the Governments of the States not touched by the horror, to go to the furthest limits of discretion for the rescue and the reliaff of the afflict ed sections of calverinia, and to have all regid investigations as to that made the disaster, whether attred did it by the or whether the enemy was responsible...2 The letter is as follows;;

Emperor vivian. "

Indee d Emperor Vivian had been so eager to sot the treemendous work of relief in sotlon, and to have the disunter invostigated us far as possible, that his Royal Cabinet had difficulty to restrain him from going ahead in advance of what was hoped for of restored communications. He had orders cutting all red tap into shreds already, for the army and navy and all shipping departments to utilize all the supplies they had on hand with the utmost speed forthe reals su expedition, when Count De Biff found it

"But Your "dejexty." said the goval count. "I cannot be done No ship can make headway down any river just now because dwarting is oblivion from the flood. The nation may become involved in serious difficulties from a horrible loss in shipping if you go

"But those scores of millions of recopie will die of starvation and exposure, if we lose lose a single minute." was his reply... ah ad..

That does not after the situation" said Count De Biff. "You should understand the wiful situation. They cannot class commanicate with us, and we cannot reach them. Even we are cut off from the rest of the world and how are we going to help them."

The proof was forced to compromise by instructing Dargar and his many Gemini The proof was forced to compromise by instructing Dargar and his many Gemini The proof was forced to compromise by instructing Dargar and his many Gemini The proof of the compromise to go out and investigation as soon as anospening can be had. The proof over that time had some doucts as to the true stitution, and he did not wish to lose a single shutes time is dispatching as many relief ships as it was possible. Meanw its generous communities all over the land had been pouring money and supplies into the hunds of the aurthorized committees for chipment to the stricken region when it seemed names of the authorized committees for enigment to the stricken region men it seems of no use. Among the voluntary offers of anxistance was one from the Governer of Abysinkilian State Louis Handor. He Telegraphed the Abbisannian War Department offering

coinkilian State Louis Handor. He Telegraphed the Abbicannian War Department offering to furnish many nurses, and provisions for the stricken states, then he recieved word that it seemed impossible for aid to be sent immediately he suid that the Mavy could furnish warships for the purpose of nurigating the flood.

The Pandora chamber of comerce, the Hayor of all Abyssinkilian cities, and all public efficials sent cable grams asking how they could help in spire of the destroyed communications by rull and water. An original suggestion came from Pandora, Abbicannia communications by rull and water. An original suggestion came from Pandora, Abbicannia of State in the shape of a lotter advising the draining of the flood by mining levess of states in the shape of a lotter advising the draining of the flood by mining levess of rivers near their mouths, and this was done without vasual however. The Mavy department also indertook to transport to the homeless people of the region a large quanty of hildling lamber by river bures which the Abbicann State government donated. The building La mber by river burges which the Abblecan State government donated. The lumber came by rail from Abyssinkile to Heidlford, the treasury officials authorizing its passage through the Domdobiam and Concentinian States without payment of duty. This lumber worth \$\$650.500,000,000 was now in the hands of the fee" thanks to the flood in the field thanks to the flood in the floo

minally on June the 29th amid the tbbthingtof tooting of wis whistles from minally on June the 29th amid the tbbthingtof tooting of wis whistles from carrying reliaf ships loaded to the gunwade with food and clothing for the famine strick on sufferers of Calverinia sailed from that city on their errunds of mercy at about the thirty of lock in the norming. It had been plummed for the ships to loave early ten thirty of lock in the deprese but trucks laden with government stores kept coming in the afternoon of the day before, but trucks laden with government stores kept coming in the afternoon of the day before, but trucks laden with government stores kept coming in the afternoon of the day before, but trucks laden with government stores kept coming in the afternoon of the day before however days of the time in the store of the said and the store that the said and th In owner orages within the den render bars were drawn o in. If for two days of the tinchese ships maked a force of fifteen hundred laborers were kept busy hading the chips. They had relieved a shift of equal number which stopped work at seven oclock the night before. The carge of one of the ships alone was estimated at 34,568 tens the night before. The carge of one of the ships alone was estimated at 34,568 tens to the immense number to be relieved. The bulk of the carge was purchased out of the to the immense number to be relieved. The bulk of the carge was purchased out of the appropriation of one ship alone of nearly four hundred thousand deliars made by the government of that State for the relief of the sufferers, but there were also contributions from other sources.

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Integration of glacing the acoust observed at Ahri and was board his conception and even now he could hardle oblive his owns. He had been even in his earlier due a resident of the city, and now howers the most picturesque city of the Calveriain State had of the city, and now in where the most picturesque city of the Calverinian State had stood, he and his followors found only a perfect headomb of wrickage, birned boild ings, and natural immense fineral pyres of charred bodies of heamon beings and also animals. The scone was more appulling, then the desolation of Adeleheid, for in the latter city the victims were buried at of eight entirely, beneath the wreckage of the buildings, while in Abbleann they were to be seen in every conciseable position, lying us they were killed, in buildings partly standing but wells torn out, and the wreckage of fallen buildings or in any place and in anywhere where the Read Explosion death dealing horror overtook them. And Starring also was surprised to have heard and even to know that among the first of any vescel to reach the scene, and which braved every danger know that among the lirst of any vescel to reach the scene, and which braved every dan of the trip even in the work of rescueing refusees from forest fires, and still facing dire poril, was the Mary Jame the very ship of which captian he amployed. No other vessel had even so much as dared to precede the Mary Jame, and so from no other source but from the Mary Jame could come any grahic description of the sights and scenes in the stricken country and the city itself.

And the members of his party were only two real military officers, the Rangers of whom each number took turns for each day out, some Volcano Scientists which were

of much value at that, and others.

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Starring had now been in this vinicty for four days and all this time partial darkness overhung the town, ever since the Mary Jane entered the roadstead of the city, ow owing to the pull of forest fire smoke which rested above the scene long seas of clouds forwarning the approach of a great storm; the coast wriver front was alive with all kinds of wreckage floating past, and at times the water was even now filled with w swollen bodies and masses of debris from the wrecked houses from the upper parts of

They had first entered the city from what had been the scene of the main shipping and had remained in for four days, and then went on board the board, for a day or two and then were in the city again. Her the curve of the river, several small houses were found but little injured, but their occupants had all perished. They had apparently died from suffocation, or by the shock of the blasts. They were not burned, and some were found sitting in ositions as easy and as natural as though still living come were lying in bed half so skeletons all of them. The extreme northeastern section of the city which was thought to have perished altoegether without even a sign of a house remaining was found to have escaped almost entire. The flood of waters stopped and turned

remaining was found to have escaped almost entire. The Flood of waters stopped and thread added within two hundred feet of this section of the city.

Starving and all with him went through all the principal streets of this part of Abbisann, including central Avenue, Abbisann Avenue, and Crossroads Street. The residents residents or residences on upper Abbisann were utterly annihilated instead of spared as the note said. The lower section of the northwestern part was still swimming in flood waters. Complete destruction had fallen upon all parts not even touched by the lived waters. Complete destruction has laiden upon all parts not even founds by the flood, and the wreckage of many houses not belonging to Abbleann had been swept down into the level below. Starring believed that the upt uproving, twisting, and breaking of the trees was such as might have occured in a tornado. The trees were all lying bent tward the south, what astonished the party most however was the comparatively small number of bedies found, and yet it is known that probably the whole population had parts bedieved.

perished. He said;
"It is written in the news that some 30,000,000perished in Abbieann alone. Evidently Evidently millions of bodies were created by the fires smouldering for weeks in the wrockuse or of those who were swept away by the floods. Indisputable evidence of his has been found. In numerous cases of parts of bodies which we or others of our follwers have found the rest were consumed. It is believed that the majority of the people died in the ruins and those who may have sunaied to escape into the streets up here, were killed by the positionous smoke harled by the explosions. This has been indicated by many of the corpses, many of which we have discovered with their hands lifted to their mouths, as though to avoid sufficiation."

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in perfect condition, held to her lips. I saw also near a hour of smoking ruins, side
by side with bodies burned to a crisp, other bodies but si lightly brind or not burned
at all. Some articles of clothing also on the bodies were not even scorched."

"Yos" d clared another Ranger," and, haveseen per uses found almost intact. I also
found contents of houses it that trained also in other half ruined houses the contents had been entirely destroyed, except the
beeb bedding and the picture frames on the walls. I observed that remains of furniture
were left in some cases, and in a few instances have come across places were all
the furniture was in good condition. the furn ture was in good condition."

"It's a wonder these rains are not under military grand, assisted by the Bayy and the Marines" said Starring. "Of course i seems immosable to patrol the entire area for such rains, but not must know that in spice of the ampterommeter dash within a for such rains, but not must know that in spice of the ampterommeters and another was everywhere are exposed rich temptation for the glandelinian invaders and ghouls should they arive, goods in rany of the storehouses are barned and destroyed for order the rubbish, but much that is of make remain to be preyed upon by Glandelinia Vandals."

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twiniffEnts suddenly sunk beneath the lake without giving a single person time to even

tot any of the dead could be recognized. Force indever come to Abbisannto to identify the bodies from the location of the hones of the dead, for Abbisann had not bee been of the approach. It had been expected that relatives from the interior and from neighboring towns would come to identify the doad, but no, to troops or men had ever come to intered the budies, which had been burned in heaps small the wrockage. The whole country There are bours, which has been purse in hears which the whockage. The whole clustry has suffaring from the general demoralization, Decause of the disaster the whole nation was inder a most formible strain, and showed the results..... At every other disaster clusted linium prisoners of all kinds had been brought to the wrecked cities and present into service, shy not here! Indeed it seemed as if the whole of Calverinia was totally demoralized, and it was almost impossible to preserve order unfor the awfulling are unformed by the service of the control of circumstances.

"The only living persons who we believe have come through the disaster alive are those who were in this river roadstead on some of these ships said Starring." "Yes and it is repule that many has hemores from the seighboring districts the second of the still semaining flood were lost in a maddened remaining rised whe had seen which they determined in small scatts. From some of the garvivers it is laurned I presides that in the income punic, which attended the forest fires the people seized pon even the frailest boats to get away. In this way I am same

lost who might otherwise have been saved." Talks with garvivors of the disaster had confirmed the awful sudlenges of the catastrophe. The explosions must have occured near the edge of one of the forest fires and therefore in ernormous quantity of gus or heatened aid was harled forward the city, producing great atmospheric pressure, which overwhelmed everything before it. As hour after four went by, for time pusses even in a scene of horror, their work of investigation advanced with varying speed. Cometimes the forest fires were apparently near, and then again they would close in on the scene, darkening the path way of the explorers in the desolated city.

"It is only possible to penetrate the city from the so th" said Sturring. There the houses were more thickly built, the debris harled by the explosions have the great est depths. It is now hardening into the depths of the failed outsiting probably hiding the bodies of the countless n abers the farling buildings buried and ong lied in ir indescribably herro herrible doom."

Exacting any evidences of the rejects that cases absorbed by the bodies of the victims caused the to burst, and the flames coming in the wreckage soon afterwards combanized them. On every hand here and there the wreckure had formed immenseand and imans and horrid foneral pryes, and scenes beganing description was here and there.. In the narrow streets, in the gardens and the fields, partly covered by the deposit of explosion debris that settled after the crushes had caused followed by the whirlwind of of fire the sounds of bodies are lying. Above and beyond the present horror there was in the mind of Sturring a still greater horror. The plug o stulks in the wake of this ernormous disaster.

"It ought no lone longer be a disagreeable duty for us now" said starring. "It is a duty to the cause. The many large numbers of the dead in this city must be disposed of or the country will be given over to a o most tremendous plague that will sweep the whole world, and blot b the country of calverinia from the world entirely. put we have not the means and the material for the work. It would take a forest of wood, and a a sau of ail to help us in our plan. There are countless corpses in every direction and unless the nation soon provides means to get rid of all these bodies, a terrible plague will sweep the whole nation. It has not been possible for us of to apprough the center of the northern section of the city, and our own work has not been progress sing. It is not fame that we are neeking, nor honor, but trying to render our country a service. It would be impossible to do anything at all but for the despairing nergy of the mon who have lost family and fortune in the catastrophe. To one has any means of telling just we how many died in the overwhelming destruction of sc big a city."

"Many cities are being crwoded with countless refugees of all disasters, pust and present." said one of the fungers," and food op north also is becoming so scarce that ulars one felt that it would all be exhausted before sagelies could reach there. I have hourd that refugees from forcet fires arive by boutloads every day at Pundora. _very chip obtainable and small river coasting vessels as can be found are busy in bringing in the referees to that city. A a result of their efforts the people who flad to the hills behind the villings of Herdride, nearly four hundred thousand were brought there. They are all in a not pitabl condition imaginable, hundreds and thousands of them frightfully burned, and in argent need of modical care. And all the doctors and nurses in andora were said to be working night and day among the injured, natioted by scores or "of voluntoer nurses, many woman o of the woulthlest families of randora giving their services. Many of the refugees said, that approaches to any of the towns of the flood zone is still impossible, and that it is feared an awful famine is raging. A week ago sir, a number of steamers, including the government Vessel Rubistor, sta

started from pundors for as I heard for the fleed zone. They carried government deligates, a number of marines a detatchment of regular infantry, and thirty priests and twenty name. The vennel also carried a quantity of fire wood, petroleum, and quicklime for use in the necessary cremation of the bodies of the flood victims. This ship never reached its destination. It came back saying the way was mapproachable. The refageen had un a general rate assembled at calso wic-fiellester A, and Salisbury Rom

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not far from Pandora, and it was reported that over ten the mond of them had of died, since the fourfil so of fire and driven them from their hours, from the binner and other, injuries they had a fferedd...."

Storring took a walk up and down the shore of the river for a considerably distance, and saw the river as far as he traveled was devered with the wredage of the time, and saw the river harbons of Abblicans at the time (get your dine) of the disaster, and achors in the direction of the explosion area only a few trees, all best riverward by the force of the explosion air waves were left standing out of a gigantic forest of those days before, all consided in the firest-phile investigating this, starring noted the thickness of the forest on the opposite shore, and thought to himself, " if the forest fire ever strikes there!'ll claim the world is torning." The heat from the smoking r dus beyond was a flocating, and the stench from the corposes stream steems streets was simply dicadful. This had not been looked for but on all sides were found portions of corpses, which were still remaining all half skeletons or entire skeletons. Not a drop of rather could be had, and the darkness caused by the cloud of m smoke continued to shrout the town, and continuous rambling sounds added to the hear of the scene.

At the linding place by the river some burned and ruined walls indicated the spot where a custom house had formely stood, and traces of many larger ships shops could be seen and in that neighborhood hundreds and thousends of skeletons or half skeletons could be seen and were lying in all kinds of attitudes in their half burned beds could be reckupe showing that the victims had met death as if by a lightning sto stroke. Curiously enough, the features of those still not too totally decomposed were generally calm and reposeful, but grim plies of half skelentons were almost stacked overythere, showing that death had stiken these while they were vainly seeking escape from inside the down crushing houses.

And as a result of his inspection, granting reported to the captian of the ship, and who wrote down the reports, that crevices and valle shad been formed by the armoral force of the explosions near the northern section of the city of Abbieum... Fortunately that part of the country had not been inhabituated at the time,, but nevertheless that that kind of a change apprared to be remarkably unusual... starring also recorded down that kind of a change apprared to be remarkably unusual... starring also recorded down in writings of the fact that the dearth of provisokas provisions was beginning to be felt throughout o the country, and recorded also the numbers of the numerous families; whice which had been completely ruined by the disaster, and who were without shelter, while the means at the disposal of the galverinian aurthorities were absolutely absolutely inadequate to cope with the unusual distress.....

Though even now it was so late in September all communications were still practically cut off with alverinia, and the whole world by bout and rail, and wire and telegraph and so forth, except by stray river vessels seized upon by the inhabitants of the flood region to fleefrom the disaster zone and seek rofuse further north, and to escape also the fury of the enemy. Starring also said to the captian;

To morrow I want you to make a trip into the city and see for yourself. The desired tion is more appalling than ever the greatest descriptions of the news, and the magazines even gave. The streets are in many places ten foot deep in debris and smoking cin dark cinders, which covers countless thousands of the dead bodies, scorched black and shiny as if they had been placed into beiling litch. Hamy of the dead were not touched by the fires in the rains, and many of the bases and woodwork shattered by the concaction of the blust shows no signs of burning. At Center Street the only street navagible to some degree, in the southern portion of this northern section of the city, the city hall is still stunding as high as the third story, while the Jawinile court tailling some distance away, you can see the most magazive stone work is alclined. The chrick tower of 6t Andrews Catholic Cathedral built by the money of the people over a century ago of Cyclopean work, mostly maconry, is now like a huge heap of old metal.

The stench throughout three sections of Abbieum is terribly offensive. All the streets I have gone through are all obstracted by hulge hage riles of debris and dead bedies all half or whole shelentons by this time.

dead bodies all hair or whole merchands by this clearing this the thoroughfares if it is ever done in many whole just, the wirk of clearing this the thoroughfares will necessiate the employment of kerge numbers of men for years. Only portions of enter street i is preserved to some degree, and a great number of buildings at bother and Helbern Avenues are oblightly whart except for the less of windows, but the people found in bed there are more shell etons and the places smell worse than any one can conclude. I don't telleve a single person in the city sarvived, they are thinks to the explications and the machane of the falling buildings to doubt died in the fleed by creating. Applied note to the whole nution to necessary."

died in the field by driving, accumulate to the Angeline!" caked the caption. "ghat became of the section of the city near Lake Angeline!" caked the caption. "They say it saw microthe water." said Starving. There is save avidance of that happening. The Arbitannian State Core 1 at Punr Pundern, Signer Palema, recognized evidences of this and so did his darghter who came for the punjone to see what the evidences of this and so did his darghter who came for the punjone to see what the steens was like. Vest of the lake I hear many houses we are soon partly subserved soons water. The scene is manual more like that of a natural sarthquide. Ir investigating the spot it was found that a section of the city housing over two million

innabitants suddonly such beheath the loke without giving a single person time to even a oken from their allegs."

The way to Center street was almost impassable, but the next morning starting and the caption went there, followed by only Angeline Riches and Jennie Turmer. The streets leading to the central division has also almost impassable ever for one on foot but they strove to go through. The streets were filled with the trunks of trees, and general wreckage hilled hurled from the hillsides, and the debris smouldering in places were exceedingly deep. The entire hillside west of the city boked dungrous, appearing as though it might entirely collapse. From a careful inspection of a dead horse and rider is was apparent that their limbs became ridig rigid the moment they fell. The mans left leg was in the air anothough it had become stiff thile he was in the act of falling. There was seen to be mother corpse under the horse, showing only the portion of one leg.......

There was very little oder perceptible in this vinicity. This was probably due to the fact that all the exposed parts of the bodies were burned hard and arry. Starring hit one of the bodies with a stick and it sounded as though a stone had been struck. He also observed that under the fallen truck of a large oak tree many bodies lying in a perfect line in beds also arranged in line. Now those got here in this position was a appetery. The structs here only contained charred and burning romains. Starring recured some relies from one of the Cathedrals at Attieums. He took the relics for safe keeping on account of hearing that alandeliniums were really around. Starring had at last began to ake up to the fact that landeliniums were coming into the ruins, and that they were on the look out for him.

Once already he had to call his admintants to him for help in buttling off the flandelinians who were once closing in on him to capture him. Eventually about fifty of the flundelinians were shot down, and the rest dispersed. The glandelinians however still kept at work among the reins of Abbiteam keeping an eye on him, and glauring not being able to cope with the situation, athough he was doing his best, kept a watch on them too, and many were killed or wounded in the course of fights with glauring and his ands, and the landelinians were to be seen occarationally in considerable numbers. Among some of the captured landelinians was a former deputy mayor of the town of galisb ry num. These trailors were sentenced to face the firing shquads for glandelinians shadwing granting received no quarter.

Fire as mobe of starrings men tried to linch blandeliniums caught shadowing starring and others, and cries of linch them filled the air, and it absolutely was done when they were caught. Even by these landeliniums many bodies, sades and strong boxes in the rains were robbed, and spouls began to overrun the burned city, so that Starring and his followers were in constant danger. If thering crowds of pangers and soldiers on the ship rouned through sections of the city in search of these landeliniums, and causanamy justice was doubt to the vandals when they were caught red handed at their fearful work which was done on purpose to frastrate Starrings investigations, and rifle fire was heard continually.

About fourty of the claudeliniums were numbrised and cuptured, and brought before Sturring, who ordered them brought on the ship and place placed in chains in the hold and to be guarded. He decided to question their being there as he was suspicious. He was sure now Blandelinia was responsible for the disaster for why should these Claudelinium soldiers Strive so desperately and persistently to frustrate him in his work.

During the time of this excitement, the distant forest fires again resumed a more threatening aspect. On the slopes to the far mouth, three luminous seas were visible. Similar pints were observed several days before. Starrings non-showed renewed alarmation of the skirmishes with the gland linions, Starring passed a railroad station where a large pile of bedies were 1 ing face down and as if the victims had fallen while in the act of running to escape the fate impending over them.

One one wround distillory a pamity of the was found into t in casks. Outside of the skulking landelinious no other person was seen anywhere, won late as it is since the disaster, many belidings in the city and the surrounding fi dis district were still burning.

gtarring cade a visit to the site where St , ichaels Cathedral had atood, in the face of all there javils, and where he observed a partion of the billding was still it studing. The large belts lay in the center of the rains, but the whole alter had not been destrojed, and the golden chalices were still there, damaged he early fulling debris. In one chalice was seen the aches of that had been the llost. A small chalice was full of the little liests not one of a which had been the llost. A small chalice was full of the little liests not one of a which had been the lost. A small chalice was full of the little liests not one of a which had been the shock and escaped and took refuge in this cathedral parished, but their bodies were scarcely visible, being covered with the debris. A large statue of the Virgin on her halter was harled ands distance from its base. This toegether with the fact that hage trees were torn up every where around the Cathedral and laid flat scarce one being left standing, and other existence a chard that the concessions of the explosions may have preduced air waves of extract hundrane velocity. Every house, not excepting those that were made solidly built of stone was absolutely in ruine. The streets here were piled twenty five feet high in debrie, and harden of shoteons. Could be seen in every direction. Hear

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Hear Central Avenue Binning our five to six headerd hadies that more bound to a crist, some immensely distended, and in an advanced state of decomp sities. The body of little girl was four found in a new by house, to which she and apparently fled in the hope of saving herse of from the fiery clouds harded on the explosions. A large hour of bodies were observed in this ept. One house sheltered party by a tailer building escaped almost without injury. The windows of course were gone, but inside the furniture, papers, books, clothing, and the flooring run unscathed...

Starring and his investigating parties discovered suffer, and other precious metals in stores and human dwellings of the towns, ear by was mother Cathedral all down, with the exception of the loft tower, and of the Priest house the walls alone remained structure. The convent near by which confained over thirty els humans girls, and two hundred nums, had disappeared, as did the college where a hundred and fifty bous, and twenty six presits preists and professors were touching,

Starring and his followers discovered and strungs incidents, as investigations went on, paddes often were found in bed. In another house a mana skeleton was found mitting at a table with a pipe in his charred fingers and opposite him and the exceton of a child. A mothers skeleton skeleton was found with two skeleton children in her arms. Another skeleton as found with a well preserved commy in his hunder. He had been killed while Saying the gosary. All of the oldest families and generations of Abbi ann were wiped out.

Starring therefore knew that in Pandora there were many women and children so nearly starved that it was feared they might die before relief a came, and indeed Pandora and even alleverine became important centers in Galverinia bedalse of the annihilation of Abbieann which had been the greatest commercial and industrial and railway center and the point of distribution of merchandise and every article for the entire country. If Chicago and New York would both be wiped out in the inited States, the effects would be the same. Universal, was paralized Hopelly the large consignments of supplies from the neighboring cities and towns as well a as the wealh of the relatives of the victims of the disaster prevented great suffering there. Throughout worthern .alvering, and other northern Abbicannian tates hundreds of great banks and small case closed entirely of one account of the disappuarance of the city which was the chief source of supply.

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AND ABBLEAUN, THE "AIN CITIES AFFECTED BY THE BIGGEST DIRACTERS OF THE WZR WAR SO FAR ...

HEVER before has the whole of Calverinia yet experienced such disasters. True there MEVER before has the whole of calverinia yet experienced such disasters, are there had been real natural froguent earthquakes in alverinia and the other Abbieunnian States, and all along the Angelinian Goasts, and also accompanying some of the cructions of their volcances, and occassionally only slight tremers have been felt in other sections but the dama s done to life and property in every instance was nil. Therefore these horrors at Abbieunnia and elsewhere because of the Abbieunn calamity took the people of the nation by surprise, and Starring himself could not understand how the city of Angelinia Agatha so many hundreds of miles from Abbieunn could have been so seriously dimensed by the same shoulds. We was there bineals on that any all distance how the duraged by the same shocks. He was there himself on that awful midnour hour when the city was rent asunder by a series of profound shocks, that curried death and destruction in its path, and at first he took had the natural inclination of believing it was a real certiquake, as the volcano called the Big Catherine Hill was in alight eraption at the titue. It was a relief of the control of the c the time. It was swidently a warning of some calentty, but Starring and the population at first suspected the volcano for the disturbance and expected tit to break out into violent action. There were twenty distinct violent shocks, but was surprised the inhabit ants most was the dull thundering roar far away to the north that proceeded each concerning.

The force of the concussions may be inferred from the case that the whole country between the two coat lines of the c States and as far north as Abyesinkile felt its power to a greater or lesser degree. Angelinia Agathia however, was unong the felt its power to a greater or lesser degree. Angelinia hatchild hatchild was in ruins apecial victims of this strungs elemental destruction. One third the city was in ruins apecial victims of this strungs elemental destruction. One third of its houses was dumaged beyond hope of repair, and one quarter was and two and destroyed. It unitabilitable for wooks. Reilroad and telegraph lines were torn up and destroyed, ir fourst forth in different soctions of the city, adding to the horror of the panic of the people, and then to make it worse a big flood inundated the city. Many hundreds of lives were lost, over 10,000 were seriously injured, and property valued at nearly five billion dollars was wreted by Insa is the balance to the city. The property was the city of the balance was wreted by Insa is the balance to the city.

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my dying day. I and my friends did not expect to escape. We made a sudden ruch simultaneously for the name windows and doors, but before these openings were reached, all of us resled together tward the tettering wull, and stopped, and feeling that hope of escape was drawn to the tettering wull, and stopped, and feeling that hope of the stopped with the start it was only a question of death within the publishing rost or crushed by the still and on what the seed helief that we felt over that sudden stillessed literations of the stillessed literations and on the startesses, but how rudely the stience was broken. As we quickly made a dash down the startesses and out into the otrest, already on every side arese the shrieks, the crise of pain and four, the prayers and walling of the triffied when and could be a startessed be a startessed by the stilling deat, the rule of extinct the air was filled with a strange without cloud of dwe stilling deat, through which all kinds of lights flickered dimly. hourse shours of excited men. Of in the wide street the air was filled with a strange whitest cloud of dry stifling dust, through which all kinds of lights flickered dimly. Mand on every side were harrying forms of men and mone women and children, bare headed partly dressed, any of whom were crezed and frantic with fear, anger and excitement. Here and ther's I saw some woman supported half validating in the arms of her husband who was winly trying to soothe her while he carried he r to the open apace at the middle of the street where tree nt safty seems assured, there a woman space at the middle of the street where tree nt safty seems assured, there a woman less on the paroment with upturned face, and overstothed limbs, and a croad collects to try and arrance her, or find whether she is alive or doud.

Through some windows over look has a street, in one of the higher buildings a sudden strange light flures, and it becomes galckly brighter and in a few minutes the crystrange light flures, and to be comes galckly brighter and in a few minutes the crystrange light flures, and to be comes galckly brighter and in a few minutes the spot in an effort of "fire" rescands from the crowds of geople. A rush is made tward the spot in an effort to put it out to be such that the spot in an effort to put it out to be such that the spot in an effort to put it of late. But at this sumpt somewhere, is hard again the deep online as to coming roll which is already too well known for any one to mistake it for thunder.

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It grows louder and nearer and all is forgotten in the fe frensized rush for open is good, the middle of the widest streets where only there is hope of security from the falling buildings faint even though it be. The tall builfings on either tity side stout the darkness of the sky and stare, and even seem to be handing and overhapping everyfoot of ground between them, their chartered corniess and coping, the tops of their streets indeed it does frowing walls appear piled from both sides to the center of the streets, indeed it does appear that merely a clighter shock than necessary would now send the shattered meases again sways them, and the mystericas district determine the standing, down upon the people below, he look up to the, and shrink together as the tremer of the specks again sways them, and the mystericas district determine swell and roll along, like some infernal drum teat, sum oning them all to die.

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THEY WERE ABLE TO JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES INDEED THE EXTENT OF THE DISASTER MORE CLOSE, Y when most of the forest fire smoke had cleared off considerably by the aid of a strong westerly wind. All the country north of Abbieum through which they had passed had been laid waste. Larre muses of all kinds of rocks had v been detathed from the mountains and obstructed the course of streams which had overflowed their benks, or changed their and obstructed the course of streams which had overflowed their bonks, or changed their cil course. Whole villinges for from Abbieann had been destroyed, and all directions still even now, rose some luma lamenations of the unfortunate inhabitants who could not get over their distress so quickly. The region over which the floods of "aters had even carried was no longer to be identified as the same, covered as it was with debris of every kind, and withat hick layer of sand and mud. The concussion of the explosions had overthorny everthrown all the houses in the towns with the exception about twenty

had overthorn overthrown all the houses in the towns with the exception about twenty in the irgest town largest town, and even these were badly damaged.

All of the buildings which were made of solid concrete and iron and brick and other solid manoury including the manufer churches, were heaps of ruins, and most of the very inhabitants had perished. Starring realized more than ever that in calverinia, disaster of whis kind was invariably causing the inhabitants who could to emigrate to other constries. Old men, women and children, formed themselves in groups, and traveled through the country. They even set the drama in which they all have taken part to music and they journeyed to one villiage and another, singing or shouting the rude vorses they had composed, and then sending the hat around. Many of those who could by boat raft and so forth leave the flood regions of the couth did so but it was alow journey full of perils and exposure.

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The western half of pengall State, as Starring traced on his map is also a part of the disaster center, including some of the largest and beautiful towns that have been injured or destroyed. Stretching from northwest to southeast, the strings of ruined to js and towns and villiages beginning wi with Cosejose and Veigolumu reaches well into the big flood region. On the northwestern shore of the flood region lies the town of Monotombia, while between the flood and this town is the city Maya. gix of the best towns have been literally blown up, one of these explosions being heard as far ad previously mentioned, and the force of the explosion threw dust and lighter dirt

ad previously mentioned, and the force of the explosion threw dust and lighter dirt and fragments of buildings and forests over an area outlanted at 1,300,000 square miles.

E Even in the State of Calverinia the big city of gun Balvador, once the capital of Calverinia, also mas injured by the concassions. It was to the sizes and width of the streets of this city that many of the inhabitants owed their lives, as they found in the center of these streets a refuge from their falling houses. Of course the city never tholess was reduced to ha a heap of ruins, not a single building being left standing. There were pro premonatiry shocks before the greater ones, and many arouned from their beds took head of the warning and escaped to places of safty or otherwise the loss of life would have been even more terrible than it has. There were many ore towns totally destroyed than can be listed here and many lives were lost.

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The shocks which caused the most dumano, and though produced by the explosions has or had at first a strange kind of ceillatery movement lasting over fourteen minutes and ending in a general ope upheaval of the oith, the result being that solid walls arches, and strongly branced roofs, were brok broken and severed or split like pipe stems ...

In the vinicity of Classplania it was said that a large number of small villiance villiages disappeared entirely. The city of Culverine was such shaken considerable damage was fo done to buildings specially to buildings and charches and other chifices of large size, several of which were reduced to rains. The lose of life however was waite quite small. Neverth less this was the most severe co nvulsion of the country for the shocks were felt over almost all the nation, causing many deaths feathering more property than can be believed. In Begunll Bengall gitte over 100,000 people lost their lives, where theconcussion fore down all the buildings of every town and villiage.

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It is strange too the magnitude of the disaster, for culverinian cities and towns are famous for their size, the smallest villianes having a population of eighteen, to twenty thousand. And yet so many have been dest oyed or wrecked.

these successions of tremendous shocks, which although the logs of life was smallll were exec dingly destructive to property. At the midnight hour of June The first, the inhabit ents of this district, were aroused from their bods by the occurance of a fifteen minted succession of the most peculiar and most sovere shocks over experience, and never succession of the most peculiar and most sovere shocks over experience, and nover before had the oldest inhabitant ever experienced such a thing an an our inhabitant soldest inhabitant of the property of th

iplaces.

In many places even, the rails were were bent or corved, as if they had been intentionally beht. The first checks were less nevere than the last, the last shock narming the population of every city and town, and driving the inhabitants at opec out of their beds, and from their houses, into the streets. This curthquake shocks produced by the terrific explosions were also felt at Tonanda, where it lasted fifteen minutes also, moving many buildings from their houses, and creating the most intense la larms. To what extent this tendancy to the explosion concussion shocks threatened the whole of Calverinia it was difficult to say. Beyond question the concussions did do a great deal of dumage to many far away towns undeities, and therefore so intense was the cutastrophe, and so far extended that all efforts are being made to learn its real causes.

Indeed the e.g.y keeps the whole of Calverinia continually disturbed by the disasters and various calamities of the war. Even around the deep bayd of this vast and splendid region, upon the shores laved by the waters of the Calverinia sea, and also about the large inland lakes accured disasters of every description produced or caused by the enemy. The firem also that consume the forests, so etimes turns even far beneath the soil because of the torrific heart, and all often causes serious trouble to the very landscape. In all probabilities three times within the two years, the city of Angelinia Angelina and also broothy cale have been alighty destroyed by the far reaching conclusions of the most tremendous explosions of the war, and there is not in all calverinia, Angelina and also to the tarts are only other central State of Abbicamina a single capt that has not been visited by one or are of these violent disasters. In the most in the singular Phenomens.

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To thisse disasters exp especially of the Flood horror starring had specieved the story from another eye withese. He was a engineer of bridges entrusted with an official micron, who had witheseed the Abbiequalua, horror in the morning at about six colock and thoughing sought to congeal his destrictation of the special field in the special field of the special

fire, some or them declaring that a disaster of this character had jus voccured somewhere in the distince.

The Mayor who acted as host and who was an elderly man much esteemed in the district for his knowledge, went on to describe many such catastrophes since the war started which he claimed he himself an had witnessed. He spoke more partic larly of the big floods just past in 1912, and other horrors. He also told his gests that some acc caption of some steament had told him that upon the following day, when more than one hundred miles away he had found the whole country covered by a sea of smoke, and had experienced great difficulty in threading a way for his ship down the river through this dones for of smoke, which you could not see through even a distance of ten feet.

The try one, including a criegare had his story to tell, and while the party were still in converse ion, a terrible noise far to the north like a series of long thunder rolls was heard and a shaking of the earth followed each detonation.

Af At first the shocks seemed to te ricing upward and then descending down ward, but after a few more moments they became transformed into indulations travelling or thin ward. Expecting it to be a sort of artinguake they wondered thy the soil did not no undulate like the surface of a stormy sea, but hevertights at the first within sight by the films of lights from the house were seen to rock a and for the sort of danger were able to fellow with over increasing interest and some a ethe strange rapid.

were able to follow with over increasing interest and some a e the strange rapid phases of the disturbance, then it finally caused. Lut none ever went to bed that night

not a single person in the whole town.

It was not till two days after that the flood came, as it took two days to travel this far down from its gource even at a speed of fourty miles an hour; "Our attention was culled" related the engineer "To a terrible commotion in the direction of the river, but I cannot express what I then saw, but I dod not know whether I a was awake or a proy to a terrible night more, or whether I was in the world of engineer or an engineer of the river had reace reached un inusal height, threatening to overtop the highest levers, and then ward the north an unusal neight, threatening to overtop the highest levees, and then uvard the north an immense roll of water was seen moving down over the whole country side, which roaring and flecked with foam reached no high that it intercepted the sufficiency, and the second as if the c will of water collapsed, there was a noise like this containing waves oblitters of the river in one sweep, and cambed I tward the plain. I could ing waves oblitters of the river in one sweep, and cambed I tward the plain. I could see people fleching from the towns but the wave was too ewift for them. I and my own companions would have perished also if we had not been standing pon highly elevated

Indeed the outbrook of the war itself had brought a great accession of googlesion and an other disactors, also to the number of recorded explosion escale and flood horrors but Calverinia alone had furnished almost innumerable instances of the various disactors. Of all the care and of the high terms numan which had been superby developing and the service of the disactorous explosiones. The superby acceptance of the the concussion of the disactorous explosiones. The superby acceptance of the the concussion cutactory, around it including Solo Schlosder Tork 1912. This content is a superby and the concussion cutactory, around it including Solo Schlosder Tork 1912. The superby acceptance of the three concussion cutactory, and all the concussion cutactory of the concussion of th

worse not a building having been left standing with even the first floor. The Cathedrale of St Michael, John and Filemun were at the moment throughd with people hearing a Midnight special man for a retition of the ending of the war. It is east not one escaped live, all were believed to be bruied baried along with the objects of their Holy Worship under the ruins of their Catherbutted. Consecrated buildings. The villings of St Ann also on the Gallillos Rum containing an orphan acylum in which upwards of thirty hundred children were malespatable time, was leveled to the ground completely like a postage stamp while he orphan acylum though razed at the left wing, was only partly damaged and of the inhabitants these liftle ones were the only survivors.

Although at Big Girl Knool, although so distant from the centre of the explosion disturbunes, a great deal of damage was don b done to the bigger buildings and the churches and other publick public buildings by the shocks, several being entirely destroyed. The private houses and other buildings of smaller size and moderate height

nestroyed. The private houses and other buildings of smaller size and moderate height however were spared. The inhabitants of this fair city, having been greatly alarmed by the uproar in the far distance had devoted the next day to carrying in ps procession through the streets the images and relies of the gaints, in the hope of obtaining the favor from God of appease ithe actions of the ground. They were domed to learn by experience, that any part of the country that has too much overconfidence of what they think the enemy cannot do is a very insecure idea indeed.

they think the enemy cunnot do is a very insecure idea indeed.

The city of v Carcartor was totally destroyed, though and besides that all of the inholtants were burled beneaty in beneath; the rules, only city. The Trinity and other Cathedrals, many of which were more severs in the northern parts of the city. The Trinity and other Cathedrals, many of which were more than two hut we hundred feet high were reduced to a mass of rules not more than four or live feet high. The subsidence of the rules was such that even scarcely a vastige of a filar or column could be located though the pillars had been twenty of thirty feet thick. The barracks of a mobolization camp neur this gity, disuppeared altogether in the floods that and down only a way to the city was the only surviving force from a troo troop of 10,000 men. Three quarters of the city was ctually annihilated by the flood that afterwards descraded upon it. The houses that were or had not collapsed, and olay had been craoned to such an extent that the inhabitants did not ware reenter them were swept away by the flood. To the estimate of the five hundred thousand of these inhabitants, homeless victime caused by shooks and floodmat be added the many from other towns near by, who also were homeless and faced starvation, and were in danger of perishing for want of food and relief. The days and

nights fol wfollowing the disaster presented the mosth lamentable scene of desolation and was which no one could ever conclove. The thick lawer of facts to reine obscired the air like mist, find distinct also which nace made from the thick lawer of reine obscired the air like mist, find distinct also which nace made the conclosions had accounted the fair like work of the flood, and the appet of the red sky was in striking contract fitted who no no of the flood, and the appet of the red sky was in striking contract fitted in the contract fitted was an expensive the red seed in some factor who were vainly trying the result to it was an important of the red seed in some factor with the contract fitted was an expensive the red seed in the contract fitted was an expensive to them, but who they hoped might be discovered in the crowd of refugees. The injured lying half barden beneath the ring was made making mistoria appeals for help, but ever twenty thousand were taken out inhert. And never did himman kindness and sympathy rowal likelf in a more teaching and more facilities appeared offerts to relief the sufferers whose rice was incentions facilities were convenient to the fact. There were no book to even plear away the wrickness recking to rescue them, and therefore the work of relief done by the savivors had to be performed with the naked hands, and other meanus.

The many sick out of the hearthals all she had escaped from the ruins of the hearthal buildings were carried to the open atreets and animons of the concept were builded beneath the ruins and for large there was an animal provided in providing the conficult into the billing were carried to the open atreets and animons of the necessary were buried beneath the ruins and for large there was an animal and water man and for the body there were advised to the red them. It was necessary also, to dispose of the dead, with all disputch, and in the impossibility of diving decent build to be many thousand of carriage. nights fol wfollowing the disaster presented the mosth lamentable scene of desolution

up the springs that fed them. It was necessary also, to dispose of the dead, with all disputch, and in the impossibility of of civing decent build to so many thousand of corpses, datachments of surviving men citizens were advised to burn them. Immense funeral pyres were created between the ruins, and the coronomy lasted several days. The flares hundreds of shocks which had in less than even in a minute occassioned such wide aprend disasters, sould not be expected to have confined their destructive offsets to one narrow zone of the Calverinian and Angelinian Continuints, and there of course extended to a great part of Abbisancia, Abyssinkile, and especially to foriegn lands are settly of Possety for the calvering the start of Possety for the calvering the settle of Possety for the calvering the calver the

as well.

The city of Fowerty Row, Vignon, In Pl Polama, pl verso, El cazo, can Antonio, mandor, La Guayra, Mayqueta, ntimango, La Vega, can Filip, and Al Pronio, were partially destroyed by the concension, but the doath list was considered to be nil.

The whole castern and Western Coast of Culvetinia, was also violently convulsed by the deuccession of shocks, the most of culvetinia, was also violently convulsed by the deuccession of shocks, the most of culvetinia was also violently convulsed by the deuccession of shocks, the most of which were of the most greatest as severity. At some points the heavings of the earth were quite perciptable to the eye. The sea rose and fell to a great extent in the harbor of Cilvarine, and the hitse hadreds of them a peared as if they were first forced through the water, and then struck on the ground. The town of Anna Aror Aronsburg, and neveral athera, are, and to be somewhat dumaged but not completely overthrown, sounds like the loudest thunder at a distunce accompanied by the shocks, and it was felt all along the whole extent of the two cast count lines. The shock a however were most immaterial in Calvarinia. The garles of shocks were ines. The shoc a however were most disasterous in Galverinia. The series of shocks were felt to a slight degree throughout Abysainkile overfa large extent of the country, stretc stretching from the boundary ine, on the northwest border to Abbicania Abbicannia a distance of three thousand four hundred miles. The effect was set severe about three the southern portion of Domdobin State, where a score of a towns were shaken the pough of right in eight to escite the populace, and in Horthern Calvernia, the cities of realismen, Plax Pisconna. Arieuma, Tennama, Port Ilayanna, and several others were somewhat damaged, and in the vestors rarts, many places were shaken badly. A small city called groce was engulsed in the ensueing flood, and its site will always now be occusied by a lake formed by the flood. Owever it is claimed in this locality there was no loss of life, or any one injured though hundreds of thousands were rend-

dered homeless.

The conqueston shocks were exportenced, and of a serious character, over large areas around be light's function. At simplem a function, the shocks of the severest hat we lested over ten minutes, comewhat with a veritical metion, as if the ground not only danced under foot but made the buildings what do many funny and yet strange atles. In Headrick Section of the city, two big Cathedrals and many buildings were damaged and barracks of thebesisging unniew houseing millions of soldiers looked as if they were blown down. To one however was willed, and the shelterless were forced to seek refuge in the higher sections of the beseigning lines from the floods, and mad damage was done to pr property. Some of the most disasternus effects of the shocks wisted calman and Headwick City, the region of its influence, extending all the way from form Abicann, it was felt per ceptibly at Headwick City, ten ten thence it traveled north but losing intensity as it went, untill it reached the southern boundary of Abbicannia State, where its work of destruction lessened. Submidded the southern boundary of beginning with great intensity in; r injuring some buildings in Mandrill, Aldron, and ar destroying in some parts the citions of Coucta Run, san Antoli Junction, and are destroying in some parts the citions of Coucta Run, san Antoli Junction, and could be a submidged of people. dered homeless.

thousands of people.

During the shocks, for fifteen minutes a succession of strange rumbling sounds in the far distance was heard, not beneath the growd, but along the northern herizon line,,, and for every sound the shock was felt, with intensity according to the measure of sound and concussion. The premonitory sympton was followed by the last and worst sounds by the most terrific of the shocks. In Apirania, it shook down the walls of houses, turbed down churches, and the principal buildings, and rendered the citizens homeless. There being a loss of life of near sixteen thousand or more. The worse of the shocks completed the ruin, and to add to the horrors of the culamity, the spiana worest region eact of the city broke out into fierce conflagration, the fires gaining in such immense

east of the city broke out into ficrce conflagration, the fires gaining in such immense quantities of conflagration that the city was threatened and all surviving men of every town went to fight the fire and fortunately brought in under control, skm some of the severest shocks of the concussion was also felt throughout Mullecatt Mate, which destroyed a considerable priton of the rown of Miles entur. The worst shocks only lasted twenty seconds but in that time the portion of the town facing the direction of the sounds was laid in complete and total ruins. Every one of the ropulation in that section were killed. T.

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Chapter Eighteen

THE FIRE HURBICAME CROSSES THE MIVER

MIAT OCCUPS ON THE MARY JAME.

TERRIBLE AND HARROWING SCENES.

THE POADSTEAD OF ABBIEANN SWEPT BY A WHIRIWIND OF FIFE. BAILOPS SCONCHED TO DEATH AT THEIR POSTS. SCENES ON THE MARY JAME, AND HEROIST OF CAPTIAN SAINDERS AND STARRING AND CREW OF THE SHIP. ..

To begin with on the twenty eight day of geptember 1913 starring and all those on board the ship waiting for another ravorable moment to enter Abbieann to explore the Luke Angeline Section which was said to have sunk beneath the waves had the worse and most tryingexperience of their lives, a when a whirtwind of fire that burst in fury from the southwest and east simultaneously swept the citys River roadstead clear of everything within sight, save Starrings ship which though set aftre and badly dumaged was released from her morings by the scorched and burned survivors among her creating pitifully away with dismantled rigging and charred sheets, an unrecognizable hulk gray with ashes blown from the forests and with with dead men lying where they fell among her decks. The vessel had been on the west side of the river harbor when the flery conflagration of the forest wraped the shrouns of the densest forests around eastern Abbleann in sheets of flame.

As if in terror of that withering sea of fire, the waters of the river seemed to change its course. The force of the f hurricane accomplished this and for a distance of a hundred feet it swept backwards in a wrong direction seemingly tward the vortex of the fire hurricane, which rushed in persuit of the fleeing waters. In another moment the mighty river returned to its course and like an energy turned upon its persuer, and like a fearful tidal wave it swept back tward the north lifted the burning ship high into the air, and engulted a part of the ruined city. When the strange river tiad wave had spont its force, the waters of the river were thick with the burned wrockage of the shore and city, and in the midst of it the salions of the Mary Jane were strugged ling desperately for life. And as they fought and chocked, and fainted and sank, the fiery harricane raged furiously and hot around them, and yellow sulphurious fumes and thick chocking smoke hastened the merciful h end for many.

It was a terrible experience for starring for few of his followers came out of that arful bat baptism of fire and water alive. The experience goes as follows;

The Mary Jame had cast anchor and held in the rivers nondstead ever since the arival of at Abbieann, and Starring had investigated the city for about six days with some findings which seemed to prove the indications that the disaster was not caused by volcanic eruptions. She had passed once already through a terrific cath of fire on her way to Abbieann and with some loss at that time.

Angeline niches was in a boat alongeide the steamer chatting with starring about the adventure so far, when one of the Rangers on deck noticed it was growing very dark as if a thunderstorm was coming, and a great great winustorm was rising while in the southwest there was a terrific sheen of light extending from the horizon from end to end. In another direction about the southeast there was a terrific wall of roiling smoke and it seemed to move forward with the speed of a cornado cloud.

Thinking it was such he shouted" Tornado. " Angeline ichee with her heart almost in her mouth from the shock looked, and saw the tramendous cloud of smake spreading with terrific rapidity over the southern n and eastern section of the great forests near Abbieann, a forest so thick that only you could go through by roadways and paths, plasthere a bady could not squesse between the trees, ghe doked in terror and juickly or an instant later the corner section of this forest was enveloped in a sheet of flame that spread like a flood, and the

terrific wind rained sparks and flaming embers on board.
"Quick for heavens sake get on board" s screamed the Rangers, " and she did so. She had just time to climb on board, when her boat disuppeared, and the terrific hurricane had just time to climb on board, when her boat disuppeared, and the whole wall of increased to a cyl cyclonicwind and before you could wink an eye the whole wall of forests before their view burst into flames.

"clear the deck every one of you" shouted gtarring, grabbing Jennie Turmer by the arm and pulling her along with you. "Captian get the ship going quick."

Several of the crew started for the pilot house but were quickly scorched to death. Starring rushed to the Engine room yelling frantically;

"Get the engines going for heavens sake."
"giv whats the matter"! Cried the Engineer. "Are the glandeliniums attacking, ?" and

he asked this question as he rushed to obey the order. "No its worse than that" shouted Starring. "The world is on fire." "Good God" cried the engineer, and by supper human efforts, having steam up fortunately the cable was slipped, and the steamer bucked away from the shore, and then started

some worthy for a million dollar moving picture of this drama alone, some worthy for a million dollar moving picture of this drama alone, while the ship started to back off, the Mary James officers and crew had a thrilling while the ship started to back off, the Mary James officers and crew had a thrilling experience which never again o would they wish for. As the ship started a rain of fiery embers began to fly all about, and sulphurious ps posionous fumes from the burning pine and hemlook trees, began the to envel pe the Abbieum harbor, and the flames reaching clear across the river, and sheting the very sky overhoud with a cloud of

booming flames threatened to envelope the ship.

There was a terrible uproad on shore as if a tornado was lashing the burning forests thich became like a molten planet, and the cuptim ordered all speed shead, and dashed for the plotet house himself, and steered for the open waters, closing the door to

keep out the heat and the wild windows also. Amid the terrible excitement the officers and crew jumped below, and closed all the hutches to shut out the flumes and smoke. The cuptian remained atbhis whoel too

cas finally forced to go below, budly burned, and the of ip with no gaiding hand at her helm run her own ruge for oufty, but seeming to close in more neuror to the borning side of the shore. The chief clerk, five of the crow, and the supercurgo, jumped overboard before they could be restrained and were scalded to death in the auter.

The suddeness of the an smal catastrophe merved Starring and for a time he was not courageous enough to dure take the hem holm himself, and when he then samened courage, to try it, Jennie urmer threatened to shoot him if he placed himself in that dangerou place. Five sallors were seen to full dead at their post, while accisting in the work of slipping the anchors. As far as eye could reach the fire ran along the short like the speed of a hurricane. The river was moving back on its course at the time instead of running its usual war.

The water was 'inally coming back however and the ship was tossed high in the air on a crest of water like an upheavened ocean, whirled around, and its deck houses rint in splinters. The gagineer with str steam on, crowded on all speed for the open river to escape what did seem like the fulfillment of the biblical prophecy of the end of the world but as there was no guiding hand at the helm the ship wa was drifting closer to the rouring sesthing hell on shore.

Those during to take chances experienced the greatest difficulty in trying to reached the burning pilot house, and appailing rounds were issueing from the flame event valleys and hillsides must of the city, which were shrouded in smoke and flame. All the Pangers were up, and some despite the peril were trying to obtain photographs

of the scene, and Anceline Riches and Jennie Turmer thought they were foole, suddenly starring and the others neard a tremendous explosion on shore and wondered what the live nad struck. The wind blew thick clouds of red not asnes on week, and ne or would are a black a cloud sweeping down upon the river. He ran welow into the lower capin, taking the two girls with him, and sprang into the room and shut the goor to keep out the heat, which was almost unvegravie. The snip rocked, and Starring expected that every moment it would sink.

"gor heavens sake open the door" cried some one outside. "For neavens sake wopen

Starring had to summon courage to open the door, out he wid. and uragged the first mate in quickly.

It soon because unpearably hot inside, but as it seemed the wind had died down
Starring took the courage to go on the lower dock. All about to his horror were lying
dead and dying, come of them were meaning for water, and Starring did what he could
for them, while a sailor took the helm. Starring obtained water, but when it was held to their swoilen lips, they were unable to swallor because of the heat which reasted the inside of their throats. One man took water in this method, and rise rinsed out some of the dahes, but even then could not swallow, so padly was his throat burned.

He sink tack inconectous, and a few moments later died.

All aft the ship was after, and from the owning landscapes came drafts of most terrible heat, and the distant hillslopes looked as if they were covered with glaring laws. One man becoming crased from the heat, flung himself into the river, out graring jumped overboard after him. The water was almost hot enough to parboil him, but a wave of fresh water soon swept in from the north bringing with it cooler water. Starring and the man he had resolved was caught in the wave, which was of tidal velocity, and carried down the river, and was washed against an acturned sloop to which he clumg. The can Starring had rescued was in dreadful acony, and kept one included the clumg. The can starring had rescued was in dreadful acony, and kept one included the put back on the ship. Picking up some wreckage, and a floating tool chest, gtarring managed with the aid of others who came to join him made a rude raft, or which he placed the man he had rescued. Seeing an upturned boat, He asked one of the cix men to swim for it and bring it over so the rescued man may have an opportunity to live. The man succeeded in getting the boat righted, but instead of being able to return the current of the river swept him and the boat down stream and he was drowned.

Seeing the ship coming back for him, Starring made the raft head for the ship and he and the man were helped aboard. The others had taken to the choreward of the and the man he had rescued was caught in the wave, which was of tidal velocity, and

city to escape the biting heat.

The gangwayman whose life was saved, by Starring, told of a woman and child on board the ship was was who was burned to death while she held her aby inher arms, protecting it with her own body from the fire that filled the air. The children were alive long

after their poor mother had ceused to suffer.

Another officer of the wary Jane who was saved also by Walter Starring, was Henry Altothe the second ,ate of the Steamer. Hile the rescue work was going on, there was a sudden and most terrific report, and a part of the forest seemed to give vent to an agily mass of dark rolling smoke, which spreading over the entire region for about seventee seventeen miles suddenly croke into a solid flame of tire. The fire had struck an cil and tar bog in the forests, and this flame spreading with harricans speed, spread the densest black smoke over the river and forcets and over the entire city, enveloping all the view in a perfect maelstrom. A tidal wave of shooting fire passing over the river , and fire, mud, flaming oils, and hot stones rained upon the decks of the Mary June. Starring was again forced to take return in the cabin, burying himself in the bed clothes. The men however who were not dead now disabled fought the ships fire desperately, while the cartian again took the helm. The auf at cloud of fire togoling rising and surging and rouring across the sky from the bizing forests was seen to sweep with lightning spp speed up the hillstates, and found the city and the Worth pend of

"My God, if it reaches there and cames we are trapped" shouted starring. "Engineer

put on full speed. We must race the fact. " five."

"I've got on all the steam should give, the confineer cried. Everyone was scattering before the rain of tiery debrie, when again with a frightful rear, and something ike a like a terrific fireworks display, mother evelone of tire awayt up over the straight north burning all before it, and saking a racing appeal for the porth gond.

"We have to beat that have id riery checking which wind of fire before its envelopes with Pend." and Sturing. "Ruman Tumor point shocker and see if you can aid the engineer put on more about but he ship in after aft, and the rem are finding it forward. We must a second or we cannot enough and entitle our include.

One of the firemen who was a off duty at the time and who had been on deck admidships and who had ascaped the horror rushed below, mother man got to the windlass, and some thing knocked him flat. The caption though oficking to the ships helm was horribly burned. It seemed he had inhaled some of the rlames, but he hing on to save the ship and the rest, even though some of the other crew wanted to jump into the river. Indeed the ciptian was a praye man too praye to be burned to death. It was now five minutes since the terrible scene started and the captian finally got the ship into the middle of the streum. One of the seamen who was no frightfully burned that he could not live havi having theled flame, said in weak tones that no one would pull through the "hell".

"Starring same hoped to beat in the race with that " cyclone of smoke and fire, but such you the positionous checking nature of the smoke that it seemed to burn worse than the fire, and no one of the survivors could remain on deck. The cloud seemed pigger than the piggest storm clouds, and the fire seemed to purn the forests everywhere at once and the heat was so tremendous that some of the rules in the city far away began

A nother member of the err escaped death, when after being thrown overboard, he fastered himself to the bowsprit of the vessel, which stood out of the water, when the ship for a moment or two ran aground on a river shallows, and he as saved, just as the vessel plunged i to deep water again. Just as he was saved there was a roar that rent the air and sky, and mas made they wasts of the ship to quiver, and the ship to shiver as thoughshe were alive, we one could describe the noise for it left some of the hearers sense senselens for an instant. The whole sky was black, and there was a great upright sheen of flame, that must have reached for numberless miles, and which pierced the great rolling clouds in undurating waves.

Once the ship was only a few hundred feet from the shore, and it seemed only an instant before the fire began to come clear μ the t to the very edge of the sh where line owning the trees now at the very waters edge. The whole forests seemed swallowed up in an undulating sea of fire. The fire streaming onward also reached the edge of the shore of the River condition, and there was an arrill hissing sound, as the burning trees and fire brands fell into the water. The air was seething with flames, the say was all aftre, and held indeed seemed to break loose.

The mad race for north and was on. As the ship stramed on with her engines rinning almost above their agend, Angeline Biohes teking the chences after wetting her clothes went on deck. Just us she did so some one hollowed;

"Look at the forest on shore."

An one reached the deck she saw the vast cloud of smoke and fire, and the same man shouted "It is coming over the river to below for your life."

Indeed she rished to the saloon. Just as she reached it she experienced a feeling of suffocation, tollowed by intense heat. The ship broke into flames at mother quarter as just as the flames aft were put out. The shipe carpenter assisted Angeline piches and Jennie amor and the two boy scouts to a petter quartor, with the help of a ranger he brought down a cot, and upon this the two girl scouts were placed. while this was being done another sailor died. The carpenter brought the two little girls water at great reasonal danger. The two girls suffered some burns, it was a long rim for the ship to pass through the shower of embers and fire and clouds of smoke to race the conflagration to worth pend. The ship had half war more to go get, and the ship was covered with a mass of fine gray ashes from the wind blown smoulders from the places. In some places it lay in drifts on the decks. This had rallen in a rad hot state all over the steamer setting fire to everything it struck that could nurn, and when it tell on men on board nurning off limbs, and large places of flock. This was shown by finding portions of h man remains, when after the excitement was over and the decks were cleared of the debris.

The rigging, rops, tarpualins, and ammings, were charred or burned, and most of the upper stanchions and spars had been swept overboard, or destroyed by the heat of the fire on shore. ekylights were smushed, and cabins were filled with smoke. The

score of ruin was deplorable. Faster and raster went the ship, and suddenly Starring observed the black squall of smake to a greach the ship wa from the land side, and the air grew darker than ever. Starring knowing the nature of this saffacating smoke, relied out to everybody to stand clour, and almost in an instant the whole ship and landscape was enveloped in total darkness, and the air again seemed to be filled with flame, and railing patches of fire, which ignited everything they struck. The fire tack hold of the ship in all parts and the remainder of the crew who had dared to come abourd on deck again reshed about front c with pain and fright. Stauring of course had gone into his cabin and short the short the door, and closed the port before it admitted the hoas heat. As soon as he could get at of the cubin, he rushed to the engineers telegraph, and signalled to the engineer to keep the engines at full speed, and maited for an answer. The cable chain had been metted away by the rierce heat of the fire on shore. Starring tried to help the cartian work the wheel to stear the ably which was again drifting for shore, but the steering near seemed to be stuck or tarmed, and would not work. Hevertheless the engineers was keeping the engines going whead and astern afternately, haping the ship could thus be headed to the middle of the river. While the captian and Starring were mane wering the ship, it nearly coilided with a ficating house in the river.

Huge tongues of flame was rising from the mover section of the house. Tuny of the cres had rached below, and after a time Starring having the eronger stronger hand got the steering sear to work, and the ship was headed from the burning share once more. As the sky again cleared a little, and it was possible to see around the deck, the

as the sky again elected a strine, and it was possible to see around the deck, the sight was phospit, here were bytes acroaming and writhing in again agony all around. Starring halfwed he immedif was in a bad state, almost smaller to lift his hand, and the blood from his reside and burns on his forehead, kept remains into his eyes. Starring decided to win the race for north field at all costs, and with the help of

has distant, one on theer, and the bonds win, he succeeded in to the design of the stream. Turker this territic run all sound were every printer out the thica, working in the store hade raising steam, and traing to do what the could tor their agins, shipmater. The chief mate area a harriple anoth. It escaped iron the first h writtene, he they endeavoved to get the entr from the chove. Not their his men nellow he came on usek to look for them, and was struck by a falling limb all aflame, which burned one side of his face completely off. And in the time occupied on this terrible voyage, the experience of the survivors was still worse than that already gone through.

voyage, the experience of the survivors was still worse that that areas given through.
The brave captian and his men fighting the fire, exhausted and burned by the heat, str
struggled and worked trying to do something to acrist their dying shipmates.
Those working below strove to keep up the steam. The performance of both the captian
and sturring was most wonderful, and the more so, with the formers pittle condition.
The cone could understand how he kept it p up yet they did, even when partial darkness

Everybody who survived was badly frightened for they feared the fire on shore would win the race.

"Crowd on more steam," setarring, again signaled to the engineer, and he needed no wring. Faster and faster the ship drew away through a suffocating amosphere, gaining on the fiercely racing five, foot by foot, yard by yard, and at last the curve of the river came into sight through the haze. They were passing outside the hells mouth. It was like an escape from hell. When Starring looked at his watch he had found that they had only been about an hour reaching the bend. It had seemed an eternity, whatever it was the decks of the ship was covered. The blistered effects of the heat could be observed on the surviving masts and woodwork, and the more timid of the passenger passengers on board had not yet gotten over their fright..
Starring said that no curiousity would ever get him near the fire zone again.

During the swift speed of the ship, Penrod was among those who miraculiquely e scaped He was thrown into the water, with four satiors, and almost soulded by the near boiling water. Penrod held on to a piece of floating wreckage and saw a scene of most magnificient horror. There was an incessont blizzard of sparks, and the air whistled and

cracked as if a heavy fuestlade was being fired.

Heanwhile the boy had been drifting down the river, but the wind shifted and he was carried tward the Abbleum side of the shore. He and his companions kept affoat on their improvised rait for two hours and finally saw a burning ship while drifting about. After being adrift for about three hours, the boy saw a boat, and swam to it. It was a cames. He found it full of water, but he managed to empty the craft, and he got into it. He could see none of his companions. gome hours afterwards, they wer he was discovered from by those on board the ship just as it neared north pend. He was picked up. All this while the smoke was still troublesome, and ruins of the city was burning. With the wind drifting the smoke it became dense like a fog, and shrouded everyt everything out of sight.

The ship made signals to the shore at forth Rend but no replies were recieved. The ship then lay off for the time being to enabled the dead ones to be buried, and while this was being accomplished, those recieving treatment for their injuries and others with ossed a most remarkable specatols of fire and smoke, and many dead fishes were I floating on the river. They were cooked. Everyone on board were covered with ashes the reyes were weeping from the smarting caused by the smoke, and the heat was intol-eraple. Despite the plight of the bout the crew of the ship were forced into a rescue

As econ as north and was reached crowds of fratic people were seen on shore, and these were rescued. Some of the refugees came in small boats, women and children nearly naked and all were crying, some of the children r brought dogs and kittens as all their property. Their clothing who had any was thick with cost. A number of big pans were filled with cooked food and placed on deck, and they were surrounded by a crowd of the refugees. They were all on board within an hour. The ship was still waiting for the last ones when there was again a tremendous report of an explosion in the direction of the fire, quickly followed by a series of other reports. These explosions caused great excitement among the others on shore and the last boat returned to the ship bringing the remainder of the refugees. including the last. They had been frightened by the reports, and jumping into the river swam out to the boat. The ship after this trying experience saved sixty women and children from the endangered parth Bend, where on account of the wind there was not so much heat. Let the reader take pride never heless in the fact that Walter Starring and his followers were the first ones at the scene of the Abbieann disaster.

flaming addies, whoseling about in whirtpools of their own, and hissing and rouring in hellish factor, all this showed the heat of the fire, all this also showed that the heights of the fluxes were not disturbed by the temposy, even to heavey the flames forward in all the rashing con vulsive violence of the general and most terrible commotion, noth mountain and valley in the path of the infuriated flames were covered now with white clouds of smoke, against which the f wind first struck , and which from high pints, was lifted up like spray, but in all other places, was h hurled along with the intensecrapidity of its motion untill the whole prospect, seems seemed one sea of driffing white smoke, dusning along furiously to its dark borders by the howling fire storm.

In the meantime starrings followers below, had guthered themselves together in then len undnavine below, and yet austained through the fire atorm without loss and in tru triumph. It was not the least remarkable, and by far the most comfortable edfr circumstances in this combination of all that is grand and terrible, that furious as were the winds, towering and threatening as were the trees all aflame about to fall tward the brink of he the ravine, they properved their coolness against the fury of the one, and their maintaincece in despite of the alternate heat from the other. True it is, they were made to fight for their very lives. True it is they were made to retreat from one part of the ravine to the other, still they continued to fight their way through At such a mment it was a matter of profound deliberation which ment to admire, -----the majesty of cod exhibited in the wind and fires, or his goodness and wisdom in enabling his creatures to contend with and overcome the flarce fire elements, even in the florceness of their

Starring cast his eye abroad to the scene that almost surrounds him, and he

might have said to himself;

"I'm like an accupad soul in the midst of the flumes of perdition and yet they do not touch me, may ye indemitable wares of fire, shall bear me no harm and ye winds shall not waft me onward to the heart of the flames."And yet there he was in the fullness of this fourful experiment.

He never could beliebe it believe it possible for any forest to be swept by such a hurricane of wind and fire, without the very countryside also being laid to ruin, for he was remarked had the same forest fire passed furiously upon any big city, during the same length of time, only twenty five minutes, the flames would not have scarcely left a single house standing .. Hence where Starring was, as long as he remained there, there was little danger, but if he left his perch to go anywhere else he would have perished. His way to the ravine or glen was cut

goon however the atmp atmosphere became so thickly curtained with smoke that gtarring lost sight of the pavine, and the gnewglen. Thereforev tarring called loudly to those in the glan and ratine ravine, to know if they were all right, buththere was none to answer as nothing co could be heard above the roar of the destruction. wingly seeing a subsidence in a part of the fire, starring took the nerve to climb down the tree, and therefore wetting his clothes by a small stream dashed brough through the leaping tongues of flames and fairly threw himself into the alopes of the ravine. inally recovering himself to see if he was not injured, and seeing all of his followers still safe, he walked up to them and asked; "What are we going to do now. ?"

All were for a time silent as they did not know what to say, and now it began to rain ambors down into the rayine, and trees crushed down with noise lke thunder, and flumes roofted the ravine in a very dreadful manner, and the heat increased stillil. still greater.....

"Then Rudeliffe said;

"Oh that we had kept on ur way our way."

"who could have thought that this path should lead us into the western western path of fires. " said one of the guides. It" I believe the whole country is burning. So it vecems anyway ..., "

"I was afraid of it at the very first, said angeline Riches, and therefore gave all of yourthat gentle caution I would have sp) spoke more, but it seemed of no use to do so. "

"Good girl scout be not offended" said the captian" I am sorry to have led all u of us out of the way, and that have put ameelvee into such great danger. Pray my dear girlscout forgive me, I did not do it of an evil intent. Who could tell what move the fire would take."

"po not worry about it now, we all forgive you, and believe too this shall be for our good."

"But" said _tarring," we must not remain thus too long, let us try to go back again. I know a point there fire is not heading for. "

"I am glad" said nadeliffe, " we have with us a number of good leader leaders, a d and suides. "But we must not remain very long here, for the fire may scorch us to death when it reaches its worse. The clon is saftest. Let us try to get into it before the flumes surge over us. "

"But" said Starring; " let me go before."

"No" said madeliffe, "lot me guide our way through, that if there be any danger I may be the first to be in it......

"No, said gtarring almost starnly "You or no one else shall go first if I say so. for your minds being troubled, may load you out of the way mentirely." Then for their encouragement, they heard one of the other guiden saying !!!!!!

"Let ; us lead the troops tward the slen."

But by this time the rading flomes had greatly rises about all sides of the ravine, threatening to even out them off from the avenue leading into the deepp gles, which made the way of going back very dangerous.

Yet they made attempts to so back, tward the glen, wetting their clothes before they before they did so, but the heat was no fierce, the smoke so black and dense, and the flames reaching all about and searing up to being, that in even attemping to go back they had sked to have been scorched nine or ten times, or overcome by the funes of burning wood, and ground.

And they could not even with all the skillthey had, get again to the more sheltest sheltered part of the ravine. Now there was not far from the ravine nor the glen, a large stream and beside the stream a forest rangers shack, where explesives had been stored with the purpose of us use in blanting trees and stumps.

somehow or other feeling a sense of some vaknown damper Starring climbed part way up the alopes, to fithe ravine, and in looking over the collection of the burning forest caught sight of the explosive sheds which were three stories high... Seeing the words on one of the burna plainty written in Red""High Explosives, he yelled to his followers. They in terror maked him whence the sheds were, and whatthey did in this part of the grounds, and when he told them, he said; "Good God boys dangerous an it is well have to fight the fire from getting to these ou Gants or so are all heart manner.

" owever Radeliffe maid;

"We are out or luck anyhow. We could not get there in time. See the fire hits them already."

They were therefore forced to be propored for what might come. But they were usurprised to see the sheds flore up in torches and no explosivion explosions occuring, when said starring;

"I believe the shada are empty, and therefore the fires does not cause any blasts.
We will have a to force our way to the glan however for more safty. Who's brave
smough to go alone with m of me first."

They all felt they were forced to go, for fear of the explosions that might yet come was stronger than that of the flames. They also had but little to say, for they had known themmelves in a fault for suspenting of seeking refuge here in this dangerous locality. Starring and the men first cut their way before them, and finally all managed to flight their way through the burning rubbleh and get way down intothis into the deep glen where it was much cooler. It was manty and stinking down here because of the smadges, and here they would be trapped here no one can say. They remembered especially starring did of a friend of his who trapped in a fire was forced to remain in a deep ravine, for sis days six days without one bite of bread, a drop of water to drink, and how he survived was a wonder though for a time he had gone stark mad. They were therefore here in avil conditions also, facing the same torture as he had, and were for from help and succor.

But fortunate for them a shallow stream ran through the glen, and from its waters they kept their clothing wet. Finally the fluming embers and blazing logs from above begun to full into the glen, and they had to fight desperately to save themselves from this new peril, but some were not even able to help themselves or to stop the blazing embers from coming down, while the sky above was all of

flame and smoke. They were forced to fight on and condole their misery, and to mourn and pray under their distross. Starring also fell upon every blazing log that came hurltling down, beating at the fire with wet cloths, and meanwhile rating of the glandelinians as if they were dogs.

Some of the other getting more des e desperate did advise some to make away of themselves por me said:

"We are never likely to come out of this aforms inferns alive, that their only way out of the horror would be to make an end of themselves, jeither with knife or gum for why should we choose cot continued life seeing it is attended with so much peril."

Others almost going crazy from the torment and thirst, and the smoke begged of Starring to lotbthe let them go. but he said;

"If you go outside outside of this ravine now you'll perih perish."

Some others too began to consult among themselves whether best to kill themselves or no, and thus they began to discourse:

"James" said as "what in the world shall we do. "The horror of the fight down here makes us discrable beyond endurance, for my part I know not whether best to live or die here, or die out of my own hand. My desire almost is to die now than have to perish so miserably in the flames."

"Yes, said another" the grave is better than co down here below the inferno." ", ut another said;

"Indeed our present condition is truely dreadful, and death would be far more welcome to me thun thus to die down here in torture, but yet let us consider, that our Diessed Lord hath suid"Thou shalt do no murder"No not to another mans person. Mu Much more then are we forbidden to kill ourselves. The only excuse is rank insunity. Bonidos any one that kills another person can but committ murder upon his body, but for one who kills himself is to kill body and soul at once. And moreover dear commade, you talk of the case of the grave, but sarely yet have not forgotten the dreadful heil, where surderers cartainly go, for no murderer has eternal life.

"An this is a monomorable eight, it came opportunely to us to see if we combly '97 5 necess a text to cross the river in. If we seems one and its over no we desired and which we are inclining to so, we can probably jet off from the path of the great firms after all, and press pressure our adventage without so such discomment and and particulation we have for aught, know be saide like no maken, if we be surprized by the sain one of the fire."

"I'm sorry, anid padeliffe that you had been compelled by some missed wenture to place yourself into the way of the flame, and j am made to wonder that all of us seven now had not been feeding cursultee to the Bod demon, for you know we all are in what we can mane. "The Fire Country". Let prace and the help of God be mane feets manefeeted, and let us never cease to pray with all our heart, bet's hope we can secure boats."

"Let us take notice of what we see here for our holp, for time to come. I escaped the fire a number of times, twice with Gortraie Ang. line after two Professional Spies had shot me, for the forests fell not b, the destruction of windstorm or ax but by fire--us we see since our adventure started."

"True, and this may boto us both caution, and example, caution that we should shun the most dangerous portions of the country, or a si-prign of what dangero will evertake such as she had a contain ranger with two hundred and fifty fifty followers that portions are a contain ranger with two hundred and fifty fifty followers that portions to became, but above all, I make at one thing, to wit, how many refugees can flee as confidently through large portions of the woods with the fire not foot behind, and jot occupe without a single injury to any me, while those two hundred and fifty one rangers perioded in the flames for allowing evercaution not to be their lot, specially since the fire evertook them aid make an example for others within sight of where their bodies charred beyond recognition were found, for many could could not but help one them. It is a sud thing indeed."

"It is a thing to be wondered at" said Starring, and now it is said that the hearts of all the people of the nation have been prowing so desperate over all these disasters, that something unusual will soon occur. It may be said that Colverinia is turning t into a vast Bodom for the plague of hot fires is as that as the fire of the Lord out offliouven and Hell combined could make it. The qlandelinium nation is an exceeding sinner before god and His whole Heavenly host -- that is in His eyesight, and notwithstanding the kindnesses that me bath shown it, for we known the land of alandelinia is the the garden of adon heretofore. The sin of glandelinia , makes the s n of godom soum like no sin at all, and it is rationally to be concluded, that such nations, even as such alandelinia is, that shall sin so like so in the sight, yea and that too in despite of such examples that by history were continually set before her of other nations and their dreadful downfalls, to caution her to the contrary, must aconer or later be a partaker of severest judgements. Clandelinia I know it, positively in the long run will, not, nay cannot win. It looks like she is surely winning now, but in the end it will be uttorly impossible. I cannot be done. Our cause cannot o lose. That too is impossible just us impossible because our cause is also that of the pleased and Holy Catholic. Church, the Cause of God and His pleased Mother, which Clandelinia also trys to overthrow. Therefore we cannot lose. Glandelinia is not able to win. That is also true he knows it, and therefore resul resorts to the plan of di saster making. An | not right?"

"Doubtless thou hasth said the truth, but what a mercy of God it is, that our own nation am not made this example, therefore it is for the whole of Abbicannia to thank god, to fear f before Him , and always to remember what in the future may befall glandolinia."

They continued on their way along the banks of the river, .. Here they rode on but with a little feeling of misgiving, and when some of them stopped to drink of the river they found the nater unusually warm, when it should have been pleasant and enliveing to their weary spirits, besides on the banks of this big river, the forests of pine and other trees were much thicker than usual, being all manner of pine, and to be able to walk along the edge of the stream they had to follow its w sandy shore as to go through the forest here was nigh next to impossible, and the leaves of the trees were so thick together all pine needles that the forest f was half as dark as night, but below on the ground at some openings large brush brish brush thick withe a clusters of black berries grew, and they had a good feast of these berries. Once they thought they were approaching a meadow, but it only turned out that the river spread out wider almost in their way of travel and the water was overspread and curiously beautified with big grass and lilies. Starring suggested that they should all lie down here and sleep, for here they might lie down gaftly, whilev some of them would take turns to be on guard duty, when they awoke in the morning, they gathered again of the berries, and drank again of the water,, of the river and then lay down for a while to rest themselves. Finally when they were disposed to go on, they again ate and drank and then resumed the way. However they had not journeyed far but the river and the way for a time parted. At which they were somewhat sorry, for they felt sure they dured notgo out of the way as they might lose their bearings and go the wrong direction. And this way from the riverwas somewhat rought, and their horses hoofs were becoming somewhat tender by reason of their travels, and therefore they all became somewhat discouraged, because of the change of the routees routs, but still as they went on, they wished for the sake of their horses a better way.

Yet not far bef. m them there was on the right hand of the way a axiden road coming into view, following along side a rocky forested glen, and semetim semething like a stile to go over into it. Then said gturring to his companions;

"If this glon lies along by our wage side, let's go over into it and look it over-

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For should the Western arm of the fire take us by curprise this glen might afford us some proctection.

Then dismounting he went forward to the stile to investigation it, and behold the glen turned into a hage ravine further on, and a path wide and rocky a lay a along by the way on the other side of the fence.

"Tis according to my wish." said Starring. "It is not easy going, neither do . wish to continue the journey in this way, but if a fire comes up it would be best for us to be prepared. Come, Rudeling Radeliffe and Angeline, we are all good tree climbers, let us climb up to a high tree top and see if a fire is coming over.

"But how if this gath should lead us out of the way?"

"That is not like, said the other"But we are not going to follow it. We intend to use the refuge or the glan and ravine as a refuge if need be. Why , speak so ix is because I have mingivings. Don't you notice it getting hotter and the air hazy with smoke. We are again in its path I'm sure, confound the luck."

Bo Padeliffe and Angoline being persauded by starring went after him over the stile, to where a hundred foot pine tree stood. When they were gone over and were get into the path, they found it not so casy for their feet, and as they looker before them gtarring caw a lone ranger riding a on a horse, and they called after him and asked him whether the lan was a safe refuge in case of trouble."

"He said "yes providing there's plenty of water below."

"Look " said Starring" aid I not tell you See all the smoke coming. By this you may see we are right."

So they followed, and finally reached the tree and started climbing. It had grown very dark, so that those who followed had gone into the ravine so as not to be

The fire had spread this time by some change of wind to the northwest more direct and while advancing this now way it was becoming one of the most and terriblest visitations to which the two gtates of galverinia and Angelinia were exposed, and unknown to sturring or his followers had extended from the Aronburs un to gicmollester woods, and from there far beyond prengaline St lare city, and north of

Instances could never be recorded in any history of the clouds of the devastat ing fmule flumen crossing the Mic-Hollester Run, tward the north of West Calverinia and the gouthern part of Angeline wine, to menunce all the forests of the great Mic-Whirther num Forested regions. The conflagrations were as numerous in their species of devastating horror as it is wide in its unusual rage of territory.

Town followed town in ruin, with a sort of disaster of unusual likeness, yet

with distinct attributes.

.The forest fires first came into existance as early as the month of June 1912 but instances are not wanting, as in the present conflagration, of its main appearance as late as when it first struck the biggest town called Irientown. Even one part of the conflagration comprises myriads and myriads of forestes forests destroyed passing imagination to which only the terrors of the Infernal regions are the only fit comparison, and hence it is only almog almost a proverbial mode of expression by way of describing a vast invading army, t to liken it to the almost military manner of the advancing flumes. no dense were the flames that it is no exaggeration to say that they lighten the countryside like the sun at night. And so extense are the fires that they seem absolutely to cloth the whole country side which is being devastated like a molten sea. The noise of the flames could be heard two miles ..

This last characteristic could be stated of other sections of the forest fires, where their terrible devustation can and is also montioned. Terrific windstom windstorms and floods and the brusing and prostrating hail and sleep se sleetstorms had preceded them in their series of vis visastions the years before, but the forest fires do the work of ruin more thoroughly. For not only the crops, and fruits in fields some distunce from the conflugration are rained by the terrific far reaching heat, but the foliage of the forests miles from the conflagration itself, may the big branches, and the barks of the trees start smoking.

guch are these conflagrations --- whose existence combining that with the floods, explosion and other horrors, which many Angelii Angelinian and other 1 leaders brought forward as a good proof that Abbieannia and her gtates were fighting a real evil country, and of who, whom general Dargar, shows his national horror, when

he says that the fire consumes everything excepting rocks.

These swarms of fires grew and grew since they started untill they became a compact body of flames of a greath length and size, and yet it was but the van guard,, of a series of similar fires, fromed formed one after another from the embers and burning foluge carried over the forests by the gales, flames rising into the air like hot clouds, enlarging over the sky a terrifically red campy of tengues, and then eweaping along over the biggest of the forests. Then at length the huge mass of flames moved faster over the plains and up the hillsides, and began todouble its curser, darkening the face of day for hundreds of miles of countryside with the heavy clouds of smoke covering the sky thicker than a thundercloud. As became an instrument of Devine Power the conflagration seemed to have no a volition of its own it was swept forward like a storm tossed ocoun, it sped forward at terrific rate before the wind, and thus made northward straight where Sturring and his column were passing through Again they were in its path. Them the corte the form

Entraphyloung Painwill !

"Thave were shires. To there was or is a complete center of complete destruction and annihilation 1. There was or is a complete center of complete destruction and manifilation in thich thirty clies, eitles, all life, veretable and maintal, inc inact and so forth was adverty destroyed by only the explosions alone, the made of Abbicana and Adelehid, and other cities are in this terrible tone. 2. A zone of singing blistering forest fire flame, hurled upon the region by the buckward dum of the air clused by the explosion, also fatal to all life, killing all ren and animals, destroying the leaves on the trees, setting rew for st fires, clasing termadees of whirling fire and games, and accretion and oftenly destroying

3..A large outer non destructive some of quest and general, wherein many miles of vacciation was injured.

As I have read, and have been told the explesions themselves had great superficial force, acting in radical directions, as is evidenced by the dept. ction of hiltsdies hillsdies, and also by the condition of the ruins of what is left of Abbieunn, where on accommanying flame could have come from in eachly kn wn. The explasions also brought incundescent cinders debris of burning forests upon the city which was a officient to ca se destriction. This also has been investigated, and I am new follow ing the native of this."

Five timer while in Abbicant already Starving again started to visit the vinicity of one of the explosion craters, and returned to the city afterwards nearly exhausted. Tit with attempt to examine the most ernormous crater of all was futile. He succeeded h wever in gettingclose to it. While close by it, he witnessed a frightful explosion he wave in per injudes to it. While cope of it, he will make a lighter appear in the flaming forests from a point near the crater, and noted the accompanying homomora, while those force first fling continue as close to the criters, no sure man would aftermy to accome or go too close to the region fulfill policying the makes of detenations from a ch frequent and mosterious explanions, circumtic rolls of cloud ascended high into the groke covered sky, and then spead in a wast black sheet directly everheed and tward both north and south, east and west.

inder this shoot which extended all the way overhead vivid and awful ! lashes of light appeared with alarming from ney. They followed distinct parts of ignition. This will industry the bridge in the extensive force of something catching firm

and blowing up in the forest.

This was a most important observation and explained in part the racing on of the arful catastrophe. This phenomena is entirely new in forest fire doings. Starring tick --cary thategraphs, but y do not healthful to acknowledge that he was terified. But he was not the only one frightered. Two of his news raper correspondents, who had accompanied him becase scared, can three miles tward the vest, and tustened into Abbiecon. The refreen still semining are still termilified, boarly all of the phenomena of the forest fiven thousalves are new to neighbor, and many of them have now yet been explained. The funcat fires are raging in energy, and even the writer will not not make predictions as to what the confluenctions will next do, to do.

OOTHER ACC OUNTS OF THE TERRIBLE DISASTER. SCENES OF HOROR DESCRIPED BY A WITNESSSS. AIRIFANN AND THE BENGALL HORRORSS

In this history of the great Abbicann horror, probably nothing can be more remarkable than the extreme fewness of the events recorded by the news at the few weeks after the natement of the ernormous flood, in comparison with the other events of the great catastrophe that have been registered since that dreadful time. This may be partly accounted for by the situation that after the disaster was well under way, there was but a small portion of the habitable surface of the Calverinian and other States known to those who were capable of handling down a record of events because of the tremendous destructions of all communications, by wire, land, rail and calle combined as well as water navagiation.

hon the news finally was able to got some accounts of the unusual catastrophe the vast increase in the numbers of cities found to be decroyed destroyed, the unestimated number of dead, was therefore undoubtedly due to the slight of endressent of the nations knowledge of the diseasor, by some slight restoration of some of the communications under ground greatest difficulties.

As starring knows from evidence, besides Angeline pichee, and her other girl friends who experienced the scenes, Violet, and her staters were the only once who knew any thing about the destruction of Abbicann.

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There was much to however the disaster throughout the disaster zone which oven k now now is more than the disaster throughout the disaster zone which oven k now now is more than the disaster and the like n know nothing of the occurrance for the too dangerous to explore. Even at the present time know disaster were for the too dangerous to explore. Even at the present time know disaster were large of the country too, which are thickly inhabitated and where there were large cities and town to be overthrown, von great crisastrophes had happened which were am almost usheeded, because of the same will it untion, and the surviving inhabitant almost beyond aid because of this, and forced to exodus from the region untill they reach place of safty, and then from only these refugees do the news of the afful attactorphes come in.

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All the terror cannot and does not fade from their memorial environments of the form of the form of the form of the form and the intensity of their terror cannot and does not fade from their memorial environments of the form as a baby between Abbleunnia and declared to exodus.

Abbleunn en example of this complete obtained to the form the volcano of my form the vo

and one smoke of a number. Attaining almost lanced me was out in commortan and all the days and was a personator of Lot end was viewing Sodon and Gommortan and all the land of the plain after god and overthrown those cities, and all the plain, and all the linhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. He famicied that what is left of abbleann was gommortan and that of what he had seen of deleheld was coden, and that 'Qod had rained fire and brimestine down upon the whole country codom, and that he and her followers were a witness of it all. The immensity of the catastro and that he and her followers were a witness of it all. The immensity of the catastro phe sometimes really made gtarring slightly doubt if the enemy had been the cause phe sometimes really made gtarring slightly doubt if the enemy had been the cause phe sometimes really made starring slightly doubt if the enemy had been the cause phe sometimes really made starring slightly doubt if the enemy had been the cause of itself wondered if it had not been a sudden volcanic or uption from the very plains of the that which in one night destroyed the cities of pompell and nerculaneums. But then he knew full well the craters he had seen, though large, had no shape of those formed by volcanic eruptions, and at the time of this tremendous convulsion in engall atte, and the vest tract of country comportising so many cities and so much land north und south of them had been violently shaken and overturned ther. The much land north und south of them had been violently shaken and overturned ther. We was no evidence in mater materials and anything else of there had seen any such thing as the volcanic action. He recalled the written statements by some witness witnesses that strange men had been ucting as suspiciously around the region some vitues before the disaster.

witnesses that strange men had been detailed to the before the disaster.

Of a large section of the valleys watered by the Mic-Hollester Run, that south of ableann was the largest and most properous, most forested, and the most populous. All the northern and southern part of this valley with its woods and its broad river though not upheuvend by the cracking concussions was totally wiped out by the "RED PLA-UE" not even the akelenton of a burned tree left standing. Iron and steel

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and steel aridgen were molted like wax by the head writeh was felt for many miles. All the region of the explanion area itself, with the woods, cultivated fields, and the broad ri ers was underwood uphoaved, thile upon the other side the plain subsided lowering cantern Abbloam; the size of probably the shole of new york with that number of people, under the waters of Inke Angeline drowning every one in their very beds like rats in a true, too this day now the waters of three other streums suddenly arrented by the upheaveal of the soil lower down the atreams, had flowed regidly buck tward their source, again to flow not loss impeticancy along their since untered their source, again to flow not loss impeticancy along their since untermal incline and to findnow the outlets into the great lake.

Then after the disaster, the inhabitants of neighboring towns that garvived came to visit the scene of it, they found the whole suspect of the district altered, and far off conflegrations of terrible fury reging in the Mic-Hollecter Forests. The valley of the Mic-Hollecter Rum, secred to have consed to exist, and an immens one of smoke and fire covered the space which i it occuried, repreted mountains on each side of the valley appeared like many errorsous volcanoon in viology synthesis.

Eeyond the wast reservice of loke Angeline, to the south, six streams which formorly fortliked the country as far nouth as Calverinia tate had also disappeared, and that region was a smoking valley of the chadow of death. The whole country was covered with smouldering rune and scheep, all the cultivated fields, the humber and villages had been involved in this most tremendous of cataclysms.

For the bonofit of the Abbicandam Counce, the record of this great catactrophe was being preserved and rade out not only by visitors who came to the scene as close as it was passed and rade out not only by visitors who came to the scene as close as it was passed, and how loke Abbicann was formed during the catactrophe by the flood over the lower wenter

of Abbicans.

This some places oveked by its berrid origin, and its mysterious aspect and the wrockage and other debris floating on its surface the delerous image of death. The waters extend over an area of two hundred leagues, to drain out down the former course of the rivers leaded down by waters of the big flood previous, and only in months probably years before it will drain out altosother so as to reveal whether any of the smaller buildings still remained under its surface.

As gearring viewed this stretch of water, it gave him the same feeling of viewing the famous dead again relation. For one can detect we trace of variation or satisfies

As grarring viewed this strotch of water, it gave him the same feeling of viewing the famous dead sea in palestine, for one can datect no trace of vegetation or onimal life, not a sound is heard upon its shores, impregnated with all kinds of wrockage that floated there, even birds avoid flying over its dreary surface. Here and there he could see floating what hemained or had been remaining of a house, or household furniture and other wrockage, and even now human bodies. It was the dead

count out of the three and other wrackape, and even now human bodies. It was the dead sen of Calvarinia.

To one yet gave now of the disasters in ulloncatt State, which also is an event lie one yet gave now of the abbicantian control terms of the time will when is so great that the culverlina and Abbicannian control terms of the time will when is knowledge of it use it in lating cureacous, and nearly all the writings of the horror will tend to cultivate the rising of the nation to the proper situation if it can and is proved that the foe was really responsible. The proper actuation if it can and is proved that the foe was really responsible. The proper actuation is proved that the foe was really responsible. The investigations prove that the horror was their due suspicions of the enemy. For their investigations prove that the horror was not of actual causes. It purper stated to graring that it is estimated that in the Libiarities of the whole civilized world their are more than two to three housand works treating of different arguments of the garthquaken and other natural disasters. But this phenomena is greatly strunge to all of them, even the checks, though by man means of delicate instruments of various kinds, called sciemosters the direction of ourth movements can be traced, and their force gauged, while by means of a simple of ourth movements can be traced, and their force gauged, while by means of a simple made made in the concurring of the cause of the proper without an earthquake in some portion of the globe. If this horror actually happened without an earthquake in some portion of the globe. If this horror actually happened without an earthquake in some portion of the globe. without an earthquake in some portion of the globe. If this horror actually happened and Abbieunn would have been twice as far away as Japan is from chicago, eastward, chig Chicae would have felt the shock enough to disturb these instruments. Indeed Abbieunn, the most famous city of calverinia seen as it was from every part indeed Abbieann, the most famous city of galverinia seen as it was from every part of the high elevations of land, and its neighborhood formed the most prominent feuture of that portion of the frightful and devastated part of Bengalistate. In all parts of abbieannia for many centurels centuries this city had been an object of the greatest interest and certainly not the least of the many great attractions of one of the most of all notables of galverinia. And Abbieann with its Lake shore constituted as grand a panaroma as any to be seen in the world. The mountainous country fores'ed thickly beyond was a link in the historical chain of all beautiful spots of the Calverinian states. Before the days of the disast disaster it seems to have been unknown as a endangered province.

Walter starring resided there when a small boy, and so did the father and uncle of the Vivian Girls too. Violet and her sisters had been in the city several times and admired it, and its strangely pious people very much .

About Abbiemm in the east especially rises many forested hills, and there are forest hammed in plains and meadows well cultivated and inhabitated all around. Indeed Abbieann was surrounded by a galverinian garden of gden. Also Abbieann was a huge Chi Chicago of Calverinia, it had its ernormous established railway center, but yet had all the qualities of New York and Chicago combined, had its elecated train roads, subways, big factories, and every classic building imaginable. The northern part is situated on an elevated ground between the two huge rivers, and its position was considered unusually important, its lake port being as of the best, and its river navigation was splendid. Many villas of great splendor were owned in the neighborhood by Abbieannian patricians, the nother of the Vivian Girls the supress

in her calire earliest days resided here on an estate which amperor Vivian had given her. Often violet and her sisters had been in this estate. Abbleam also was a city of great circumstances, its origin being ascribed by Abbleamian tradition to emigrants from northern Abbleamia, but it is not certain that it was actually founded by an Abbleamian Emigrant colony. From what this city is, its destruction has the same effect upon good parts of Calverinia and other states, as would happen if New york Chicago, New Orleans and antennacio and other places would cause with all railroad and other communications cut off. The oldest building of Abbleam was an ernormous two hundred foot temple very much in the shape of the temples formed in the time

This temple by common consent is stated to have been with pomp and ceremony, accompan ied by processions and carnatvals, dedicated to both the Blessed Virgin and Our _lessed ford, in honor of the Passon. The situation of all parts of Abbieann before the great disaster possessed many local and general advantages. It had more waterways than any city in the world, recieved its drinking water from Lake Angeline. And upon the verge of this inland son, at the mouth of a large stream by the citys name. with a fertile country all around, like even many an American or italian town it united the conviencinces of commerce with the whole nation and world, with the security of an ernormous military station and mobi mobolization camps. All this too was destroyed. The delightful position of the city, the warm all year summer climate of the locality and its many attractions caused it to become a favorite retreat of the wealthier Abbicannians who purchased estates in the neighborhoods, unperor vivian himself having a villa there. That villa, as Starring found was the only estate not injured by the disaster. And Abbienn had as many banks, big ones too, as All the big merican cities put together, and fortimately for the Abbienmian nation though the banks were destroyed, ctarring and others with him claimed all the values of the banks they discovered were completely secure, and will be so long as the forces of the enemy do not take possession of the territory.

To give a full description of Abbieann would take too much to tell here, many volumes to fill.

If gharring had not or did not believe some of the eyewitnesses who testified for him he would have probably himself believed that it was an earthquake and volcanic cruption that everthres the cities of Abbicann Mildred resoluter and others, accompanied by a still more terrible entastrophe which completed the ruins of the city and the country side, of the event which he was a ratriving at, gtarring fortunately obtained a singularly graphic description by one who was not only an eye witness but well qualified to observe and record the phenomena, a surviving refugee from a town far north of Abbicann. Starring learning the identy of the person went to see him in a refugee camp northwost of Abbicann. On being introduced he spoke for a few minutes with the man and then said;

" I hear you have been an eye witness of the disaster, How happens it was you were out collate that night?"

"Sir, I was a soldier on guard at Cicero Junetion, and kn w knowing that you are one of the high officers of general Vivians army I will gi e you a story which is absolt the control of the city of Abbieann as Cicero is too far off. I have since however read a good neaded of the news relating to the nature of the dises ter but I could relate a good deal more in order to transmit a more exact relation to it's and its nature, to merit my acknowledgement, so that should you sir intend to make any bigges bigger descriptions of the calamity with your pen, its memory among the world in general I feel very much assured will be rendered imperishable, I belong to general Morinio Mansions command, and was at that time on guard in the camps at Cicero Rum. I was assigned to be on guard at the outskirts of the camp on the midnight hour of that fatal morning and as I took my post the coporal of the guard desired me to observe a huge black cloud which seemed of us unusual shape, and which though it was night was easily seen because of the light reflected on it by m both the moon and the 'glare of the distant forest fixes fires. As I said the cloud was of unusual shape and de dimensions. Instead of moving forward like a big thundercloud, it rolled and bulged and pushed usward, and at the same time there was a noise like a tremedous cannonade, the concuesion of which hulred me flat upon my face and made me accidentally discharge my musket in falling. The whole camp was swayed by the shock, the barracks being partly wrecked and the tests coming down upon the sleeping soldiers within.

Another noise sounded as if the houses in the town of cicero was falling. I Immeadiately arose and the corporal of the guard, aroused the whole camp, and the general and his officers proceeded to a rising ground from which they might more districtly mark this strange and very incommon appearance.

I heard one officer remake;
"I believe it is Mt joan. She must be in eruption. It is from there."
It at that distance; it could not be clearly puricyed perceived from what mount the cloud issued, but it was afterward accertained to proceed from the distant plains and rolling meadows and not from any mountain or volcanc. I cannot better less or the figure of the cloud thum by comparing it to a series of tremendous thunder heads rolling up to an ernormous height, and even extending far overhead in great rolls lighted by the forest fires. I never saw clouds before once up to such a great height and extend itself at the top into a kind of rolled up bridge occassioned

I imagine either by a suddon wind storm up above that impelled it upward, the force of which increased as it advanced upward, or by the expansion of the expansions the expansions of the expans

Tward morning while the army wan still on the way, a note by a courier was brought to him from mostinia, a town nearest blooms, which was in or at atmost alarm at the imminont peril shich threatened the country side, for the note, stated, that the whole city of Ab Abblowan had disappeared, the countryside for many hundreds of alles was being devastated by an encourage flood, and that the forcest fire was b aring down upon the Mic-Hollestor Rum Valley where many hig towns are situated, the fire cutting off all escape by the hills and river. The courier cannotity entretted the general, who really was laughing, not to think it a laughing matter, or that he was crasy and telling semething too big to be true, that he couldcame and see for himse himself it he did not believe it, and to hastes to the assistance of the towns which were either burning or flooded.

The general however had the man arrested, believing him a medman, and then he accordingly changed him fame, and what he began out of curiouslty, now continued continued out of more herolom. Ordering the ambles to cross the river at this point he found it unusually swellen, that the water was traveling against its usual course and that a loves nearer by the yet some distance off was threatening to give way.

He hastened our whole army to the place which leves rungers and rarkers were abandoning abendening in terror, he steered our army irrectly tward the point of danger, and believe believe me we worked like between and asked that in leves.

mills we were working , the general had so much composite of mind that he was able to make and dictate his observations on the changes and aspects of that new and dr ad ful scene.

He released the courier, now believing that the can really told the truth, and the general felt some vague horror that some awful catastrophe was on hand especially when he listened again to the storry of Abbieann disappearing to where heaven knowns where, when he knew the size of that city.

While going further the army got so close to one part of the forest fire, that the burning cinders, came upon us, and the smoke fog grew thicker and thicker, and the start heater the nearer we approached, and the saiden changed course of the river and wast clouds of smoke durkening the morning sky as if a storm was approaching, ob structed our advance any further in that direction. Pausing to consider whether he should three our whole army into a fight against the conflagration, he was advised by his staff to change his course and march to the southwost, and , heard him exclaims; "norture boys always befriends the brave, prowing to the south we must cut through the Red Plague-Have the army fight it as I planned. We must go through."

After marching through the mark for quite a number of miles, we came to la a large bend in the river which separated the army from the other shore, but here the river was overflowing westward, and the region was impassable. The g neral had already sent his baggage wagon train some distance shead for though not at that time in actual danger, yet being within prospects of it, he was dt determined if the forest fires drew nearer to put to the flood or the river as soon as the wind would change. The wind was favorable however for carrying the forest fire the opposite direction, and the army soon came upon a horde of refugees floeing in the greatest consternation. The army halted the fugitives, encouraging and commelling the people to keep up their spirits, and still better to disop dissipate the general alarm, he ordered with an air of concern a part of the army to keep moving on, while the rest should be deployed in line on the opposite stift, side to combat the fire is if necessary. After having this prepared for, he managed the cavarly with great cheerfulness, or what was equally courageous with all the semblance of it.

Meanwhile when the army had gotten some distance off from the flooded some, new forest fires broke forth in several places with great fury, and the darkness of the coming night contributed to render the glare of the awful big flames still more visible or dreadful.

But the general was determined to push on in spite of it, and to soothe the tarm anxieties of his staff declared the fires was moving northeastward, and that the army was not in its path. After this the whole army retired to rest, and it was certain the general himself was so little discomposed as to fall into a deep sleep. The ground which led to his headquarters being nearly covered with water from the ever rising flood, it would have been impossible for the general had he continued there longer, to have escaped from being drowned or making his way out of the building, it was thought proper therefore to awaken him. Many of the soldiers had broke camp because of the spr r p spreading waters, and gone to higher ground. The general in some disguist diagust arcse, and joined his startled staff officers and the rest of his retainers who had not been unconcerned enough to think of retiring. They consulted together which course would be the more prudent, to trust to the fire endangered forcets far beyond the reach of flood, which now were swaying and writi writhing before a fierce gale blowing, or to escape by pontons over a part of the flooded river, or chance a navagitation of the flood, where the waters were already risin in such quantities as netwithstunding its slowness at this section, was threatening destruction.

In this dilemma they decided on the forests, as offering their greatest chance of safty despite the fire, a resolution which while the rest of the staff generals hastily adopted it through their greater fears of the flood, the general embraced only after cool and deliberate consideration.....

It was decided to have the whole army fight its way through the forest fire. all the army dacked itself in the water to wet their clothing, and the wagen trains

were loaded with refilled ater water casts, and all implements were not ready for the immercus murch.

Then the army went forth, all having wet blankets or pillows, and sacks tied upon their their heads with napkins ropes, and twin and tyl this was their no sole defense against the falming branches and leaves that might fall upon them. Such an adventure seemed naite serious to me, but I mid not back out scared though we all were. Py morning it was day everywhere else, but there and here a deeper darkness prevailed than in the most obscure night, though it was in some degree dissipated by the glare of the conflagrations. The army was forbidden to use torches. At first our general thought it proper to go down further slong the shore of the flood, to ascertain whether contorns could be made but found the flood extremely high and boisterous.

I know that day was supposed to be rapidly breaking, but when it did come the light was exceedingly faint an languid, the trees all around us were shoking and fluring, and though the whole army was fighting its way through it seemed as if we were a large body of souls fighting our way for freedom out of hell I came to an area that was narrow and confined, even though here was some open ground, but we felt we could not remain without certain and formidable peril, and we therefore remelved to quite the open. The soldiers fought desperately in a panic of alarm and as to a mind distracted with terror every surgestion of how to fight it here, and how to fight it there, before and to the side of you, seemed more prudent than the other. The soldiers pressed on in grant grouped lines, and we got through to a considerable way, but were working deeper and deeper tward the roaring heart of the conflagration. To go on that was was like throwing yourself into a volcano of lava.

while we were get a convient distance from the flames, the whole army halted in the midst of a perilous and most dreadful scene. The artillery which our officers had ordered to follow the roads in the forests were used ut times to shell the trees and bring them down ahead of the fire. gometimes a branch line of the fire seemed to roll back on Itself and to be driven on in another direction by the winds which put the forest in convolsive throos, while we were fighting our way through a hot tempest of wind smoke and blazing shrubbery and trees..

To ar left a black and torrible cloud seemingly to burst withwith with an ingeous surpentine vapor darted out a long train of undulating fire resembling, but much longer and larger than the wave of the sea. soon after the black cloud seemed to descend and enshroud the whole region, as in truth it consealed every other sight from us so that we hardly knew our bearings, and we almost believed we had died and descended into the infernal regions if not for good, then for an adventure. Illing embers now began to come down moon us, though in no r considerable quantity. Turning my head I percised to the left of us again a dense wall of smoke which came rolling trad us and in our track like a torrent. The general now was proposing to his staff, while there was yet some light to diverge from this region altogether, lest the conflagration should overwhem the whole army. Scarcely had we stepped aside when darkness oversproud us, worse than that of a closed night, more like in a closed chamber or closet.

Then nothing could be heard but the exclumentions of the men. some swore at then the enemy over the loss of their little ones, oty others for the sulguhter of their parents, and being only able to distinguish p comrades by their voices, many lifted their hands up tward Heaven, but most imagined the last eternal night had come, hich should destroy the world and the whole population toge ther.

rinally to om some relief a glimmer of light appeared, which they felt sure was an approaching burst of flames, as in truth it was, and not the return of day. The fire however raging at some distance from us, we were again ermserched in great and dense darkness, and a heavy shower of leaves and branches fell upon us, which we were at times compelled to shake off othe otherwise we might have been set on fire. Then after a long while this dreadful darkness gradually disappeared like the rolling away of the cloud of smoke, the actual day partly returned, and with it the sum, though very faintly, for it shone like a red bull through the smoke hase in the sky.

Every object that presented itself to our eyes, which were extremely weakened by the smarting censation from the smoke, seemed changed, as if a world had been burned up and was smoking. We got through the edge of the burning forest, and finally headed acain to the southwest, passing another unxious h night between hope and fear, though indeed with a much larger share of the latter, for the floods far off still increased, while several excited soldiers ran up and down augmenting their own and their friends

culamities by terrible predictions.

Finally when we got far offfrom the fires, we came entirely upon the main flood itself. We encamped upon a high rise of ground within perfect view of the great flood to the west, and the conflagration to the east. Our general began to believe that the graphic note brought by the messenger had been confirmed in every respect for the flood hore, and the forest fire there were terrible in all their circumstances the rolling seas of water, louded with wreckage, the cloud of darkness, the flames searing the distant sky, the roaring of the flood, the night of many floating houses and bodies in in the water, but yet more terrible in its novelty of character and seem ingly wide ran e of its influence. These combined scenes would appear to have exer cised a fatal effect upon Abbleaun, but we hoped ardontly that the reports might have been exaggerated and that all might have encaped. To approach any further was out of the question, and the hills were crowded with refugees from the flood and fire who might have saved themselves by immediate flight. Many sought refuge on the highest part of the hills for fearing the fired would become and overtage them. It seemed the would die of hunger or even sufficiation, as alsowhere all avenues of egress were absolutely blocked up. It is impossible to exaggerate the horrors of the flood we viewed from the hills.

The rembling roar of the waters below, the dense obscurity and marky shadow of the heaven above, the long heavy broll of the distant fires, the strident noise of the blazing forests, the shifting clove which at intervals relieved the blackness only made it more ghastly than before, the het hissing showers which rose and then descended

like a rain of fire, the clash and clang of meeting rocks thrown up by fic fire made explosions, the hurrying fugitives, with wan faces and straining eye balls, calling on those they love to follow them, the smoke and wind borne aches, driving through the darknes country, and pouring into the towns, above all that, that fog of chocking smoke and forest times which entered everywhere, penetrating even the lowest cellar, cave or times and against which all homen skill could devise no protection whatever all these things sir were combined into a whole of such immedial and such awful terror that no one can even realize it unless they went through the same experience.

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The stoutest heart wasness as soldiers was appalled, the best belanced mind lost its very composure and even from nerves qualled ht such a same of doubt and destruction all around him. Tany mir lost their reason, and wandered through the area gibb ering and shricking madmen, and none of us the survived the peril ever forget the sights and scenes of fleed add forest fires which we witnessed on many days and

mights while forced to encount there for personal safty.

Thenty seven days and nights air, were thus endured with all the anguish of suspense and encortainty. On the 27th day the darkness by degrees began to clear away and we found the flood had gone done considerably, and the darkness and the waters too began to clear away. The day appeared, like twilight, but not the sum, ,, , and all nature geemed changed. Esfore out view to the west was a sea of wreckage of all descriptions and there was neither life nor motion in any of the view before as and to the east and south there was a sea of rising white smoke as if a sea of volcances still brouthed forth fire and smoke.

The scene before us was changed, it looked as if all was over, and smoke and wind was still on, and sities and towns in the path of the flood were gone. Though we did get as near as possible to Abbiesna, after more than two months of marching over districts of ruin and horror, we began to believe that Abbiesna was no more as we could not find any traces of the city. In the region of Abbiesna was a desolated forest on one side, and a flood of water on the other side with no monuments visible no house to be seen, nothing but a great surface of smoke and water, which if any northern part of the city did survive the smoke hid from our view. It was not untill just no now that, with some regiments was sent to add the forest fire refugees near here, and where we discovered this part of Abbleaun to have curvived partly but in rules. But I assure you there as no eruption, no eruption did thi. I believe surely it was mines exploded by the enemy."

The region of Bengull State now the scene of one of the most celevrated disasters in the world (in tyl this story) is situated not far from central calverinia, and is one of the Provinces of the wide country of alverinia. Tile gtarring was here, many of his followers often alluded to the numerous cracks that was reported to have been formed over hundreds of miles of the country, and by some it was believed to haw have been caused by natural earthquakes. Starring had wished to explore this region, but for a time the smoke of the forest fires and the heats of the flames made the region almost unapproachable, and as he had seen it had seemed as if in the darkness a times a red rolling flame sweeped the whole country side with the uproar of the sen. One witness claimed to the scene as being caused by explosions of sruptive energy. Many other "itnesses speak of the disaster as the "explosion of the earth". He suid" the flames proceeded from the uttermost depths of hell, the thunderous noises were the exploding of the planet, and a terrific war in hell caused the concussions." while the many "itnesses on one hand had invested the region with various supernatural attributes, and nade it the region of country where hell opened up its fury from the uttermost depths of the earth, others endeavored to show that the "eruptions" and other phenomena of the musual disaster could be explained more than by the efforts of the ordinary operations of nature.

Sterring found mention of the many fissures in the country by Genefal nargar, earthquake scientists, and many other investigators..... One scientist wrote a brick history of the cracks, and described a crossing of one of the largest by bridge makin making. The position of one of the biggest fissures was described at length by the earthquake scientist Palfor, and a brief account of it was given to GBarring by Starring by singigore, who investigated one of the strange fissures at the time. As this fissure was one of the most considerable of the cracke found, it attracted a great deal of attention, and was described by many ere witnesses. The length of this fissure was not determined. The earlier incestigators had very exaggerated exaggerated notions on the subject, and a la length of three or four miles has been assertained. It must be borne in mind that such cracks is liable to variations in length. There are two ruined cities, Cantania, and Prutia and seventy three towns or villiages in the vinicity of these fissures, and no less than one million three hundred thousand and

vinicity of these fissures, and no less than one million three hundred thousand and sixty five per people lived in this region.

How many had been injured and killed during the disaster is not know as yet. And and the remarkable feature of the region is the large number of minor explosion A craters which are scattered throughout the country side. They look small in comparison with the great mass of big explosion craters nearest Abbicann but in realir reality some some of them are of large size. The best period gearing pelieved of making an investigation of these or issures was when the sunke or invest times would us ariven out of a strong westwin westerly wind, and before there was danger of the forest fires crossing into this territory. Just nor all paths are obliterated, and in this condition even into this territory. Just now all paths are obliterated, and in this condition even Starrings followers would refuse to accompany him.

A list of the number of fissures from the carliest discoveries has been given to

A list of the number of the cemini.

Starring also took down a list of the number of smaller explosions that occurred in this vinicity that evening of the fatal night before the big ones came. The first explosion probably happened at nine oclock at night, the second occurred at fifteen explosion proceeds an interest at the occord at their, one second occurred at interest minutes after nine... The third explosion occurred at about seventeen minutes after the same how, and it ast have been the same explosion that rocked believe and alarmed the population for a time. An explosion montioned by an en eyewithes happened three minutes later. An outburst of a score of simultaneous explosions of terrific force took place near Meldorn at nine thirty and harled debris in clouds upon the country side and again convulsed the city. He had no records of any further explosions for

about twenty minutes till about ten minutes to ten. At that time an explosion occured and the same aurthorities mentioned to him of an explosion within two minutes after, four minutes later Ralso town was nearly destroyed by another explosion. Nother of which he possesses no details occured at one minute after ten. Not: another appear a concussion and blast which took place at eleven minutes after. Then after the passing of two minutes three blasts occured like terrific eraptions. The next blust of which he took record of was at quarter after ten after which things were quiet for nearly half an hour but them a violent eruption of explosions lasting nine minites without ceasing is recorded. In explosion of more violence occured two minutes and fifteen seconds later. Then he had no other record for nearly ten minutes. Then there was an explosion that threatened the ruin of the country side. After another long interval, in this case of more than three quarters of an hour and a half, the explosions amin reared but further north. At twenty minutes past seleven one of the first most disasterone explosions occured. It caused a concussion like a violent sarthquake, which was felt as fur as Wicky Luncin, and which destroyed childs mu in the course of a few seconds, burying fifteen thousand people under the ruins! Everyone like at abbleaus were killed in their beds. There was farther away a great explosion on the eastern lundacape at twelve minutes after eleven. A great cloud of debris descended in the some vinicity two minuses later. Another witness was in Morrir city and witnessed near by a very violent explosion of which he sent to gtarring a recorded report. At about twenty minutes after eleven, the country side was strongly convulsed, terrible noises were heard, and flashes of flames issued from the scene of the crash, mingled with a great cloud of dense black smoke.

A second later a cloudburst of soft earth , rocks and debrie of all kinds poured down upon the town. Immediately after a fresh explosion took place, and then enother which occured five minutes later. In explosion which lasted for twelve minutes occured at the same time at another location. A violent shock of the concussion caused the and the same thing at another the there was quiet until about quarter to twe over trelve. Then again there occured an explosion which two place tward the close of the last minutes of 'welve. A large quantity of earth was hurled up by this blast and saveral holes dug deep in the ground near the town of Algelio.

Minute later another fresh crease occured. A number of new craters were dug and a quantity of debris hurled tward wickey Lansin destroying a part of violet Lansin, and

the villiage of Mic Holler.

Three other minor explosions occured within two minutes. Between twelve and fifteen minutes after twelve six explosions again occ ed, and two minutes later a part of Poverty ann was destroyed by a violent concussion, and in the following hour shocks became frequest frequent. He took a more detailed account of the explosions from One to twelve after one. These explosions were in every respect the most terrible on record of any explosions known. For hours the sky was obscured by the smoke and because of the explosions a strange hot whirlwind blew over the forest fires at the distance, and at the same time abbieum and other cities were destroyed, and the concussions continued to increase in violence for over twelve minutes, at the end of which all

parts of Abbieum was converted into a smoking heap of ruins.
Because of the concussions as it was reported many fissure opened over the whole country side for hundreds of miles. The fu fissures many of them were only six feet to seven wide but they seemed to be of unknown depth. Six explosions of terrific force occured in a line with the principal river course, and hurled up wast volumes of smoke accompanied by thundering that could never be described and which as estimated could be heard more than ten thousand miles off.

Also after being so long in Abbieann, he obstained from witnesses a record of the course of the forest fire that passed off tward the east after threatening the rules or Abbleaun. The first appearance of the fire presented a front of fourty seven miles, it encirled encircled St AMN city, and afterwards burned tward Jean a town of eighteen thousand inhabitants which was speedily destroyed. Seven seas of fire spread through other sections of the forests, and in three days united into one forming one large configurations a budged which was the state and the transfer of the sections of the forests, and in three days united into one forming one large conflagration a hundred miles in length and thirty in widty width. The sea of fire continued to race on, and it destroyed the town of porestalen on geptember Ith. On the same day the conflagration struck a Cant used by forest rangers to blaset trees in fighting such fires, and the force of the explosions cust up large quanties of earth, flaming trees, and dirt and scattered the fire over new territories. The explosion caused a concussion. The original current of the fire being opposed by some large clearings in the forest had divided into three seas, one of which destroyed gan Pedro the second. Guileine, and the third the forested hills on the left or west side of the Mic-, ollester Rum and afterwards the villiage of gistleton. Fourteon other villiages were afterwards ewept out of existen e, and the fire made its way tward

At St Rose ten miles from the city, an explosion caused by the fire through mysterio s origin underwined a small hill covered with forests and hurled it forward a considerable distance, and the whole region formed into one furnace. When the swething hell came close to Adeleheid, it barnee barned on without stopping, until it came close to the rivers edge and then gave tarring his most stirring adventures o in the fire from there a ll the way to Abbigann and oven thoreanother prion of the sare fire melted down a garden wall made of rocks, and carried death and destruction in its course.

On september 3th, the fire spread along the river at race horse moved, which it endravored to cross to the forest on the apposite side, but a suddon westerly wind prevented the disaster.

On barning along the rivef front how v however the heat was so terrific that the water nearest the shore began to boil violently and cloude of steam arose. The volume of fire raging here borned over many millions of cobic feet within three hours.

The length of this branch of the fire was a hendred and fifteen miles while its avergae average width was between seventeen and twenty miles, so that it was able to progress forward at an unestimated rate of speed. The fire burned up the precipices of the region of delened. cloude of black emoke poured from the ravine, and large noises resembling the dischurge of artillery were heard. The fires heat undermined the forested slopes of a high steep hill and it collapsed buying the town of catantori and its eighteen thousand limbifunts under that terrible flory mass. It is said that in all p to Adeleheld fifty small cities and towns were destroyed by the forest fire since it becam its career in southeastern calverinia, together with the driving to punic and filg t over one million six handred and seventy two thousand inhabitants and burning to death over one hundred thousand others.

Close to Adeleheld a great column of black smoke issued from a burning ravine from hich which great tongues of fire could be observed. Boud detonations of explosions were heard, and two streams of fire spread above the ravine moving in two opposite directions. A new fire produced by sparks and heat formed near the east of Adeleheld and a quanity of flames covered the sky over the city. An extraordinary flood of water descended from some hill carrying all before it, and streving its path with all kinds of wreckage but flowing far from the fire. It was estimated that the volume of which of wreckage our illowing far from the fire. It was estimated that the volume of water was about 176,000,000 cubic feet, probably a greater amnount than could flow from river to the sea in a day. It formed a channel six miles broad, and in some places for thour y feet deer, and it flowed at the rate of three miles a minute during the first fourty miles of its course. The flood was probably produced by the heat of the forestire on the slopes causing the collaspe of some dam near by, probable the walls of the dam may have been almost melted or turned red hot by the heat of such awful seas of flame.

The fire raced on, encounted a portion of St Peters villiags, and separated again into two branches, each of which seemed to nevertheless regain its length. Vast c volumes of smoke were carried over the country of galverinia seeming to form a gi santic cloudy conopy between Calverinia, Angelinia and Abbieannia through which the sum would not shine. The fire pashed on tward North Bend sweeping the cities already mentioned at which Starring came. The fire then was forced to divide into twenty one seas, and then into thirty in a line running northward along the river front only soon again to unite into one moneterous fire. The conflagration advanced on untill it reached within thirty miles south of north Bend, and here it slightly changed its course. Again it divided into three sections the two main ones of which scon for an hour or so became at a standstill, while the central fire continued to move on at the rate of one hundred miles an hour. The heat at the distance of fourty miles II6. F

Then a new fire formed just beyond, and raced on to threaten the city of Morth Bend but it form fortunately encountered a clearing near the bend and was diverted into another course. While the rangers were watching the progress of the flames after their unc unsuccessful effort to check it, the front of the conflagration was suddenly blown up as if by a volcanic eruption.

In an instant red hot masses of flaming earth, embers, branches of trees were hurled in every direction, ad a cloud of singing flame and emoke enveloped everything. Fronty six rungers were killed on the spot, and thirty survived but a few hours, and the rest were too injured to resume their work.

A very aware process of the forest fire was witnessed by a party of tourists whom to tarring who were ascending a hilitop in order to witness the sum rising through a haze of smoke. As they up approached the nearest prion of the portion of the summit the forest fire was viewed in a panoruma of greatsize. In a narrow defile they were met by a vi violent hurricane of fire, which overthrew the horses and the riders, and forced them tward a large forcested ravine. They shelted themselves beneath some masses of great rocks, when suddenly the fire appeared racing up the slopes and the horses field in terror. The tourists head to flee themselves on foot, fortunately when the slope is the slope of the slop reaching the summit whead of the conflagration without having sustained any injury. The fire raced across and into this ravine, branching off so that one section roared on up to the summit, while the other embraced the whole hillside to the left. The conflagration continued with abated fury during the arrival at the summit as the flames cannot proceed down hill as fast as they do uphill and the adventuerers were saved.

The entire mass of fire rearing up these slopes is estimated to be equal to an area sixty miles long, by six miles broad, twenty to the center, with an average speed ephill at fifty six miles an hour.

The conflagration curled around the northeast side of the mountain, and burned onward at about the same rate, and divided into two sections. This part of the conflagration worked around the other side of the mountain burning downward and upward, and new fires increased to seven in number and they were all raging along a line stretching down from the summit. Something buring on the summit caused three loud crashing detenution three or four times a minute.

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It will be seen from the foregoing account that there is a great similary similarity in the general character of the forest fires here, to the other kind else enumerative in the general character of the forest lires here, to the other kind else where. Explosions of mysterious crigin accompany the fires, loud indeed, and sometimes fire sweet slopes pretend to be volcanoes in evention when molten sand, etone and rock run down the slopes melted by the heat, sometimes the fire localises itsels rock run down the slopes melted by the heat, sometimes the fire localises itsels itself in one or two big rawines where all the trees are burned out, and accumultue accumulate a crater like appearance full of fiery smoking debris, altimately great clouds of smoke rise from this. Out of the seventy eight stretches of the forests

clouds of smoke rise from this. Out of the seventy eight stretches of the forests mentioned to have been wiped out, a comparatively small number of the bigger forests have been endangered, but they too are in the path of the conflagration.

The region of Abbissam before the disaster contained a mo: besutiful and fertile region them most parts of Giverinia Country, which the natives 'a'led calverinias eden, there flourished most prosperous cities than I can nume here. Situated between the Mic-Hollester and the Arronburgs Run River onedl state has never before been exposed to any kind of disaster untill this horror just past, when by the force of the

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explosions the earth was agitated in all directions, aveiling lke the waves of the occus, nothing ac matter how strong could withstand such shockd, and not a building upon the surface remained arect. Thus the stronguam and beautiful city of Abbieumithe main and only best commercial metropolis metropolis of Abbieumia was first neduced to a help of ruine and then swept to total destruction by a great flood. The number of persons who perioded in abbieum is estimated at eight million, and three hundred and fifty large cities, and one thousand six hundred big towns, and thousands of towns and villiages throughout culverinia and Angelinia and other starts states

of towns and villiages throughout calverinia and Angelinia and other states were destroyed totally and beyondrecovery.

The grouter number of those who lost their lives were either buried amid the ruins of the houses, or in the cities covered up by mountain elides, and by the flood, but many also perished in the fires that were kindled in most of the towns not touched by encuped and many who were only half buried in the ruins, and who could have been saved if help had been at hand, were left to die a slow death by roacting. The Mayor of the town of Phulsio and his family had taken refuge in a cellar, and were entombed in it alire by the manese of rubbien, and Ingored for days, during which their cries sounded till death came to end their sufferings. One great instance os the disaster Starring till death came to end their sufferings. One great instance on the disaster Starring kept record of is that of the destruction of Violet Langin. And still worse in that location was the curse of the savage glandelinian soldier v

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They hastened into the smoking towns like the vultures they are, and instead
of helping the sufferers, thet floated over their misery, rang rangeacked the smoking
rains for plunder, robbed the many persons of the dead, increased the fires, and
benefilly mundered those entangled alive among the rubbish. They robbed and murdered
the very injured who would have paid them very handsomely for rescueing thems. At
the town of Wickey Landinia a num who had been buried headdownward beneath the ruins
of un orphan anylum, was robbed of helf of the clothing by a glandelinian vandal
who showed no mercy chatevers. The unfortunate lister however managed to rescue
herself from her perilous position and secured clothing mong the ruins.

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Of etill more checking interest was the case of the Mayors wife of that city, she had fainted at the moment of the first great shock caused by the explosions, and mas lifted by her has and husband, who bearing her in his arms was hurrying tward the open aquare, when a hidden Clandelinian eniper shot him dead. On recovering her senses she observed thather twe little girls and a boy had been left behind. Taking adventure of a mement when the Glandelinian vanduls did not see her, she darted of and running back of her loves, which was still standing, she wred her children to follow her. rushing with them following her, she headed tward the stair case, but found the stairs were aftre, berring all further progress is that direction.

the then followed by her children fled from room to room, chased by the falling

materials, and at last reached a belicony as her last refuge.

Bolding up her youngest child, she implored the few passer by for help, but they were Glandelinian vanidals in disguise, and they shot her children dead before her your eyen, and then blew up the building, so that she was hurled into the devoring flames. There were many cases to be recorded of devotion and sacrifice similar to that of this burse woman but manufally introduced by manufally and the manufally in the ma to that of this brave woman, but unusually attended by more happy results. In the great radicults of instances however the instinct of fierce savagery among the vandals overcume every other feeling, rendering the wretched Clandelinian foes callous to the danger and suffering of others. There were two cases of persons being rec rescued alive from the ruins, after a laspe of four or five days, and two on the eighthiday ad after interment. These who were thes reacted, all suffered most from thirst and heat.

Bignring realized that before the very world would nave time to realize the extent of a theastern calverinta. He not al a almost us the world would feel, ever the fact that own before and after the Abbicann horror all of eastern and southern and southeastern Calverinia from July 1912 till new, Late September 1913 had been swept and devastated by other terrible distanters, hornible, beyondcomprehension, and especially passing through a tremendous batizm of fire, a disaster more terrible in the complete ness of the wholesale destruction but only less terrible in the number of dead, than that which followed the explosion, concumulan and flood disasters . ctarring cometimes on account of these disasters, and their terrible results, almost lost faith in the whope hope of seeing belieunnias cause won, for the enemy was in pseession of all of Calverinia except the extreme north, and the disasters were even frustrating the efforts of christian christian armies of reaching the 100.

worse to gtarrings surprise and horror a new forest fire, in the northwestern region purst out in sympathetic fury, although forest fire outbreaks had showed signs of coming even earlier than the time of Starrings arival to Appleann. Unmown to him forest fires had been raging for ninty consecutive days and nights, Previous to the date of his arival of the city, out because of the continued steady southwest and ast east winds had not come down this way. Yet this time Starring and his followers were no now cut off entirely from every chance of reaching the ship, and it seemed as if the city was one springing up out of the Haden Regions. Every day and night for all the time the wast columns of smoke rose over the whole scene, becoming denser and denser and explosions were numerous, and a rain or fire would continually rfall upon some parts of the city, keeping Starring and his followers under cover. The earth shook violently for every explosion in the forest, and then ever the wind changed to the east a midnight darkness screau over the whole country.

The fire storm rearea about the eastern a ction for one whole week without ceasing out finally one morning it became intermittened and further away. So far Starring entimated that the loss of life in these disasters would never be icla in full. He claimed the loss among his own followers because of the enemy and the fires, and accidonts as about twenty rive hundred in killed or injured. They included most of the more daring Culverinian soldiers, which means that he and the rest of his followers would have to be extremely more careful.

From the north of Abbienn the forest fire was visible, though fourty miles away. Ween finally the adventuers got on their ship, the captian tried to force the way to the northwest, to reach the upper subtro of Appleann called "The Meldorn Horseshoe nend but run into such a cloud of dan dense smoke that you could not see an inch ahead. or four hours the ship was helpless in this cloud of smoke and gases from the fires, which was de se than any clouds encountered ever pefore, but the ship finally succeeded. Then Herse hoe Bend was finally reached at the afternoon, it was found full of panic stricken refugees who had sought refuge there. The streets of the ruined city was found strewn with the refurees, which was fitteen miles away from the closest of the explos ion craters. Here the distress arong the raragees was great. The rire as seen has not yet come up to the North mend, though up the sides of some slopes leading to it, there had threatened to auvance strengs of forest fires, which uniting and seperating, formed a network from which there was no possible escape for any living thing esught within its grasp should it come up. By the terrific heat of the flames a river that had flowed in to the Mic-Hollester was arise up, and origins over it melted into peculiar shapes.

Deem the channel of this river there flowed to gtarring a surprise what appear ed to be molten lave, which glowed like molten stone, and which flowed slowly into the main river raising great clouds of steam, and the hissing of could be heard for miles. Investigating this with his classes, Starring observed that the tremendous heat of the forest fire was meltons so much rock on the slope of hills near the river, that they three ike lave and flowed down theoriver channel in a moltan state.

In other local locations the fury of the forest fire seemed to be lessening, but the most severe was raging elsewhere, and to go further out or up the river from north mend would be sucide.

Many searching parties were sent out as far as possible to investigate the rulh. Seventy estates were found to be ruined beyond hope of repair. Two catholic Churches had been provied under a stream of mid and water. Many houses were covered a half under nua open puries under a stream of mid and water. Pany nouses were covered a hair under dibris, and there was hardly a spet in porseehos pand that was not under from six to eight feet of debris. To come up here the steamer the yary June had ran through ten miles of smoke that was so dense that all who would have during on board would have been sufficiently or all that distance the ship had to be left to its own gold made. Some explosions diving the forest fires gave displays of fireworks more j majestic than had even been seen to the transitions. than had ever been seen by humanity.

The day after the ship had reached Horseshoe Bend starring noticing a high hill close by descended to the top to get a view of the forest fires further off so he could tell what the situation was. He say a small stream with its waters bubbling like a caldron and steam arcse from it in immense clouds. It was night when Starring still remained on the hill, and something like sulphuric flamen seemed to play about the sides of another distant hill civing it a weird and terrible appearance. Eteam from boiling streams and small forest lakes continued to rise in thick clouds, and

strunge explosions made themders that were joined with them that come from the linter for of a valley-per hours the strange and splendid phenomena continued civing those h no doubt who lived in the vinicity ample time to escape. Starring and his followers seemed hypnotized by this score, and suddenly the main conflagration raged within good view, and to Starrings surprise saven seperate streams of molten rock journel berline boiling down the sides of the hill. Through his field glassen he sur very ledger of works near the edge of the conflagration turning red hot, and destruction was averywhere in its most terrible forms. Great shafts of flame seemed to lear fairly across the sky and fires were seen pouring through a valley. For this great tragedy to the foreste the settings were indeed wonderful.

The forest literally swayed in its agony before heat and fierce winds, and from the slopes of hills, usualta, and from rolling forests on plains majestic columns of smoke, inky clack or varied colors reached skywara in immense rolls and sheets, and pushed through the campy overhead. The scene was if a as it a humared dig craters were vomiting very high inconvescent matter, and something came down the slope or one river course that gave forth prismatic lights as it rolled away tward the river-Great waves of fire seemed to hears about one vig mountain top ten miles away. Such orest waves of fire seemed to heard adout one off mountain top ten miles dway. Note thander from expications as never had been heard by men cracked and rolled through the theavens, and starring wondered what the fires exploded so continuously. From the valleys neavens, and graring wondered what the lives explained so continued all serging in an would come tremendous detonations. These joined with the hinder all serging in an inceaseant necessant room that added to the punic of the fleeing inhabitants within his full view in that great height. This lasted through the night and the day following and the next night, and gtarring remained there all this time, watching clouds so black that they had at times the appearance of spendy arise to his estimated height

of twenty eight miles from the forest fires.

shes orn by the wind rose in clouds from the smoulders of places where the fire had spent its rage, and in this big cloud of smoke fire brands, and sparks and flaming enb embers of all kinds were continually carried skyward to deluge other forests for miles around. Each column of smoke would gradually musroom at the top spreading at in out in dense clouds that descended to bring hight at day, and the atmosphere was so laden wi with gas from the numing trees that life was made almost impossible within five miles of the plaze. Starring expected that perore rain ever came the entire forests forests of Calverinia would be destroyed, and nearly every hour was given by to prayers prayers. All that time when the wind was our the east the carkness overhead was beyond description save when everything was made light as broad day by the glare of the flames.

whe earth quakeed incessanty before the concussions of the numerous explosions, and hill on which stood Starring shook-the-gook, and stones, fire pranas and hot ashes never seased to fly perore the wind.. And so terrible were the thunders of the explosions that it seemed to guarring himseif, and his almost terrified followers that the universe was being rent in deces, and he wondered indeed and exceedingly where the explosions came from and decided to have these investigated also.

"Starring gaid to the Cartian" The way the country is being devastated here for hundreds of miles is appalling. Why not say that all the volcances in all the world were at this one spot and all in full and most violent eruption. I am really a brave were at this one spot and all in full and most violent ereption. I am really a brave man, and have become mixed a most of my career with dreadful buttles, spying expeditions and aknown parts of the drama of war, but never have I witnessed a scele scene like this of Abbieann or of these fires. It is dreadful."

"Yes and ack at that wall of smoke rising and completely covering the whole forest as far as the eye can reach. " remarked the Captian. We have rode for hours along this track in this swelthering heat and we cannot comprehend but that the world is coming to un end. PPraying for rain does not seem to do any good."

"From up here we can easily see the rawages wrought said starring. For miles around where the fire has passed the earth is seared and amouldering like incundescent matter and blackened fiseares and cras cracks caused by the explosions appear everywhere."

From here also they could see that to the southwest smoke like from a hundred thousand volcanic eruptions poured up as if from a huge yawning at of hell, while to the east the hill on which they suo stood ended abruptly into a deep va valley with a long forest covered slope, nd from their point of vantuge they could see no fewer than seven seven new forest fires raging ahead of the parent one, five great melted stone flows and a huge fie fire glow of a valley, a perfect scene or hell. uring all the time of their stay up here the heat day and night had been intense. Lyingfull liging full Length and perring over the edge of a fallen log into the depths of the huge forested valley below they now watched a new sight which was unforgettable. It was like peering into a huge volcanic crater.

From where they may the hill sloped greatly all the way down, and thickly fores forested. By daylight only the giantic gigantic volumes of smoke were visible but at night it was an inferno. The whole of this dreadful place, the sheer foreste forcest walls beyond, even the . great distant hills, were illuminated by this new fire, They could see the very pointem of the valley where waves of flame streamed upward upward many hundreds of feet tward the sky, lighting the columns of smoke to an immense neight in the air;

Shundering, remizing the overwhelming force and fury of this storm of nature Starring and his commanded hay there for hours lascinated. They wanted to leave, but an irresting and his command lay ensist in nours inscinates, her wantes to leave, was an irresting forter untill at last it almost singes, inally it was about three octock in the morning, when in a numb condition from laying so long, and with ciothing wet and arenches from sweating, they tore themselves away to return to Acoteons.

They started to Clamber o down hurriedly, holding to jugged coulders, slithering over heat naked earth,, the last hair of the descent accomplished by alluing on their nacks aown a steep wank of time cinder suma, on the side of the hill not too heavily forested country side many days before the explosions occured, and sent a cipher dispatch of warning to the coverner of Calverinia State. It was not disregarded, but who would know of the trounchieves explosion houror coming, and that all parties concerned should perion, and the message itself remains in the government archieves of Pandora and is to be forwarded to miseror Vivian as soon as some communications with at least Angelinia Agathia can be restored.

The Vivians girls Aunt was at Abbieann and had left the city for Angelinia Agathia on the ship called the Pandora, three weeks before the diseaster, he had planned to accord comestime in a ship them to study the good neons there, their yous and customs

apond somewtime in ? Abbieann to study the good people there, their ways and customs and diagover why so big a population cannot have a mortal sinner among thom, not a criminal of any kind, but was alarmed by the horrors of the disasters recorded elsewhere and fearing a like fate for Abbieann, finally returned southward. It seems certain her fears saved her life. She reached A Angelinia Agathia just the very morning of the terrific disuster.

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Newspapers printed in the neighboring northern counties for some days before the great disaster, included correspondence from Abbieann and Adeleheld, showing that the ruging fury of the forest fires were clearly in evidence, and that as the right center of the Bad Plague was sweeping across the Mic-Allister Rum and raging over southern Bengall state, and heading straight for Adeleheld and Abbieann, that the warnings were ample to permit escape from the forests bluzes in ample time. They had plenty of time, but again heavy who could suspect the other catastrophe more terrible, L there recleved in Abbieannia, and other states in many cities, after the catastrophe, before that fatal day verify these views, and increased the wonderment that there could not be some realization, official and otherwise, of a necessity of a prempt exodus before the explosions occured. explosions occured.

STARILING SURVEYS THE REGIONS SWEPT BY THE DAYS AND HIGHTS OF MOST AWFUL AND HOPELESS DISASTER, AND DESTRUCTION. HE INSPECTS WHAT IS LEFT OF THE DOOMED SHIPS IN THE RIVER HARBOR.

While looking the ruins of eastern Abbleann over, gtarribe believed indeed that few were the survivors, either on land or rivor, who either passed through the fiery ordeal, or maintained life and the wreckage of the fallen buildings, or within the rush of the most mightles cof floods, during the destruction of Abbleann. He had witched to find and interven some of them, to get the stories of their sufferings and the shocking si sights they had witnessed, even if they would not be able to tell of their expariences with acrua acruacy, far from realizing the whole destruction they had witnessed. He also hoped to obtain from trained observors who hactened to the scene of the disaster as fast as swift river vessels could carry them, graphic details of the the disaster as hast as swift river vesses outle darly clear, graphic details of the horrors that met their gaze immediately after theoarived to the scene. and therefore he decided to find them if possible. He had seen a lot himself, and indeed to him the desolation of the ruins of the eastern part of the city blasted by the explosion, can only be inadequately pictured, Not a half of the horrors that he was seeing here could or ever would be told. Even now the whole region with its lofty forested hills, was still hidden behind the thick angry clouds of smoke.

Tooking up and down the river here he observed ernormous quanties quantities of the wreckage of large and small ships, and houses strawing the surface of the waters. huge trees also, and all kinds of furniture was floating here and there ... From behind trees also, and all kinds of furniture was floating here and there... From behind the smoke veil came blasts of hot wind.. He got upon the high wall of some remaining half ruined building to see further, and observed at La morio fifteen miles north of ableann or near there a sea of cloudsof smoke, and it was at this point days before as he had heard that women and children frantic to get away n had begged for a passage on ships going by. ome of the ships had room for no one, but others managed to pick up what numbers they could get on board, half dead women and children, who were so badly burned that they had to be lifted over the steamers side. Many of these had died on the boats before they reached their destination.

We had heard that the condition of these unfortunates was not even as bad as thousand of forest fire refugees in the hills far beyond the fire zone. He knew hundreds of them

would die before relief could reach them.

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Everyone who were refuses thousant the whole disaster region badly needed medical care, food clothing, and above all water. As Starring took in the view as far as easy ould reach from his perch he could see that the whole south end of the country east of the city was covered with smoke from smo smouldering debrie of the burned forests and when ever the smoke cleared a little he could see here and there the skeleton of what was once a good big tree and it as still flaming and smoking.

Furfuse blasts of hot wind, sometimes aghes born by the wind, and smoke ewept over where Starring was perched, but he remained there.

And for sixteen miles along the river front, and for many miles back tward the northwest from the city, and back from the northern limits of the river shore, to the smoking forest ruins or what was left of buildings. Even the scene was as had or worse than what he had seen at a Adeleheld though on the same scale, and streets there were none to be seen. He could not even make out where the site of the large buildings like ten and twenty - story sky scrapers stood, and they no doubt had been hurled down none to be seen. He could not even make out where the site of the large buildings like ten and twenty - story sky scrapers stood, and they no doubt had been hurled down level withthe ground by the terminif termific concussions. The still smoking hills beyond and a big mountain ridge looked like javanese volcances in violent eruption, and the ruins of many trees though still standing were burning in many places, and frightful odors of the burned flesh of animals which had not escaped filled the air.

As far as he could see through the smoke haze, or no whatter where he went Star ing could not see a single house that was left intact. Great heaps of wreckage, almost thirty feat high were seen on avery side. He believed that sure enough under all this

thirty feet high were seen on every side, he believed that sure enough under all this immense sea of wreckage still smoking in places lay heaps of corpses showing they had no time to even rush into the streets before the first shock of the catastrophe

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loaded with food and provisions of all sorts, and was setn sont back tward Abbicann. But all attempts to got to even the enflooded parts of Abbleaun was barred by fire and forest conflagration... The clonest observation possible showed houses still blazing, and

conflagration... The closest observation possible showed bessen still blazing, and streets etterm with churred bodies. It was certain to the cuntian of this stranger that the whole vast city was destroed, and it was found here, that few if any of the inhabitants had escaped.

This is all so far that Starring had kept any record of.

A landing was made at eastern Abbieums on the afternoon of Starrings fourth day there, for the first time since the city was destroyed. The caption of the Mary June, with a party of his officers, and men, and a commission of ariving citizens from Pandora invited to come by Starrings demand, and also this time accompanied by the two girl, and the two boy scouts landed south of Eastern Abbieans. The report about it being spared was a heav. The party made its way through a labyrinth of ruins, and found every huilding in charred blackand ruins. They were shocked to see thousands of every building in charred blackened ruins. They were shocked to see thousands of every building in charred blackened ruins. They were shocked to see thousands of dead bodies, naked, mutilated, and frightfully burned, piled in heaps for every six blocks blocks they traveled in the town, while many other thousands no doubt were buried under the debrie. The searching party found indeed that all of the eatern section of the city ase in ruins. The forest fires to the extreme east continued to move ahead tward the westand east, the great mass of fire and smoke also steadily moving to the northward. Every village and plantation in its path was already destroyed. Streams were dried up. All food was destroyed, and the people who escaped death in the fiery hurricane or suffocation in the dense clouds of smoke, were perishing of hunger and thirst flaming laying that four other layer atoms were destroyed besides Abbisann. thirst. Starring learned that four other large towns were destroyed besides Abbieann. They were Banderville, four miles south of Abbieann, and La Horn five and one half files miles northeast, and Meld orn and urner east. and west Each had a single population of at least fourty thousand people apiece. These towns were crobably the subburbs of Abbieann, but many of these inhabitants it is believed saved themselves by taking to the higher ground as these sections were threatened by the fire before the great explosions came. In this manner. Bet In this manner between one hundred and sixty to one hundred and ninty thousand were awad. or works and weeks they were still in the hills, their escape practically cut off by the seas of forest fires.

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How Povorty Row, being nearer the explosion area them Abbievan itself, could escape even from the effects of the concussion, was explained by the fact that it was on the opplete a opposite and western section of the country, and west of Abbievan on a high plateau, and that it was seperated from even the devantating flood, and from forest fires by a deep valley and high cliffs, the valley recieving most of the waters. It is supposed that, not the ctator cruter of Mt from but some weaker point on the side of the mountain was hurled down in avalanches by the force of the concussions produced by the explosions, and that some of the explosions might have occured in the midet of some sections of the forests lives, and that the size of the crustions and their unusual force and vehemence shot and scattered appalling charges of fire and blazing forest andeflory debris, as a cloud of white hot lava, and shattered and pulvorized and erupted uniciony debris, as a cloud of white hot lava, and shattered and purverled and erupted most of the landscapes not skyward altogether, but Itse an enrouse cannon, aimed at un elevation to bembard Abbieans and other cities and towns, and all the territory in the explosion zone. It was like an eruption of Mt Peles a thousand fold etronger than Krakatoa but like she erupted when she destroyed Bt Pierre. Later when the floods broke out the deep gorges and valloys and high cliffs between Abbiesans, and Poverty Row would be sufficient to protect the latter from the flood peril. one of the explosions some of the explosions tore loose scores of miles of ground, and caused the five hundred miles of earthquake like cracks to be observed in the countryside, cracks wide and deep, and dangerous to explore at night for four of any one falling in vener to goet

out.

It was from the few survivors, that the alarm felt throughout the country for a number of days prior to the disaster was sammed, further more when it was learned or believed sure the disaster was caused by explosions and not volcanic cruptions, a large portion of the blams seemed to be indirectly upon clandelinia because of the forest fires, for it was thought and said that probably great stores of munitions had been secreted away somewhere near Abbleann for war use, and the enemy made forest fires struck these munition depots and exploded them. But nevertheless for a time the majority believed they were volcanic cruptions for they could not concleve how the enemy could produce the munitions shough to cause such tremendous blacts. Nevertheless the greatest id indignation against landelinia grew as the p-nic subsided. It was also remembered that while the forest fires was threatening the neighborhood, and giving warning of some great disaster impending, suspicious characters were seen near the explosion area. some great disaster impending, suspicious characters were seen near the explosion area. strong in numbers who refused to permit any one from Abbicann going near their places. Only Only the day before the terrific cast catastrophe, a commission of scientists presided over by the mayor of the city, and appointed by him the mayor being in Pandora on some war cor conference at the time) assembled at randors for the purpose to go out and study the phenomena of the forest fire horrors that were then ravaging portions of the Marie Osborne, and Zoe Ras forests, and heading for the Mic-Hollester Run hell

of the Marie Oeborne, and Zoe Rae forests, and heading for the Mic-Hollester Run hell bent for destroying the whole forested country side.

It was agreed that the relative position of the two cities of Adeleheid, and Abbieann, and the valleys and the country side, debouching on the river fronts, permitted them to affirm no security of either city, if the wind continued to main the direction that was placing the whole region in dire peril. But no one suspected of destruction coming by explosions. However with that statement the governer tried to reassure the people, already be coming frightened, and it is declared called out the military, and drew a corden of troops around the city, forbidding any strangers from entering, and giving aid to all who in fear wished to leave, for any mistaken judgement i he would have had, he could have paid the penalty with his life, over with the people over whom he held official authority, but he was at Pandort at the time. The men nopulation wereb-lieved to be women and children. The number of men were few. The men normal also can be no doubt that science, fear, and mixisty, and the great conflagration itself united to give warning to those who would head, and therefore many men no doubt went out to aid rangers to fight the red plague. Professor longilester of Scientific University of Pandora, excusing excusined the condition of the forested country

scone of the burned area agood number of feet thick, and the smoke of the smoulder and the conflagration made the whole country side invisible. On the month of May 1913 the forest fire neared the locality of Adoleheid and was raging south of Abbieann, and destroying the forested regions southeast of Abbieum and traveling along the southern destroying the Iorested regions southeast or Addieum and traveling along the southern forested shore of take Amgeline, and along the Mic- Hollester Rum. In its rush the fiery flood of flames every from its path many plantations, towns and villiague, cattle and human beings over a breadth of hundreds of thousands of acres in a few weeks. At morth bend of the Mic-Hollester Rum stood the town of orth Bend one of the finest in that region. Starring knew the place well. It was completely destroyed in the conflagration. The tall smoke stack of the burned factory alone remained visible amid the ration. The tall smoke stack of terrible sea of blackened ruins.

One hundred and fifty persons were estimated to have perished there, including the mayor himself. As the conflagration rushed headlong along its course, the western arm of the fire moved over thirty miles all along the eastern line of the rivers course a wind blowing with great strength at the time, and a big wave of fire swept over the wind blowing with great strength at the time, and a big wave of live swept over the whi whole eastern front of the lake shore. Terrible detonations on May 29th, heard hundred hun rede of miles esastward, followed at short irregular intervals, and continued at night. In the intense darkness, the leletric light failed and the whole city of Abbieum was only lit up by the lurid flashes of flame from the far distant conflagration. This Starring heard of and kept a written record. The terror stricken inhabitants went to the highest roof tops to see what was wrong, many in their night clothes, the

went to the highest roof tops to see what was wrong, many in their hight clothes, the children screaming and wailing mad with terror.

The inhibatuats of the southern section of the city however had no fear of the forest fire, not expecting anything far worse.

The first that was known at even Pandora of the disaster at Abbieann, was at about six oclock in the morning of the first day of runs. At that hour there syddenly spread over the city a thick cloud of smoke, dust and something like powder fumes, which came from the direction of Abbieann. The cloud swept over the city with unusual swittness coming from the southeast, turning bright day light into the durkness of an approaching thunderstorm, with hardly a minutes warning, pring the night before pundora also had been rocked considerably by tremendous concussions, and vessels forcemed to the river wharvas were set creaking against each other with the creat force fastened to the river wharves were set crashing against each other with the great force. A great strungs wave swept down the river, and for days after the water never resumed its normal level, we Everybody in that city at first knew or believed they knew what had happened. The volcans Mt joan, had broken out in appalling eru tion. Throughout the streets of Pandora, and along the water front, people ran thither and hither in the wildest panic, and on all sides there was but one cry. "The volcano. The volcano. It

As quickly as possible in the confusion, the government aurthorities of the city, and the Mayor also, realizing man need there was begun to organize a tremendous system for carrying help to those known to be in dire distress, and many of the inhabitant sinhabitants took boats also to get as near to the scene of the "eruption" as possible to get a view of it. Many shipscheva became alive with activity. They were made ready for a trip down the rivers as quickly as possible, and they started away at full speed down every river possible in the direction of Abbieann, and a great column of smoke and

Troops and p proprovisions also were hurried aboard of them, and many other ships that had arived at Pandora that same morning, made instant preparations to go south. The propropody was excited. The ships had not gone over two days or more, when three of them returned bring back the "cheerful ridings" that Abbieann was utterly destroyed, and that the entire country side from Abbieannia, Abbieann down to the very Calverinia State, and to Angelinia was either on fire, or under a flood, that Adeleheid was wip dout, and that it was impossible to land at any point near Adeleheid on account of the great heat. The river water was at boiling heat. They said everywhere they went the spectacle was most appalling, and looked as if the whole of Calverinia was one mass of flame, or of water, and was sinking into the bowels of the earth.

They also brought the report that in volcano anywhere was in eruption but that it looked as if a whole side of Mt joan had cascadeed down before the concussion of some sort of ground eruptions near Abbieann and elsewhere. At first these reports were hardly believed, but the ships that went first to the scene of the disaster came back to Pandora four days after the other ships, which had followed in the effort to reach

the scene of the disaster. On board these returning ships were a few survivors taken from the rayaged shipping On board these returning ships were a few survivors taken from the rayaged shipping in the river ports of Abbieann, and all of them were so frightfully burned and wounded that they died on board the ships before they reached the city of Pandora. Mostly all of these ships played a grave part from the moment of reaching the scene of the unus al dinaster. Fortunately having all steam up there was no time lost starting for the direction where it was evident a great disaster had occured. Throughout many weeks the heat in the vinicity of Adeleheld was so intense, and the faming fires of the forests, and the fine so of the grave of the symmetry and the sandition of the country. and the nature of the ernormous flood raging elsewhers, and the condition of the country so awful that it was impossible to approach the ti town. As the second week passed some ships after a heroic battle with the heat, suffocation, and terrific fire fumes and smoke succeeded in making a dash tward the shore, nearing the land close enough to see what had actually happened. The Abbieannian Royal Mail Steamer, The Ricksen called fr m the north in the vinicity of Abbieann, at ten oclock the night following the diseaster standing off shore about a mile, sounding her whistle and sending up rockets. She recleved no answer. The whole river front up north was blazing for many miles like She recieved no answer. The whole river front up north was blazing for many miles like a hellish furnace. The Ricksen sent a boat ashore bit it could not land on account of the terrific heat, which was accompanied by loud explosions. Not a living soul appeared ashore after the boat had waited waitill morning....

Ashos occassionally was blown over the steamer. This ship then steamed for Pandora Ashos occassionally was blown over the steamer flooded or burned up, all the stockke seeking assistance, as all the country was either flooded or burned up, all the stockke was dying all the plantations were charred, the countrypeople were flocking into the to make the plantations were charred, and a gangal hornor was feared. The steamer was larged further northly morth, and further northly and further northly and country was feared. The steamer was larged to the country was feared.

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A WHOLE NATION THAT IS LIVING INDER THE SHADOW OF DEATH. IN FANCIED SECURIETY. VERSELS UNABLE TO REACH APPIPANN.

Starri no had been told again and again that is was very strange indeed that it must always seem to the rest of the world, that those who lived in the very shadow of the terrible war cloud, should not heed its muttered warnings, its premonitory symptons that the storm would reach further than its own zone, but since the last terrible war disaster a number of months had propably passed, since the war had threatened any serious circumsances circumstances, and accordingly out of the supposed war zone the green slopes of all riages and mountains, were as familiar to the population as the forested plains or the meadows and the fields from their very doorstens the very beauty of rivers and takes furnishing them pleasure grounds for their recreation. But as familarity precas comtenut of the greatest cangers till they are thought no

congers at all, the enemy then being so far south was not feared except as the remotest dangers at all, the enemy then being so law south was not remove as the removes dangers hardly enough to cast a single cloud over the northern and central sections of calverinia. The war carlier however had showed its frightful anger even in pengali State. The forgets the first most frightful battle of the war, the battle of Abbiegan.

and it a fee victory. The first home of the warnings were ample. Two days after the destructive battle of Abbieum, the Governor of Angelinia state recieved a letter from his sister, and the letter indicated that they appreciated their danger, when the enemy won a nort of advantage over the national armies on or geronican Greek at Abbieann with a immeasureable loss of both sides in killed and wounded, and that afterwards the enemy displayed stone of activity about a few weeks later, which date the letter bears, and had made plans to leave if the occasion arose and which she did in due time. Starring had been shown the very letter to by the Governor himself. The letter had been as follows;

"My dear hubby;

This coming the whole repulation of Abbieum is on the alert and apprehensive, and overy ever is directed tward deronion Creek, where a terrific battle is rading. Yory Eve yoody is afruid that the enemy has taken to his heart to win the buttle, and then burst forth into the city and derroy everything. We recieved reports which terrified the record that the Glandel inlens under general Germania Pranctias Vivian, the trator traitor son of meror Vivian has burst forth with terrific force and furthen of their headen on charges and in carrying all before them, has won the conflict along their left in epite of the christian fire that has due degroved everything for a radius of seventeen miles. The chancelinian losses are will but they are winning. For accord days before the enemy had been raging squabbles, and immense columns of accounts of troops are moving down the left to try and stop the enemy.

Despite the danger all of the braver inhabitants are going out from the city to see the battle. From the noise I am afruid to even leave the buses. There is not a horse to be had in the city, the cavarly having taken them all, and those belonging to the rural detricts are kept in readines to leave at a momenth notice.

At half past ten this morning, I was in my room with little Jenn, and we heard fourtee

At half past ten this morning, I was in my room with little Jonn, and we heard fourtee fourteen distinct shocks that we thought came from a volcanic range that is near the city. They were so great that we may look at first, the volcanoce broke out, the first of the reports being very loud, but the great were so great that all our dishes

first of the reports being very loud, but the great were so great that all our alses were broken, and the house was completely rocked.

It came from a tremendous volley of clandalinian artillery covering one of their main chargers charges. We can see some of the volcances from the rear windows in our house, and they were not activie. The buttle was fully ten miles from the city but we could hear the rear, and fancy of seeing the smooke smoke. The smell of powder is so strong that horses on the streets stop and moret, and many of the reople are obliged to wear wet handkerchiefs over their races to rotect them from the strong smell of powder. The best riends of mine assures me there is no immediate danger, and when there is the least particle of danger the whole ppulation will set fire to the city and flee.Or if the situation of the battle becomes very bad, I shall embark at once and go up north to Pandara. owever my dear Hubby the battle raged three days and the foe held his own. The city however is still safe, and we hope the enemy does not come."

Mrs Jane Turner . Your beloved and Loving wife."

Before the letter reached its destination, his wife and the entire family, and the vencel upon which they were depending had arived eaftly at Pandora, Had they remained untill June the next year they probably would have been destroyed by the terribe disaster, which warnings if there had been any, had been unheeded in time... For since the 19th of October 1912,... the enemy who even then is believed to have wro ght wrought all that have, had been causing nature to continually menfast disquisting symmtons. A great list of m smaller disasters came mounting since that time, and there were from time to time great or, smaller losses of lives according to the sizes of the catastrophes. By the month of November the enemy began to show a greater fury, and the first sign of this new and second most tremene tremendous disaster was that hear Sperry ville great columns of dense smoke were seen and on November 9th at night flames, accompanied by rumbling noises lighted the sky over an immense area causing wide spread terror. The horror came speedly and Sperryville was no more. Both the cities of perryville and Schloedertown were wiped out by fire and explosion and some character of an ernormous flood also followed... character of an ernormous flood also followed...

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Solicia had been epreading all over the land.

All seemed quited down after that horror, and no great disaster occured except what naturally will occur in tremendous battles. July 12th however during the following year was not quite remarkable excepting in only the showing of the tremendous increase of the southeastern Calverinian forest fires. Hot smouldering ashes covered the whole

hight which rose from a new forest fire area, Ryptian darkness enveloped Abbiesum, and an alarming luminous cloud auddenly ancended under this darkness many miles high, and drifted slugh sluggishly to the northeast. Ins Incocount flashes of fire ross on a mountain top, and one severe conflagration seemed to strike about three miles east of Abbieann. Th. th inderous rumblings of so many explosions sometimes lasted for two hours without a moments abatement, and then would deminish untill they became mere

nours without a moments agazement, and then work control with they became mate mutterings. Starving usually believed that the explosions were caused by the turpentine trees explosing of which the forests were of nothing else but.

Also Starring could not account for the storm of ashes t at the wind usually blaw into the city. All the time his followers were with him in the city, they had all they could do to pacify the refugees who were continually freinzied with fear, even dreading a repeatof the catastrophe, which caused such terrible loss of life on the country side, and also through out the big city. Despite the calls of the Rangers they would run from the city streets into the open country, crying and praying for preservation fro

from another tottatty disaster.....o one in the city elept that night.

Detonations and amoke and flashes of flame from the forest fire continued all night and a heavy hot windstorm occurred at orth gend, bringing more smoke than ever into the district. Starring and every one longed for rain. Indeed the heat and dryness ere mprecedented, and because of the fires there was no hope for the resuscitation

of the forest country for years to come.

Even the country for years to come.

Even the country for domestic and manufactoring purposes dried up because of the heat of the forest fire, and the district was desolated beyond comparison. The continuous agitation of the winds in the path of the forest fires, and the absence of the badly needed rain caused the vinicity of the afflicted, villiages and towns in the path of the horror to look like portions of the well known sections of Dantes Inferno. Every day and night it without abatement, a thick smoky cloud overspread the whole region, interfering much with Starrings plans to his disgust, and for his followers the feeling of suspense was awful. Even the frightened refugees passed their time gazing at the eastern sky, where the fire storm cloude had n so long gathered, and where the mournful roaring of the flames were heard. Finally on the 25th Wednesday more than two weeks after the adventuerers had come into the ruined city, the dense clouds forming a canopy over the greater part of the ruined city lowered, and a severe windstorm, accompanied by fierce clouds of smoke broke over the city. It continued for two days, Wednesday and Thursday, causing the fires far to the southeast to reach the very forests eac east of abbleum, and the fury of the wind was so strong and the storm of smoke and sparks so thick and heavy that the refugees were almost suffocuted. Coaring sounds from the wind also caused apprehension of another fire storm striking the forests on the other side, and cutting off their escape also. The strength of the wind also was so great that it distrub disturbed the weaker portion of the ruins, and many corpses not seen before were exposed to

The conditions however were quite different when at last calm was restored or such an approach to it as could be expected after the terrible calamity. Yet here huddled amid the ruins of the northern end of the city were thousands of old men women and children left homeless and without the means of keeping alive except as they recieved aid from those in a position to help them.

During a complete respite vin this awful element Starring alone this time rode up from the city to the closest edge of the fires track, and the sight even on the way of the last few miles of the journey was one of the most tarrible and heartrending that has ever been seen by man. There seemed to be a seu of graves on every hand, not man made graves but natural ones, for where the people had fallen during the crashing explosions there ha they had been buried by the falling debris. And the winds had a purtly uncovered them. In front of every little house not touched by the con-flagration there were a number of bodies lying that graphically told the story of the death of whole families. When gtarring went to this district he had to make his way through a deep coating of still smouldering ashes and debrie which increased in depth gradually untill at the edge of the main fire belt the heat was unapproach. able. It would have been almost impossible to urge the horses through the mers small depth of it had it not been that the animal was not afraid of a little heat underneath. Starring then turned back to avoid the smoke and heat, and came upon a villiage just barely touched by the conflagration. The blackened walls in all instances were the only evidences that once upon this section handsome buildings had stood. And all around strangely enough were those graves telling their tale of the end of those ho who had once dwelt within these ruins. All of the trees, amm many of them oak and elm and big pines had been burned entill nothing but the black ned smoking stum s remained. In one of the burned villiages passed through, only one whole house and it in rains was still standing, and in one was found the bodies of several persons charred and calcined. In front of two remaining walls there were sixteen bodies burned to a crisp which to graving was no unusual aight. Soke still enveloped this part of the country in a haze but there were no signs that the fires vengeance had not been sas satisfied in this locality. In all the villiages through which Starring passed most of the house houses were burned to the ground and ashes blown from the forest fires were more than a foot deep lie returned deeply depressed to the ruins of Abbieann to tell his find.

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BENGALL CITY OVERWIEL (ED.....

EARTHSHOCKS IN CENTRAL BENGALL STATE ACCOMPANIED THE EXPLOSIONS NEAR ABBIEAUN ---- MANY BEST PARTS OF ABBIEAUN LEFT IN RUINS.

Starring now began to know for sure that the earthquake like concussions in pengall State which accompanied the unusually violent explosions, were no doubt related to the latter disturbances. He knew many cities were devestated by the offects of the shocks and the accompanying floods, but of all Abbieann suffered the heaviest loss of property and numbers of dead. ildred greenburg soconded the ammount of heavy damages and loss of life. As he had he heard and read that for many minutes the shocks from each succeeding explosion continued tumbling down cities towns and villiages, throughout all of Cen tral Calverinia and Bengall State. The following shocks were the most severe, and in cities and towns not totally destroyed the inhab Rents by morning were wandering about, not knowing where to go next.

While Starring remained in the city of Abbieunnn, he decired to trace from his maps to find out how far the effects of the explosion disaster extended. He looked on the map for where the city of Queenhosodo is situated. This the third largest city in Calverinia he knew suffered by far the worst for its size, gut then he considered that no where in the big Bengall Gity Abbieann was damage eyen slighter . Thousands of the best and biggest residences and public buildings in Northern Abbieann were either totally destroyed or seriously damaged. He at first "could not understand how a loss of lid so terrible a could have happened. In many cities of other countries he knew and had seen with his own eyes, that these cities had narrow streets, often not often three or four yards across, and that the town had been built in even a irregular manner, and if earthquakes and other disasters occured, these streets even served to make death true traps of the houses, and before half of the debris could be removed if a disaster didhappen many dead bodies would be exposed to view.

But in Abbieann city the widest streets is a quarter of a mile , the narrowest more than three to four hundred feet, and only the tallest buildings fell across or part ly acrosss these 5 streets.

He firmly believed the reports had been exactly true and he said to the captian

who remained with him;

"It is ac actually true that the inhabitants were killed withinthe houses while asleep, Amatitlan, San Juan,, gun jaros, Escuintla, Santa Lucia, italian, and several other wide streets the wreckage did not even reach to the mille, I middle so that through the middle of these streets there could be traversed a long lane between the two lanes of wreckage. I estimated approximately about fifty thousand people that were probably still left under all that debris. I believe I also could estimate that within the ruins at Quesaltenungo street, about two blocks from Sun Jose, and De Guatemala Streets a out five hundred thousand were killed in bed buried under the wrekage wreckage while all were in bed out of a population in that wide district of possibly eight hundred thousand."

"You are right" said the captian. "I have observed that death and damage was also total in the streets of San Marcus, San Pedro,, San Juan Ostancalco, Tucana, San , Masatamango, Maya, and Curotenango. These streets were wide, and there was plenty of space to walkthrough as most of the buildings were low only three to four story affairs. I observed two orphan asylums which had about three to five thousand children each. One wall of this building was torn out clear as if the building had been side swiped by a tornedo, exposing all the domorties domor r domortories. I managed to get into one of the rooms to see how many children were in the beds dead, and found every bed empty, I could not account for that mys ery. I went through a portion of the safer toom ruins of the other structure, but all bedrooms were filled with debris but I was sure a terrible mortality rare among children was here, for wherever beds were not covered up they had a little skeleton.

Juch damage was done on the big Coffee stores, and at the River ports of Ocos

and Champerico streets.

The great Big CEntral Avenue Libery was wrecked and all the great and most expensive and rare books were buried under tone of debris; and the wreckage of other taller houses near by were mixed in with this. I dug up some of the books and examined

their contents." "Il looked for one spot outside the city zone to find if some of the reports caused by the shocks were true" continued starring.

WALE THE REAL PROPERTY.

What were those reports?" "thy I rend that the earth rolled up in four distinct waves, and then rolled high ad which still rear their crests where they stood whon the great convulsions coessed. ceased. And between each crack is a wide deep crack, and the earth in every direction is seared by openings of apparently o soundless depths. The river banks p in that locality have been squeezed to ge together I heard, and that the streams are a number of feet narrower than before."

"Did you reach the locality to see if it was true!" asked the cuptian. hundreds of quick sand victims, but there was no sign visible to indicate that

gagmine ever was there. Then the explosions came and produce the shocks as it is written in the news, and the force of the concassion squeezed the river banks to together it forced ever, one of the skaletons from the bog, and harled them high and dry upon the shore. This found to be true as far as evidence shows, and I'll show you as soon as this afternoon approaches. The cty city railroad bridge, across the river from oje one street to the other was strangely telescoped by the strange contraction of the banks, and the river wharf, which was the citys pride, now stands and the cance, and the river shour, which was the crops price, now stands a nominent to the ruthless strength of the explosion made shocks, a misshappen mass

"I inspected the streets of San Jose and also Escuintla where all the buildings were were almost completely destroyed. The shocks I believe did in in fourty seconds in this district, and houses not destroyed are partly reased or badly cracked, and hundreds of thousands of slappers have been baried in the ruins, and struck by falling of thousands of slappers have been baried in the ruins, and struck by falling timbers and stones. The loss of life; believe was between four hundred thousand in the whole length of the street of Escuintle and the districts adjoining with all other cross streets. Escuintly gtreet had a population of about five hundred thousand in cluding its districts surrounding on each side before the shock, which cut ravines in some of the districts, and shook many of the houses and buildings level with the ground. Not one of these I believe survived the shocks. The scenes in that street sir and also some of the other streets of that district which suffered ree the most were and is terrible, your of the bodies of the victims have get been dug from the ruins of hores. In San Jose Street, I saw a whole line of big buildings of both sides, which were described destroyed by the concussion, and only three bodies or half skeletons did , se protruding from the wreckage. Street car subvays were not damaged which were mysterious to me, though partly fall of water, and those lower down railway yards, were lakes of water with all kinds of railroad cars partly covered, or floating about. The number of houses destroyed surrounding the railroad depots and yards, as a result of the conclusions I could not tell, but I saw many with all the rooms exposed and none of the furniture was injured, except where fires had raged. I went to the street or para where, had learned that in ninty seconds, I,000 people had been buried while asleep under the ruins of their fallen houses, ever four the usand burned or smothered to death, and the street of Quezaltenango of I40,000 people destroyed

by the concussion."
"I was there too" said Starring. For all we have seen of that even survived of "I was there too" said Starring. For all we have seen of that even survived of Albieum only fragmentary accounts of the disaster has been received through the ners owing not only through interrupted committation, but that no one was at Abbieann to see the true facts. I went to para street on and stood on the corner section of Suatemala Boul. taking pictures of the ruins. There stood what was left of a church, only its clock and bell tower, and to my surprise the darn clock was still running for it struck three oclock. Crevices in the very streets was observed at frequent intervals, and once I nearly stepped into one. Locking down I saw it led down into one of the transportation subways of Abbieann. It was full of water, and I saw one of the transportation subways of moreans, it was tall of water, and I saw bodies floating in the water, which evidently told me that 'raine full of people were caught and drawned like rats in the rush of water into those tunnels. The greatest damage, observed so far caption is at questioning street, for all buildings for the full length as far as eye could re reach on every side, and down all other for the full length as far as eye could ra reach on every side, and down all other intersecting streets are practically destroyed. In one building, saw lying in bed a little ek linton helding a expensive doll, and near by lay the skeleton of a dog. That sight brought the tears to my eyes. I could not resist it, and took a picture of that. Believe re all these pictures I am taking will show to the whole world whay what kind of a fee we have to deal with if glandelinia really did this .All the build what were left standing are cracy and shaky. They will have to be pulled downings that were left standing are cracy and shaky. They will have to be pulled downing the ream of one and wreak, a building that looked as if some blust bud rived rived. I the room of one sud wreck, a building that looked us if some blast had riped ripped It upside down, hung the motto " God Bless Our Home." That sign to me was a mockery. I could not look at it a second time as it chocked me. The loss is irreparable. Many beautiful stores of all kinds were on this street and they all suffered in a smillar manner, and in addition suffered a greater loss, that of all members of tye their families. There were as I heard at the ending of the disaster, three most terrific shocks of all following the others, each three more severe than the one preceding followed by a tremendous one that nonthing can compare, but the damage was all done within a minute and half. Among the wealthier class the loss of life was similarly the same if the concussions had occured in daytime when every one would have been up and around the believe many would have had time and a chance to flee from their houses and such refer that the wide middle sections of the streets or in the patics or street courts, and would have been saved but all were caucht in their beds sound as lep, and the those who may have been around may have been killed before thet they reached the streets. The streets are not one quarter as narrow as streets in even Ameri can cities, so that escape from a falling building was abou absolutely possible, .mless they were sky scrapers, The loss of life mostly was found within possible, unless they were sky scrapers. The 1088 of life mostly was found within the ruins as 1 observed showing that no one 1 found among those thousands upon this manuals of skeleting had even as an ample charge to get up out of bod before they were killed b by either the ruins or some ins from the explosions. And most people in Abbleman (except in bot weather) are accustomed to retire early, and nearly all were in their houses as usual whon the great shocks came. The houses are built of the same materials as in American cities, and when they collasped all their

"An long as the corpsus or the skel-mions skel tons are not day ap from the rains in will be practically impossible to give unything like an accurate a stimute of the dead" said give Starring . "It is setima ted by the news that the total populat-

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population had perished. That can only be proven when all the dead are recovered."

"aut how can it b.f" asked the caption. "It is stated that sore them three quarters of the city was exept awa, by the fleed, and the lake front of it mak beneath the lake itself, one of those bodies can ever be recovered. It add to the horror of the situation any of the rains have been after, and all the bodies may be bound to ashes. Most of our own followers in exploring this horror have suffered grantly from heat and thirsr owing to the fact that the water sains are all broken. We have been only able to drink of the water that remained in the fountains still working, and what we have taken up and beiled from the river."

"That may be true but we could estimate the numbers found." argued starring. Even quesalteningo street could give as some numbers to start with. I have come across akelentone of all sizes lying everywhore about the streets, here would be a head. there a trunk,, and limbs severed by falling in iron cornic s or timbers, and every where from the piles of debris I have seen protruding arms and legs of skeletons.

The sight was horribb horrible, and one that cannot be forgotten."

"All the additional sights; have seen" said the caption." especially in quatemala street only added to its horrors. There must be districts of dead under-the rains. I examined a part of rapacuhe la Street, and the damage to the buildings was worse on the sides facing the explosion area. The rear portions still stood whole and entire. In San Marcos street, near Quezaltenango, all the buildings facing the explosion area were totally destroyed on the frontal sections, while in the rear they were entire also. In one building which was a hom: for cripaled and sick children I coun'ed six hundred small skeletons in every pose in their half wreckeed and half debris covered beds. Others of the inmates no doubt were crushed and buried under the fallen walls. In La Lachiau street, not a house was left standing. many universities and colleges were located within this di district, but no bodies were discovered in these ruins .. "

This city of Abbieum which as situated near the borders of big Lake Angeline was ver rich in millions of queer and rure relics and paintings and articles taken by explorers from the rains of ancient and civilized races. The destruction of Abbieann was the biggest loss to Abbieamia on record, and the whole country was trying its utmost to discover whether the disaster was on one of nature, or caused by the enemy. Coffee the principal export of the city itself was lost for the many years to follow, and as Auvie Appleann was one of the greatest corre and tea trading cities and ports in the world in this story the loss was immeasured ly great. The sugar and rum productions were also loss, pesides all vegetable and

truit.

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HOW CAN THE GREAT APPLYABLAND OTHER CAIN FRIBLAN DIRASTERS BE EXPLAINED. SOME THY TO EXPLAIM. THE THEORIES OF SCIPICE ON THE EXPLOSION CONVULSIONS. VIEWS OF THE POST PHINDIT CAIN FRIDIAN AND APPICABILAN SCIENTISTS CONCERNING THE CAUSES OF THE GREAT

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Calverinia, and her eleter states witht as well be like a human body subjects to all kinus of aissues and assumements. Calverinia can even be likened to some person who just because she is one and Carist like, is crucified by her wicked sister s who are her enemies, and her sisters are the Clamelinian States and Provinces, while her loyal Sisters, and mother Applemania, cut off by the sheary and disasters, is forced to look on, and almost do nothing, and allow her to linger there, in horriste agony norrow that misery. The areadist heat of the forests fire have causes all over the country as far as Appleanta, high agone normal temperatures for even the late summer and carry fall season, and evidence seems that because of it there'll be no winter thin year. And the awful heat of the many forest fires, and the frequent changes which constantly take place because of a the disasters of the war manifest themselves terribly in the form of horror and death in every locality. In other words Calverinia is likened to a person who is being burned and scorped scoarged while hanging on

The fires and other disasters had manistested themselves into a score of complicat no lifes and value aleasters had manisiested themselves into a score of compile ions in the shape of itcome, explosions, massaures, terrific defeats in pattle, and the rain of whole cities and towns, and war made eru tions upon the whole landscape. In other words the war is taking its vengeance upon nature as well as hemanity. All kinds of Abbic achien scientists have advanced many theories concerning the primary causes of all these awful disusters, and many explanations relating to the results and the extent of these calamities. Yet like the doctors who disagree in the diagon cals of a human malady, the scientists of very kind are equally mubble to agree in all details concerning this ferm of all calamities since the war begun, and some even dispute over the state ent that all the calamities were natural and not caused by the

After all theorems relating to the cause of the many disasters, (not counting tangents of children) have been considered, the one that is most tenuble and is sustangents of children) tuined by the largest number of scientific men in Abbicannia is that which traces thined by the largest number of scientific men in Accident is that which it all kinds of disasters back to the old accepted cause of natural meuns, and to the sternal fives in the onter of the earth, and not blaming the war at all. But in the majority then blame it on the enemy. And only in the latter way can the disasters

The youngest atment scrents in the country of alvernia, or any of her other of alvernia, and for legn scientists, or any man familiar with a deen, and also in Appleannia, and for legn scientists, or any man familiar with a clence who examined the or at least investigated the oceans of the great disaster alcovered that the appleadon signature at Abbiecon were not consuled, by any ogrand or outward force caused by volcanic activity as same others had recorded in neuspapers, and found like starring that all the substances were ofno volcanic material to any degree. And these Scientists hundreds of them were with Starring aiding him in is work. They worked with him even while the scenes around were almost like the internal regions of the earth, sacrificing their safty, health and so forth to

help him in his efforts.

But remething more more than the mere presence of the craters and the debris
then thrown by them is necessary to account for the causes of the "so called volcanic action", although it may in a imper degree account for the strungs and most record breaking vehement seismic covelsion convolsions in the form of earthquakes which affected the whole nation that fatal night of June the First Monday Horhing. the elements discovered by giverig which enter into the source of these explosive forces proven to be no volcanic eruption. The characteristic phenomenon of a volcanic cruation is the steam clows that issue from the gradual vertex before the up-sample of the motten lava, dust ushes and scoria. Such materials was not found a universe near those craters. This acceptes theory is plantly laterated in the disasterous expicoions of the other months past, which and craters of the same kind though not so

the form of these awrul explosions, and its simplest form is likewise illustrated in a coller explosion. Observations of these most violent explosions of the war show them by the nature of the cruters and the havor wrought by them to be only most Tremendone mine explosions, placed at a great depth beneath the surface of the the ground, where a great q unity of all into of powerful explisives explosives have ceem placed and scalenly converted into evaptions by eletric charges from a far dista distant battery. In minor explosions of the war the presence of black sacke is not

noticeable in such quantities, which is simply because the mamount of explosives was small and the mamount of TN-T placed was only sufficient to expel the earths surface

The flow of water from the explosion cruters which follows most violent exto a shorter distance. locions is expelled by the outward and the upward force of the great blusts, and drawn probably from wat r coverents indernath the early earths surface. That may explain why the explosion cra ers afterwards have a 1 ke in them. The two lines of

explosion craters near Abbisons, one remains north and south, the other cust and west thich intersect the neighborhood of Abbisons, and Ad 1 Adel cheid cities and Rengall State, follows the course where the rivers Arronburas and Monthlester Run is aldest and the reverted to the course where the rivers Arronburas and Monthlester Run is aldest the terrific force of the great explosions was soficient to cause crevices for han drade of miles over the country side, and the character of the explosions is determined that finds its way in them, and the temperature of the forcest fires radius near the vinicity can only be a monthlester.

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And the temperature of the forest fires raning near the vinicity can only be greeced at, but some idea may be formed of their intense hear from the streams of helter neck sometimes running down mountain slopes swept by those anging fires. These sometimes had run ten or twelve miles in the open air before cooling sufficiently to become solid recks acain. From this it will be seen by the reader, whether he believes it can ever really happen or not in trued cases, that the finmes of the forest fires are or were much hetter than are required to reduce the rocks on the mountain side ty a liquid form. From this seems too may be seen the instantslous action of the or by which the streams dry up.

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water seeping or flowing through a forest fire area is converted into steam, and the streams dry up.

The calamity which defell Arbidann and her neighboring cities and towns had without gotion lead to a freeh disconding of the calages of the explosions as also it was blacked on these forest fires. Wet all the phenomena involved therein are y t fully enderstood, and concerning all of them there were perceiptible difference of opinion among the best of the experts. On at least one point if it is sharp enough however there is always a general diaggreement. Forest fires were raging east but close to the explosion area, before the cruch, and at a distance of fourteen miles it was claimed that the hoat of the lindurus Creek perceiptives probably great enough to set things flame, and within a mile off to melt every known substance. This report was laughed at but investigators after the passage of the fire typo typ hoon discovered the statement to be somewhat under the actual thing. Objects were melted three miles away and no one could have lived fifty, miles off.

Confinement of the fire was impossible. There was also a growing tendency moreover to recognize the sportance importance of the nature of the blasts. The distance from the xplosions to the fires was at that a time one hundred miles. The weight of several miles of rock is almost inconcievable, and most of this subsence by the concussion elide down mountain sides. The scientists regarded this as the chief agent in the explosion concussion, at least when sides of hills are easily shoken so the fire seed at the the extent to which forest fires are claimed responsible there is some lack of harmony among even fire actentists.

Darger, gringinger, Schloeder, Heidiab, and others of the semini, great squorists themselves held that electic batteries largely, if not entirely responsible, as was the theory of or the blasts, and not the fires as the fires were too far away. They point to the case, that investigations proved that there were too many cruters situated in th was the theory o for the blast, and not the lives the lives two two datas, proint to the case, that investigations proved that there were too many cruters situated in the abbleman region to be of volcanic origin. Dargar also regarded forest fires not as the initial factor, but as an occasional, though in important reinforcement. He suspects that the mines were probable t stores for sufe kee, keeping under cround for munition uses, and that the fires may have heatened the ground to a great extent, and that in the munition calleries underground enough the two generated to blast the munitions. Thether they were placed there by the enemy is a difficult blast the munitions, whether they were placed there by the enemy is a difficult quention, but as many other such disasters were her doing, this one is blazed on glands linia also, and if she is not guilty she will soon prove it. The explosive effects of the disaster which ensued were of three kinds.

By the expansion of the force all the harder rook substances under the munition guilerie guileries was reduced to a state of worder, and the soriginated the errormous clouds of fine dust which were ejected. Some of the greatest explosions had the Me Felee effect when St Pierre was destroyed, but on a hundred per cent greater scale. Other explosions were of the Krataka force and style but far greater also. Shocks of greater or less violence were also produced. The less severe explosions sounded like the disagarfs cischarge of the heaviest artillery, and gave rise to a tremore in the immediate vinicity by did no durage. In extreme cases of some of the vehement explosions around fire will be fine city of the vehement explosions enough force was developed to rend the walls of the city of the corn if self on the

enough force was developed to rend the walls of the city of bbi-car i self on the north even though far from the explosion, a scene of which Starring discovered in the ruins. Starring discovered that even a part of northern Ablicann itself was blown up and a crater is where that portion of the city stood. It was like a hundred Krakatons blowning a at once in this spot alone. The culminating testitates culminating drama of the northern Ablicana and the northern Ablicana

blowning p at once in this spot alone. The culminating testite to culminating drama of the northern Abbieunn explosion, like the fierceness of the Pelee _rutton on a thousand per cent force, though not resulting so disasteriously to the landscapes near by as Krakatoa would have done would seem to be due to the same cause. To this particular explosion, too, it seems safe to assign the upheavel which excited a tidal ware along the two coasts of calverinia, east and went, as the whole state was shaken bad enough to effect the same.

That was why in every city not injured by the shocks came reports of frenkish action of furniture and household household property that at first was hundred at and not believed. The precise manner in which the explosions literally acted in destroying beleann in the lit Pelee, St Pierre, and also earthquake, and flood faculton almost simultaneously is not and probably will never be entirely cleur. "overtheloss it is possible to get some light on the mutter. It is now well known that in many places where such explosions have accured there are deep long mine galleries, and by the men placing explosives. Some of them have been cade wide and door enough to hold hundreds of thousands of per points of theke Selvica are whose views. The mine galleries leading under and to the dives of lake Selvica even the velocious thave been formed by the menty. It hagebeen observed that many cratern caused by explosions formed by the enemy. It has been observed that many craters caused by explosions are distributed along similar mine calleries.

The existance of a chain of explosion craters in the Abbisman region suggests the

rise existance of a chain of explosion craters in the Abbiesian region success the probabilities that there were long galleries made inderground. Just how these calleries have been formed, and whether they were stored off by the nationals for the purpose of hiding multions from the enemy, or whether the enemy placed the explosives to cause the catastrophe is one of the most difficult questions still left for investigation and which Starring is truing most desperacy hard to find yet. Giving a line of elementy found fulleries ander round is unforded, whilliam goldoder, another our remember of the cemini suggested that the mines were placed by the foe, and that probably

the forest fires or the enemy run have been the inedia's exciting cause of the immensurable catastrophe. Other Scientists have found a similar explanation acceptable in the cause of other explosion and disasters elsewhere. And the Theory has much to in the cause of cther explosion and clearly represent the Theory has much to come and it to favor. The Abbicum and clearly represent the Theory has much to explanations of volcanic and other phonolona which sat forth in detail the causes of the horror, and the effects throughout the nation of explosion disasters in particular, and selsmic convoletons caused by them in general.

Vingoriore, a professor acy of the Gemini, has made a special study of the results of these disasterous explosions, floods, and fires, and other catastrophes, lie has not deam investigation of the Lake Selicia pleaster, and dustinvestigated many other disasters for purpose of study, he is also an authority upon volcanography.

"He s' said to Starring; he is also an authority upon volcanography."

"In the found as it is strangely enough a or two circles of explosion craters. One includes the surface of the country side north and south,,, extending through the part offshengal Stateincluding those many Adeleheld, these two circles intersect at two points. One of these is on the Aronburgs Rum, which includes North pend, near two points. One of these is on the Aronburgs Rum, which includes North pend, near two points. One of these is on the Aronburgs Rum, which includes North pend, near two points. One of these coints of interse ction of the two crater rings, that I found the unequal size for the explosion craters, and I' is there and in the immediates vinicity that I size for the explosion craters, and I' is there and in the immediates vinicity that I chees to interse ction of the two crater rings, that I found the unequal is at these points of interse ction of the two crater rings, that I found the unequal is the some of the least disasters of the explosions had the force of a volcanic is that s

is that some of the least disasters of the explosions had the force of a volconic explosion, and this was proved by witnesses by the great clouds of smoke that accommony the explosion. Even the theory that the very scenter of calverina is worst then devantated Darram declared no larger held. He assets the latest idea is that the Central parts of calverina is more free from the effects of the disaster, than the Central parts of calverina is more free from the effects of the disaster, than the couring, and southeastern Calverina is a section of catastrophes according, and southeastern Calverina is a section of the disaster, than the couring, and southeastern Calverina is a section was disasters, and there is no part of calverina which is aspent exempted from by the war disasters, and there is no part of calver his which is aspent exempted from by the war disasters, and there is no part of calver his which is aspent exempted from by the war disasters, and there is no part of calver his which is according to the second of the

is of interest, as showing that the war is growing in force every duy. The best of spies have seen the same thing in south central alverinia. There most decided channes of the war have taken places even in the last eight months.

And the enemy is still in full possession. Even new causes to the disasters might be discovered, and then seismic theories might a there by confirmed ir disapproved. The danger or remaining in the war zone is usually well known by people dare mything usually than foreske their homes. Owing to the presence of the fines of the powder and monitions exploded it is probable that samy of the vitims evictims in abbleaum not buried under the debris were asphyziated, and so died easily in their their sheep. Others doubtless were buried in the rains of their homes, or were cought in some on closed place which was being surrounded by flames in the berming weed age resulted in allow routing.

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of the Late Selicia and some other flood disasters. At the time of the Abbienin horror other explosions proceeded or followed it in all parts of calverila.

The outburst at Abbienin in rengall ctate, was apparently the culmination of a number of recent explosion disturbances which have been unusually severe. A great explosion occured at Adeleheid, but a few days after the Abbienin horror, while many cities was nearly destroyed by the concussions that immediately followed.

Only a few days before the Abbienin disaster, the cities of greatinia grathia Only a few days before the Abbienin disaster, the cities of greatinia grathia by a few days before the Abbienin disaster, the cities of greatinia grathia by a few days before the Abound disaster, are mercly the explosions of all by a few days of these kinds of disasters are mercly the explosions of all by a few days of these states of the special placed in mine galleries nder ground under ground, and thind of munitions—munitions placed in mine galleries nder ground under ground, and the force of the blast shatters its stone prisons into dust. The common belief that the munition munition mines at Abbienin is that it was placed by the enemy. If so, then how long were the Tandelinians at work on this, and how did they keep if so, then how long were the Tandelinians extend worked, digging deeper and deeper under masses of earth and rock, forming long mine galleries, and thousands tt so secret all this time! Here they may have secretly worked, digging deoper and deeper under masses of earth and rock, forming long mine galleries, and thousands much have done the job. They may have placed an unknown and not of explosives.

And the force of the explosions wight have caused a shrinking of the earth in the neigneur neighborhood, and a contraction of the outer surface as it settled on the placing surface and encountry is supported by these foldings, when the munit ins explosed with such tremendous force.

The rocks all around were blown into dust, which was carried so high as to escape the power of the carths attraction and float by itself through space. It may be that the most violent carthquake trerors came during the crashing explosions, but it does not necessarily follow that this could also be the case either. Most cathquakes are caused by mysterious disturbances in the interior of the earth, but the explosion are caused by mysterious disturbances in the interior of the earth, but the explosion shocks though devastating were more jumpy than carthquakes. The most commonly a ccepted belief is that massive rock beds away down in the dearth at a depth of a ccepted belief is that massive rock beds away down in the dearth at a depth of a ccepted belief is that massive rock beds away down in the dearth at a depth of twelve also or more, was dis u disturbed also by the concussions of the explosions sit the result that the concussion was felt all over the country to a derive less of these explosions had been heard further away than Annalinia gath are the country to a derive less or more. He of these explosions had been heard further away than Annalinia gath are the country to a derive series of the country to a

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. The air waves following following these explosions are believed by the sectentiats to have passed four or five times around the globe the lope. The face of the land is in the vinity vinicity of the explosions was completely of annual. A major

A greater number of the explacions are similar in cause and effect to a good munit ion explosion. It is now Starrings accepted policy that the sydden introduciton of forest fire heat may have caused the disaster also. The concussions caused a tension of the crust of the earth which caused many great fissures to ann appear. If it can and does on roved withhat the enemy was responsible for the disaster it is not hard to imagine what the result would be. It would be the came as tightening down a safty valve and then let into a boiler of red hot pipes a quantity of i ce cold water. There were in the war two classes of explosions, those which resulted in tremendous floods, and those which only shock cities and rocked the nation. It is the flood following the explosions which brings wide p spread destruction, and it is surely astonishing to learn of the tremendous rower one of these floods have when unleashed.

The floods are the most dangerous next to earthquake shocks to human life and property and can change the physical face of a country as well as a volcamic enuction or a terrific earthquake can do.

There was sure e-i endence that a good part of beligann, the size of the whole of the was received that such into the waters of bake Angoline from the concussion and effects of the explosions. For that the tic-closter pur route is also in danger because it is in the explosion zone. It seemed strungs that the explosion horror resulted in the collages of the shore containing such a large part of Abbicum and drawing it under the lake so that every one there drowned like rath in a trap. The concussion and the digating of the explosions, and the effects to the rocks far down bolow caused a subsidence to follow. The explosion cruters were now helieved to have caused a region of extreme wookness of the water gatthe crust especially the explosions did, which has its purallel for all the lembth of the explosion disaster zone, and which extends for a great distance, where are located some of the biggest water filled craters of all. This same region of weakness includes nearly the whole of the pengall

ith starring were three vational abbiemmian geographers who helped him make a study of the disasters. Ind these too were members of the remini. Durgar himself after a careful examination of the devastated regions related important scientific phases of the great explosions, cllections of data concerning the explosions nearest Abbieum was immediately begun, fie was told by one eve witness that on the morning of the great disaster, a vac vast or column like volcanic dust, cinders, blocks of stone rolls of thunderheaded smoke rose many thousands of feet into the air like a shot, spreading full of flashes in all directions. A large portion of this lighted by the distant forest fires and easily seen, had seemed to reach the a per air carrent for it was carried eastward. This spreading and also falling was again divided, and the clouds were swept by the lower winds buck tward the explosion and over the city.

The wrecked houses shows this, the windows on the side not facing the explosion crater being nharmed, while those on the eastern side were wrecked by the back draught tward the explosion.

There was no wind on the morning of the great disaster, a fact which facilitated the devastation of the country side. The hot unphyxiating gases from the distant forest fires, by the concession of the explosions rolled westward, and many were

scorched and suffocated. pebris from the explosions fell in gildred greenburg over a hundred miles away and the heavy detonations where heard there as if the noise was exactly in the streets. The houses of that city shook fiercey fiercely and many crashed to rain, stronge gases filled the air, and thee warning phenomena in the sky produced by the disaster increased intill they become calarming. The city then was partly overwhelmed by the floods that resulted which swept upon the city with fearful rapidity. The Lake Selicia which flooded so much country before became a sea and a new flood from it spread fresh death and destruction on all sides. Three days later the worst flood on all record was on and devastated an untold number of cities and towns, and made a good part of Abbleon and llared greenbare a thing of the past, wiping out the majority of the inhabitants of the latter city, and changing a country side into an inland occum, put ing the outbrook of the least of the explosions a c vast column of smoke rose to a height of four miles above the ground, as measured by some far distant e-ecultnesses. The last of the explosions were more vo violent than one may one preceeding, and on this occasion the volume of smoke and deris debris rose to an unestimated height, and an exa examina ion of the stones that even fell in Culvering showed them to be a wairty of granite and limestone. They were bits of underlying rock forming a part of the origin of the earth.

There were no laws of any and frund, for all fragments composed of more rock. Yet it is evident that the strange tornadoes of sufficienting heat and ruses which wrecked the buildings, apply stated the people not killed in the ruins, then started fire completing the ruin. These ruses were believed to be caused the by the backward concussion of the air drugging the forest fire heatened air upon the city. This accords with the statement which has also then the to educating that the comments and the the time to educating that the comments and the contraction that the comments are the contracting that the contracting that the contracting that the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the contracting the contracting that the contracting the the northern part of the city.

The games being from the fives no doubt drove the ships of the river roudsteads ane games oming from the lives no doubt drove the ships of the river realises to the bottom, or burned and shattered them before they could scape. Must and clay was dug from the earth by the explosions, and came down in cloudbursts. The great emission of sufficiently has from the forest flow, brought for the city by the shocks of the explosions are among the misual features which the dispater has to add to the scientific knowledge force explosions.

As this story tells it, Walter Starring was the first man who set foct in the area of explosion craters, and because of his high position ad acton ist besides being conoral his stories were valuable for the cause, and the world in meneral. He waid

that any one would be so excited over the disuster as to put in r ports that lit toun had been blown up, and that the mountain had thrown over the sea or take, ngeline so much pumies that it was possible to valk a distance of nearly a hundred miles over the lake, when confirmed investigations proved the report untrue. It was also stated sir that ubwards of two hundred thousand reople perished near this spot, that many islands were formed in the lake, than an earthquake destroyed all the to as on the shores of the lake."

"Such exaggerations can easily be made, said Jane herself. "But of my experience the last shock was the worst and that mainly caused all of the houses to be overtru overturned in the city, and the destructive fire that raged at the time, to be added by the flood which further increased the loss of life und property."

"It is the gravest disuster of all nevertheless" said Starring. "But the statement

that Mt Joan was blown into the air almost in the twinkling of an eye, and wiped out of the map of Calverinia must have been made by some person rather with an unfirmusihed unformished top story. The explosions that over caused them however had buried or devasted the surrounding courty for many miles, and even many of our cities round Abbiemn, and dozens of upland hamlets and countryside towns had been overwholmed in the earthen deluge, or wrecked by other phenomena attending the outburst like Abbieumn was governan thounand s of people had met with sudden and most terrible death, scores of thousands of others have been injured, and the long roll of disaster included the destruction of porses and cuttle, damning up of rivers, and laving wast to large tracts of country and tarning districts, forests and all kinds of expensive groves. But here we are near the crater now. We traveled for ten days over this desclate scene and now have reached out destintion destination."

Finally as they reached the region of this ernormous crater, starring remembered that thirty mines in a straigt straight line from Abbieunn to Calverine a further distance of one hundred and too miles the noise was experienced and the shock also from this single explosion, and that for nearly a full day on the property and the single explosion, and that for nearly a full day on the provided the result of the rising smoke of the explosions, which added and groom provaried, the result of the rising smoke of the explosions, which added to the durkening smokes of the forest fires, and which greatly puzzled the saviving inhabitants. A trip of about 10,000 feet was made to the back of the crater o as to obtain a clear view of it and over of the country around it which had been so disasteriously overwhelmed.

Only on nearing the end of the trip was the party again brought face to face with only on nearing the end of the trip was the rain of debris, mud and clay which had sixns of the great explosions. Here besides the rain of debris, mud and clay which had sixns of the grant and all vegetation, they came upon a number fallen on and still covered the ground and all vegetation, they came upon a number of ernormous cracks deep as pits, evidently in some way the work and effects of the description. Character the smallest one by impring with care, signs of the terrific explosion. Crossing the smallest one by jumping with care, signs of the unusually great disaster grew in number and intensity. Fetid smokes swept over them unusually great disaster grew in number and intensity. Fetid smokes swept over them at times from the distant forest fires, and coming from evil looking smudges dangerous ly close by. Creat forests of trees torn up by their roots by the concussion of the explosion, lay or stood topsy turpy nor inclined in all directions in every scene and the whole face of the country side wore the look of having been withered by some fierce and buleful blast. In deed it had the appearance, but for a hundred miles of having been struck by the desolating blast of the Mt psles eruption, and the dostruct ion of vegetation appeared the sume. They had travialed for a few minutes, and gained the crest of a narrow low ridge denuded of all trees, part of which hill was torn as ander, and now for the first time they looked forth upon the sight which they had come to see. Neverthaless in their lives had they expected this. There was no regular cruter. "I hardly know which to pronounce the more astonishing sight as we see here." suid

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"It is strange" said the captian" for the prospect that now opens before our eyes or the suddeness with which it bursts upon us makes me think as if we were lost on some desolated surface of the moon."

"Yes, for to the former there is no more fitting phrase perhaps that can be applied to this seems, that that of absolute, unreademen redeemed desolution, —so intense, so said, and bewildering, and terrifying, that despair of being able to describe itadequately in detail in my dairy. It certainly looks like the ruins on the suf surface of some section of the moon, as if our own world was wiped out by some disaster."

On their left, from what was supposed to have have been a high plain rose the in On their left, from what was supposed to ha have been a high plain rose the in curved real wa rear wall of what over two months before had been a stretch of meadows forested plains and forested hills, falling with scarce a break, to a depth of fully five to six hundred feet. In front of the strangely vformed cliff everything had been blown away and scattered fearfully over the face of the country before it, in a roughly fan shaped deposit of for the most part unknown depth-deep enough however to rease every landmaker landmark, and conceal every feature of the deluged area, and mingled with all this was trees, some fragments of houses, a few human bodies, mud rocks of all sizes, cla clay and granite, and even wreckage of some big graveyards.

At the foot of the cliff, were two smaller holes filled with water. To their view the bace, denuded by the awful explosion seemed to cover a space between five and six micesmiles. This however can only be a rought conjecture. Indequally value must be all present attempts to determine the volume of the flown up earth. Yet it can be assumed as a very moderate calculation that the mean depth of the debris covering an buried area of perhaps fifty miles was not less than fifteen feet, and yet find that the work actived by this great exploded mine was the upheavel upheaval and wide distribution of ne no fewer than twice of three times, seven hundred million tons of earth, or more than twenty two million tons of debris, earth, rocks, and ont other ponderous material. The real figure could probably be even very much greate. And this

"This looks like some titan tried to blown up the whols country, said starring.
"But the sight here positively proves its no volcanic disaster. Let's look more into
it. It is done by a mighty mine already. The explosion here instead of forming a
orater blasted away the whole territory."

"It sure looks that" said Penrod awed by the scene. "No wonder Abbieunn fell down."

OR FORMED BY THE GREAT EXPLOSIONS, AND PONDERS ON THE SCHIES BEFORE HIM. DISCOVERY FOR CLUES IS IN VAIN.

WHILEA Starring was now on his way again for the crater region, to make enother effort at discovery des ite despite the perils of forest fires, he said to Jane and the other brave child companions;

"Afrer this Calverinia will always be nicknamed " The home of the wars worst disasters on record, for in spite of the fact that I yet make no discoveries I fell feel sure beyond doubt that Clandelinia is responsible for all of this, as I read that many claimed they saw suspicious characters within the distfi district a few days before this awful catastrophe began. Few months have passed since even June a ,ear ago from

this past _une without one or more concussion shocks from unusually ernormous explosions of considerable and devastating force besides numerous lighter ones of too slight a nature to be worthy of remark and yet all these have been absolutely provened to have been caused by the enemy mining engineers at the commands of the foe leaders. Calverinia had been able through the aid of helpers to furnish many records of these strange enemy proces produced phenomena. what first got me guessing is that when the earliest part of the disaster was first known, and it was firmly believed to have been an eruption, that Calverinia's most famous volcano Mt .oan had exploded and blown herself to pieces thus destroying Abbieann from the eruption only. This is the highest and most famous mountain in all Calverinia. It rises more than twenty thousand five handred feet above sea level, and is shaped with three bigger cones on top like three mountains mingled into one, and each crater is me thousand feet deep. It is regarded by the culverinians as a sight for tourists, and large numbers of people for sightseeing make an ascent to the summit at the commencement of the summer, but at great risks. Though now apparently extinct, it was about a hundred years ago an active volcano, and the history of Calverin Culverinia mentions several very disasterous eruptions, in which the steam ash and clouds were hurled upwards of thirty three miles and was heard fifteen hundred miles.

yet when such reports came that such an ernormous volcano blew itself to pieces many volcanic investigators were sent to find the facts, and came back somewhat later to surpress the whole country with all proffs proofs and photographs chieftly made to show that the volcano was as quiet as it ever had been, and had not been in no eruption, and neither had its, meighbors, Mt Calverine, vivian, and others. The disaster therefore took on a roal suspicous aspect and the Vivian Cirls asked me to inve ti investigate to find out some real facts, and as the forest fires had refused to allow me to explore the v explosion districts so far, and as forest fires are still ,e menancing my efforts there is considerable difficulty in definting the kind of crater to make a better examination, and therefore several times while here I have notified general Vivian that it has been impossible for me to give an absolute statement as to the real character of the disaster, but that I will remain here and continue my effort if it takes all my life to do so. If under the term, volcanic disaster be verified as reports have made be included not all these craters but all mountains round about, there will have to be proven evidence that other volcanic mountains in this neighborhood have been in a state of violent cruption, before , will sent in any reports that suspicious characters of the mountains may have caused the unusual catastrophes, because the explosion craters ga give no evidence whatever. Wet around the district, only ht joan, calverine, the Big Catherine Hill, and Vivien, and also Horma, and Klantoria are true volcances, but none of these have been or even are activie. active. And altogether through magaines inewspapers, books and other literature, I have read that about 1,234 distinct secondary shocks of great force have been recorded within that fifteen minutes of horror that awful midnight of June the first, of which two hundred and five were the most violent, and of these the greater number took place in the northern districts far off from Abbieann . So far my little friends the most famous of these explosion craters which I have discovered at a great distance from an en elevation, and trard which I am now hading for, is four y two miles northwest of Abbieann, across the river, fortunately somewhat dut of the fire zone. Nigh witnesses mistook the explosion here for a very severe eruption of two seconds duration. I hear the crater is very deep, but not on any mountain but on the level plain surrounded by a wall of shattered forest trees. If any sort of funes are coming forth from any p apertures near or in the crater then I will believe in the reports, and the enemy is cleared of all guilt. But we'll see, put yet I count account it the enemy is responsible why he wanted to cause the overthrow of such a big city of Abbieann. Ind anyhow it would make things far worse than it is now for Clandelinia if she is proven guilty.

Even I fecieved word from general Vivian that by some big g flood which probably was a renewal of the ernorus ernormous flood from this disaster that Emperor Viyians palace at Angelinia Agathia is thrown down, and many important buildings throughout the city are all destroyed or swept away, and special prayers and He Hovenas and Mass s Masses and other services are offered to God for a stopping of these catastrophes, or a showing of what ah and who is responsible. I have even discovered that the tremendous shock and explosion force caused muny fissures to open in the provinces of Mullen and Mulldorn Counties, and the largest of these chasms caused by the explosion is over fourty miles in length and about twenty feet in width. All these cracks make many believe the disaster was of nature and not from explosions. Other parts of the State of pengull is affected in a smillar manner, and such cities as La Polama and others exere overthro n by concussion and flood, deep rifts w re vere formed in the ground in every livection, and rivers have changed their course because of the flood. " "To speak of more stranger instances the lefty walls of the outside and inside mouts of the mobolization camps at Dorothy Gale kere said to have been destroyed, and the road loading through the famous Big Girl Knool or crossing it, was

barricaded by a landslide from a hill" said Penrod. "It dops seem strange however us strange

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The problem is said to be " e very easy to the consistent materialist. To starring all is envel ev envolved in the chain of unusual causes, which have a vile purpose behind it, a blame before all the world. That is why he wishes to investigate. We can all grieve and lament, or we can rejoice, but when disaster occurs sorrew comes. There is a perfect chain to the cause of the disaster, and effect follows cause mechan ically. But Starring has seen before him the same facts, the same relentlessness of the disaster. Not that he wishes to complain, but he wondered that if God is good why did he He allow this evil to befall such good cities as Abbieunn! Or sas he allowing it for a future example of Glandelinia . fAnd would He allow him and his followers to find out the facts as he desires. Pelieving in God, he believed that He created Mature and gave it its laws, and not for claudelinia to interfere with. Therefore Starring believed that if claudelinia did all this she blaschemed God in natural actions. He thought also that the whole nation must learn the rule and avoid the evice.

evils . He said that to allowe Clandelinia to go on this way, Abbisannia might as well step off the precipice, or build a city in the crater of a valcano vigoriously active. The nation need not wait for some new catastrophe to mearn this lesson all over again. The whold nation nust keep its eyes open and not submit to Glandelinias

making of avoidable injuries. hen a friend dies no one thinks of it as a jug judgement of heaven on us for our sine as if God were sending a special chastisement every one usually thinks of it us that of nature, and of gods wise way of removing and ronewing the generations, and if ou our ignorance of the naturare nature of causes e hastens the end of ones life we should take the blame to curselves and learn the more how to control these laws.

Chapter 23

""""STARFING HEARS OF A SHIP TOSSED BY GIANT WAVES OF A FLOOD"" BOTH OF THE CAPTIAN OF THIS VESSEL HUMBHARD BURNER STARKING HEARS HOW THE CREW SPERT LONG HOURS OF TERFORMANDAMIN WRECK OF ANOTHER SHIP BY THE EXPLOSION *******

A THE ABBIEANN Steamship known as the Hansome, and laden with peat and aspault coming from the city of acremento ,Abbicannia state, to Abbi a Abbicann and southward bound, and they reached Pandora as the Captian told starring on June the 17th after an experience which the oldest of the sac sailors on board, said they had never observed before, and hoped and prayed they would never see again. At first the Handsome ran into a mystericus port of storm caused by the heat of forest fires, when some miles from the blaze. Then for twenty two hours and five minutes the yessel was buffeted and tossed about in a terrifying fashion, when caught in the terrent of the flood that swept Abbieunn. The crew dazed, frightened and puzzled by the strangest of all these phenomonous had expected that every moment would be their last.

As told in simple satyle by Captlen nortone, the story of the ships plight

is graphic enough to be a sort of creation of fiction.

" On May the 28th" said the caption to Starring "We touched at Aberdeena for water and fuel and provisions. Mine was a refugee sh ship heading for one of the zones where a recent flood discater had occured, and we were bringing provisions. We had an easy voyage down the Mic-Hollester Rum River from Giacomo, and we wanted to finish an easy run here. We left Eacremento on the same day. Of course nothing worth while talking about occureduntill about four or five days afterwards or about june the 2th ...

We were pladding along slowly that day, and the sun though appearing in the heavens shone through a strange haze that covered all the sky andmake it appear a sort of

stronge yellowieh white.....

About noon I took the bridge to make an on observation for I know the haze in the sky was caused by the forest fires. And also there seemed to be an unusually strong east by south wind blowing, and the weather seemed to be hotter than ordinary for even the season. The normal season for Jime at that time is supposed to be for the hottest at about ninty eight or less in the shade. It was over 100. I shed my coat and vest and also my outside shoit, and got into what little shade there was, but soon discovered the sun had nothing to do with the heat as there ewas no relief any anywhere ... As I worked it grew, hotter, and hotter I did not know what to make of it but suspected it came from the forest fires.

About three colock in the afternoon it was so hot that all hands and all the pasengers began to talk excitedly about it. It was I20 in the shade, shade and believe it it was still rising...... We reckened that something queer was coming off but just then none of us could explain what it was. You could see the pitch

softening in the seams...

Then as quick as you could wink an eye we were struck by a large surge of water coming down in a perfect torrent from the northwest, and for a moment big waves of water that looked as if they were coming from all directions, and with lots of floating wrecking of houses and household goods and furnitures and bodies of drowned ag at once began to smash against our side.

This indeed was very queer to me, because the river a moment before was as smooth as: I ever saw it. The river did not do it, water even poured into the river, and , saw saw levees d fall in before the pressure of the torrent. I had all hands piped on deck and we battened down everything losse to make ready for what I believed was a typhoon striking the land and driving the sea into the rivers. But it was no storm. Yet there was something wrong with the sun that afternoon. It grew red, and then dark red like a smiths coal fire and then about four oclock it went outaltogether. The day got so dark that you could not hardly even see the forward eb end of the ship.

We got out eletric lights going, and put on our i cilekins ready for what we

expected to be a torrent of rain.

All of a sudden from the southeast there came a ri red bright glare that showed up the whole tumbling sheets of water for miles and miles .. There was not even a breath of wind. will sir, at that awful minute there began the most exciting time I have ever been through my whole life, and I have even bee been on every sea and river all my life for many travels, very second there would be awrul rushes of water like ernormous waves belting us head on, pushing us forward at a terrific rate of speed, striking us on the side, and broadside, sometimes hurling wreckage of boards all about us and flying even household furniture on deck.

We could see the wreckage coming for without any stopp the glare in the distant continued and increased brighter and bibrighter Fomething else we could see. too. Animals of all kinds struggling in the water. There were hundreds of them on all fides. And birds. A flock of them squaking and crying, and creaking, made for

our rigging and perched there.. seeming as if they were scared to death death.. and the queezest part of it all was the water. itself. It was hot, not so hot that out feet or bodies could not stand it when it washed over the decks, but hot enough to make us think that it had been heated by a furnace under the flood. Well

that sort of thing went on for twenty four hours or more. The wayes and herrid rush of water, the red glare in the sky, the hot water, the struggling enimals in the torrent the masses of fleating evirling wrockage, the passing of houses on the torrent and all the rest of the cod things odd things happening, frightened the crew out of their wits. All of them continually prayed out loud, and some kept yelling and running around, and one of the passengers shouted" the end of the world is coming". We were all worried, and even , and all the officers began to think for sure that the passenger was right, and that the end of the world was coming. Mighty strange things happen on sea and land but this broke all records.

I though frightened out of my wits kept to the bridge for all those twenty four hours, when the first hour of the next noon came we were still being carried ob. On and we were all pretty well tired out by that time but there could be no such thing

as trying to sleep.

The waves were t still pushing and pulling us along and we did not know whether we were one mile or a thousand miles from Abbleann. At one oclock that next afternoon we found ourselves aground it groing lighter my now, and when it was day light we discovered we had been borne on by some tremenedous flood. We lay too untill the next day, then we took out reckonings, and getting the ship off the bar started off again but following la along the edge of the flood. We discovered we were seven hundred miles south of Abbienn. We could never find that place egain either. It seems as if that ci y city disappeared from the earth. No sir you couldn't get me through a thing like that again for a million dollars. Of course none of us suffered any injuries, and the vessel hernelf pulled through all right, but I'd sooner stay ashore than get caught in the path of a flood going down river, and have such darkness tpo too. at the same time ... "

Etarring knew this man, and according to his records it was known that during a forest fire in southern Angelinia State, he ran his atomer up close to the docks of a blazing town in the face of searing hid heat and helped rescue the people. cuch of this captians crew as could speak, and all c her officers and many of the passengers have p b published the same story about the mysterious freek of the flood. It was not untill the ship reached the city of pundora late inthe afternoon of a week after that the caption and all on board loarned of the disasterous explosions near AAbbieann and elsewhere. Then they suspected what had caused their troubles. Starrings chip soon was to pass through a section of the forest fire, and to be able to reach enother place and be able to tell about it (providing a ship can talk) Starring himself being able to tell a thrilling story not only of his own experience but of what he geen in a hospital at the town of Herdus, of work whom they visited to see other disaster victims.

After leaving Violet Paul for good the Mary Jane reached Hollester Town on the evening of September 2th expecting to coal, recieve pri provisions and leave the same night. She had experienced all kinds of queer weather during the day, the atmorpheric disturbances indicating that comething was happening either on land or in the nir. All Hollester town was in mourning, and the people were so distracted by the news from the neighboring districts that it was not untill september 4th that the captian could obtain coal and other provisions and proceed on the journey.

The town of Mic Terner another fire and explosion victim was passed at a

distance of six miles, and all on board studied the land with glasses. The weather was intensely hot, and be cause of the haze of smoke and strange darkness he could not have a very fine view, but nevertheless the outlines of the city of Mic-Terner could not be recognizable at that distance anyhow. Everything was a mass of blue haze and the formation of the landscapes in this location also seemed to have changed.

When we were about ten miles of the northern end of the town, he saw clouds of smoke and flame shooting high in the air, and spread all over the sky, darkening the sky a little more.. Starring just for experiment had been on watch at the time with second officer George purger, and when partial darkness came upon the scene it is needless to say that Starring and everybody else who were on board the ship at the time were badly frightened. The ship was running head on into the forest forest fire.After the stories that they had heard and the sights they had seen at other places, they did not know but that they themselves would be burned, if engulfed by the tidal wave of flame, though they were only half a mile from shore.

"XCrowd on steam" the captian yelled to the chief engineer engineer, and he needed no urging. Shortly they drew on rh through a suffocating atmosphere foot by foot, and 1 at last passed the gauntlet of flame without much damage. They had been passed the utside of the storm of fire and smoke, and when Starring looked at his they were not passed the dans dager some yet, and the crew awas not yet over their fright. watch he found that he had been an hour and a half in reaching clearer air. But

No curiousity would even take them too near such a region again if they could but escape it. Starring saw several steamers moving about the town, but could not distinguish their names. He talked with the caption of a small stoamer which left Petro for any location necessary to offcer relief but it had to turn back. Then

within goven miles of Mic-Turner the neddle in the company began to spin rounder round and round and point onlywhere except twend the nerthwest.

Its matter where the trip was made Starring always come across some vessel that hed a fatal explosion experience.

This the only was lying at St Ann for coal, Starring visited the wrock of an eron ernermons ground, which escaped Afrom north Abbienn on the same date. Starring when boarding it, found the chip in charge of soldiors, and two watchmen, and saveral policemon belonging to the town she had been abendaned by all the survivors of the crow, nd when he went aboard one of the watchmen was engaged in cleaning what he could of the deck, and he discontinued the work to show starring and some of his followers around. The chip resented on event appearance the looked as if she had been thrust into soft clinging mud, and then pulled out again. The mud still stuck and clung to her like coment and was more than a foot deep on her docks and mixed with clay and small and large stones, sand and grass, Armings, stenchions, terpaulin, and boat coverings had been burned away. Even the rails, steys, hatch covers, and even her emoke stacks were gone. Then the watchman dug into the mid and gravel he found here and there fragments of limestone and granite. All that was left of the giant steemer was her hull, and that being of steel had escaped destruction. Even her cabine were burned totally .

Hearing that the captian was in the hospital of the town, Starring decided to to call upon him. Starring for some cluss wanted to get from his own lips the story of the distaster and of his escape. Indebtotingthed Indeed Starring was unprepared for the sight, a terrible one indeed which greeted his eyes, when he entered the room, The girl ecou's shre shrenk from such a scene. The captions face was burned to the color of teak o wood, and large patches of flesh was burned from his arms here and there.

Both of his hands were as athed in bandages, his hair and tobarned away, and his eyes was tied over and he seemed to be in great rain. He would not speak at first untill Starring told him who he was, end then he spoke a great deal to relieve himself of his great suffering.

He said his ship called the altoonia had been in the river harbor of Abbieann for those days before the destruction occurred.

He was talking to a city boat agent in a boat alongside, when there was an eruption in the northeest of the most terrible kind, and shot forward the lower part of the cloud approached the ship like awall traveling fast, and was accompanied by a most The moon and stare disappeared immediately. The captism said he shouted to every one to stand clear, and an insent instant later the air was filled with flamecand what appeared to be falling batches of fire. The ship was immediately set ablaze from and to end and the crow and labore aboard rushed about becoming frantic with page pain and terror. There were nearly one thousand passengers on heard and only six survived the crew being annihilated, except the egninger and his assistant. The chip keeled over from the concussion of the explosion and near captized. Then she righted and the falling shower of debris continued for goveral minutes. The caption told Starring he had run to the chart room, but was driven out again by flames that came in at the port hole. Then he ruched to the engine room telephone and signalled the engineer to pi put on full steam. some one then seemed glad to respond, and the ship began to move but the steering jam gear was a jammed by the concussion of another eruption and would not work and the concuerion leveled the smoke stocke. He kept the engines going cheed, hoping to froe the puddlos, end in so doing collided with another ship from which clouds of smoke and flame were rising.

Men and women on this ship were ri wringing their hands and rushing about frantically, and children were falling to the dock and acceming. Some of them even jumped into the river where they must have died instantly, as the caption said, for through some mysterious reason the water was boiling like a cauldron. It was also a mass of boiling mud. Many of his own crew had di disappeared, probably swept corboard by the force of the expla explosion. Every one of them he bolieved must have died a torrible death.

After a time as the caption said, he himself tried the hardest and got the the river a time as the caption sais, no nimeel tried the hardest and got the stearing goor working, the ship finally enswered her helm, and he headed her down the the river, but it was so dark it was not possible for him to soo shead of him at the shortest distance. Men lay dying all along him track, and he said it seemed as if the city had fallen to pieces. He himself though he atwood at the wheel was unable to lift his burned hands, and blood from his forehead kept running down into his eyes obscuring what vise vision he had had to hoped to obtain.

He told Starring that his escape was more like the lost soul succeeding in getting out of hell n into heavon. At last he reached the larger part of the river, and with the help of the surviving passengers, succeeded in taking his ship down as far as with the help of the surviving passengers, succeeded in taking his ship down as far as Big Girknool only to be almost engulfed in the flood that reached down there. Burling the run out of the river harbor of Abbicann the chief engines died a most horrible douth. He docaped the shook of the first explosion, started the engines, and not finding his men below, went on dock to look for them. As he thrust his head out of the hatch a mane of stones fell on him tearing his scalp so open and ripping the right side of his face completely off. This mans performance has perhaps never had a haralled in stories of many set adventures. Here the ship arived at Big Gir knool a little should of the fixed the brave man request all medical treatment untill the surviving passengers were cored for Starring was told the caption will live, and despite this coriousness of his injuries will not be diefigured.

All the time during the cruise t and tward Abbieanni city Starring felt sure some-

thing. As the ship continued on they could see nothing at all as it presed the land. A Thick hasp like black and all red colored for him over the land and shut out of sight everything that could be seen on land the ship was a sight also from passing so continually through stoke fog all the time changing the ship from yellow to cream and brown. The air was stifling and you could not see across the deck,,, and the temperature on deck. on dock. It was to be an experience of a lifetime for starring and his followers Starring tried to checke things on shore with the aid of his glasses hoping to rierce the Starring then to get some relier from the heat went below untill the ship had passed a distance beyond the town, and he had put up his glasses and stretched out on his bunkfor a nap, when the captien sent for him. As fterring came on the bridge, he said; "Look at the forest on the landside will you, tit's comparing this way," he could see him the docked and thought that along that stretch along his far as he could see in hundred big volcances were beliching but a black cloud dence cameke and sheets

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of flamps.
"To had all got below" he end to Starring, "and then he ordered the Engineer to drive her as hard as the chip would stand intill they not clear of the storm now coming, a storm of fire. Starring increditely went below, and the engineer gave her all the coal the big funnees could take. The chil had plenty fortunately, and the firerow and engineer did not hereitate to use it. He punded her through at an increase highest speed. According to what the engineer told Starring afterwards, the very safty valves were either rearing off every new and then, or dencing a jig every minute, but notwithstanding the high rate of speed, the ship was running at, there was scarcely a minure during the hour that they were flying from the ruching con lagration when the head of steam in the boilers did not force the safty valves open, a thrilling race.

The decks were a sight Everything everywhere was covered with fragments of some

The docks were a night. Everything everythere was covered with fragments of some smoking aticle and twigs which the force of the gale had driven and scattered over the che chip. These fragments of embers as they foll on the ship smouldered out before doing any damage horover. Later Starring needing the air more clear was lying out in a bunk under an arming on the forward dock, from which he had been watching the movement of the persuading fire through a glass. A little before two colock in the afternoon he noticed the sun that had tried to come out take on a poculiar condition on doing so, it was trying to even shine brightly, yet it was surrounded by the thick haze, and finally tool took on a firry red appearance, and while still visible in its entire form through the haze of smoke, its circumference kept appearantly contracting. It finally grow smaller and smaller untill finally it looked no lar for around to the angled even then no ordinary tumbler. naked eye than an ordinary tumbler.

About title time there came a sudden rell of durker rancke, the edges which were tinged I with a red color, so though rellecting the rays of the blood red and this This cloud borne by the wind moved tward the ship like a black squallit was evidently the forcet fire was raging along the shore and striving to cross. The Abbiesum disaster took place just where Starring drouded to see. He knew

the great gomini member and leader Pargar had made as colal study of the disaster.

He had made a trip of the anne kind and he had written that there were two great circles of explosion devestation in the vinicity of Abbienna and engal stude, one girld girdling the landscapes north and south, extending through the region of Abbienn called Now "The land of fire" because of the forest fires, Adelehaid, and down to Wickey Langin. The other down on northern Ameeling and extreme southern calverinta. These two circles of devastation both by flood and explosion and fire intersect at two points. The main of these these is of rengall state and Country, which includes Calverinia in the sease, the scene of the terrible Abbiesan disaster. Starring knew it is impossible to product a disaster, even though there had been more or loss theorising but it counct be proved. One fact of these supposed eruption diseasers in established, and that in it is not of volcanic origin at all, but that they were explosions of some sort of mines underground of emormous proportions, this being proved by the substance thrown up and about by the se called "oruptions" and no evidence oridonce of any mines and no evidence oridonce of any mines and of earlies are all of southern Calverinia which was exempt from these war disasters, n and there was no regularty in their appearance, neither of the floods. The explosions proceeding these disasters were always followed by carthquakes of explosion origin. And as it is impossible to predict where the next disaster will take dace, it would be also impossible to tell where it will be, but Btarring felt sure if he succeeded in his enterprise these disasters would not happen again especially on the christian side.

All this is of interest as showing that the enemy is new reaching a dangerous stage especially from desperatorion no doubt. Starring in knows also a volcano always throws off a great quantity of materials during an eruption, hydrochliste, and also subhurte notice at real seads subhurte notice.

sulphuric acide, iron, sand, sulphur, calcium, and magnoslum. The lava is of two kinds also. That whis which is easily fusible flowermore rapidly than a horse can trot. A mor more viscous kind cools into shapes lke ropes and cinders. But no such material was found, and he believed also owing to the f presence of the funes of some strange chierine the mines probably contained, it is probable that many were suffocated and so died easily. Others doubtless were buried in the ruins of the houses, or were caught in some enclosed place which being surrounded by lames resulted in slow rousting. It is indeed a most horrible disaster on all records, and one which Starring prayed ardently to God that may never be duplicated. But unless he succeeded on his mission he felt sure a probable worse one might occur in the near future.

Starring even bolieved were earthquakes, but which later turned out to be the concussions caused by the explosions, of feroe was the recent disaster in the vinicity of Lake Selicia that all that region has been completely depopulated. Nor were any of these disasters the only source of perit.

osionous exhalations from the fumes of exploded materials were for a time exhalad from extensive to tracts making such districts for a time entire uninhabitable. Starring had asked for an account of the doath of many other porsons, who had perished in their agreements to obtain a nearer view of the de drea dful phenomenon of the Indeed Calverinia was violenty shaken by violent concussions which at first

This he hoped to afford him an opportunity of detailing all the citcumstances

from the beginning Starring and to himself ever and ever again that the year of 1913 1913 and the most fatal and fateful of all an record for the whole country. As the best continued on and it was reaching the afterneous of September Third, Angaling desired him to observe a bigger and past the first one of September Third, Angaling desired him to observe a bigger and past the first of the world and the start of the past of

in that direction that Me Might have a closer observation for It was syldent to the that the strange phenomenan was an unusual and most threatening one. The Capting gave graders that the allo mould held that way, and as they approached a gale started to blow and flying glaring forcest emberr fell on and around the chipse. They were in damper too of residing agreemed, owing to the calcium around the chipse. They were in the point because of a reverse current in this section causing by the also draining of the distantification and vest clouds of smoke all curled over tward them and obstructed all the chore from eight.

The First Mate being scared advised a retreat, but Starring would not hear of it. Fortume befriends and helps the cause of the brave. He cried, and the caption ordered the ship to press award tward Stallen junction. Here he did his best to encourage some of his followers whom he found in great constarration, against them that the figures

of his followers whom he found in great consternation, assuring them that the flames of the forests would not cross the stream as it was too wide. As the ship went on come closer to the explosion are crater they confid a large country beans almost filled up with atomes and other debris thrown by the "origination", Even here there was damper from the forest fire, although the forests that were ablace was no lass than fourteen miles away, the still safer portions being dark and attong along the shore. Far off explosion succeeded explosion from miners no doubt mining trees, and roar followed roar from the blasting, but the whole score had now equin disappeared by bohind a black and ominous clout, buroting with ominious rolls, whence came intermittent but red gloca of fire.

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The twilight of the smoky afternoon foded away as the maky pall spread further from its centor, and enveloped the river and thip in a common gloom. When the darkness increased the distant forest fringed was lit up not only with the intermittent distant tongues of flome but also with a continuous radia glow, and if from some vast hidden hellish furnace, so passed the night, then came the hour of dawn, but this time not the light of day. Not yet even now were the torrors of the forest fires at an end. The choice ground where the Mary Jane was tomporarily anchored, whereon some arrow numbers of refuses had gathered rocked seemingly to and fro before myster fous and crashing explosions. The cloud because more and more marky, and was riven at times by darting shouth of fluxel to because more and more marky, and was riven at times by darting shouth of fluxel to some and children, and he crying and shouthing of men on the ships decks. At length again a light appeared but however which was not day but the foreuner of enother atburst of fluxes nearer and more terrifying.

Those proneutly disappeared, and again a thick darkness enveloped everything. In many hours passed before the dreadful darkness began alowly to dissipate along was again more distant, and a thick fog of white smoke hung over everything.

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Starring could think nothing of far the destruction of the forests in this location starring could think nothing of law the descruction of the forests in this location was extending lyacif. We know that yould be required to pit out first of any size, and this year for none unusual reason the weather broke all records for being dry. The best parts of Calverinia in east and south was being completely everwhelmed by the about 11 forest first, and that at some places when heavy which some towns not too far from the danger zone achies and hot embers flew so heavily and thickly that it boked like a gray by izzard. Starring had heard from wireless while on the boat that many towns were in the path of the Red Plague, but it is probable on the boat that many towns were in the path of the Red Plague, but it is probable that the inhabitants were driven by the first signs of the conflagration to fly pell mell from the doomed torin wording and speaches of others, and who stated that the for notwithstanding the wording and speaches of others, and who stated that the towns were safe from the conflagration, starring fit sure there was evidence furnished that none of the people had perished, and indeed there very few or note that did not escape from the towns, while also it is probable the mer folk went forth to battle the conflagration. He was assured also by reports recieved by the captian when the ship halted for a time that during the progress of the terrific conflagration a multitude of men and repear would appear from sommingly everywhere and no where sometimes on the slopes of the stopes close and to be in the path of the fire, in the switzeness and go ahead at terrific blusting and of cutting and sawing down trees, digging trenches, beating out ground fires, and trying if possible counter firings.

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stay the profine at the such such as the such such as the counter of the such as the counter of the such as the such such as the counter of such such as the such as the such such Then he feared the fires would hinder his purpose he was worried. All through the last part of the winter and through all of summer ty the country of alverinia and angalinia had been disturbed by these disasters, which became almost continuous in July and August, and nothing could stop the cause unless he or some one also learned

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of it. The failure of many to really determined the cause soon gave repeated evidence must that the great horrors would continue. He never forgot the first serious into mit intimation which was the Lake Selicia Horror of that fresh frightful Hovemember must of intimation which was the Lake Selicia Horror of that fresh frightful Hovemember must of

intimation which was the Lake Solicia porror of that frightful Hovemember month of 1912. The lake is ernormous, but at one point was dammed up to hold wore water than 1912. The lake is ernormous, but at one point was dammed up to hold wore water than its normal ammount, and the explosions, which are blamed on the enemy, blow away this like ina trice. As he had recorded seven immones streams of water pounds from the openings, and swept rapilly over the landscapes, bringing death and destruction along openings, and swept rapilly over the landscapes, bringing death and destruction along the path of the first biggest floed of the war. Nothing has been done to repair the dam, and what made the horror all the greater was the frightful error error of the dam, and what made the horror all the greater was the frightful error error of the judgement, shich had just been repeated at Abbiesma. At Abbiesma no one believed that judgement, shich had just been repeated at Abbiesma. At Abbiesma no one believed first any such city like her could suffer mend and what warned in the that a forcest first as the city was Believe of forests, and therefore no one made their encape when the great disanter came.

At Wickey long in no one who survived the other horror thought of forest first southern outskirts of the place was the order for departing given before the order could be acted upon the fire was raging through good partions of the city, and over could be acted upon the fire was raging through good partions of the city, and over what they could. Each day had been signalled by the respected program of the fire, and they recome and had been carefully observed by charting and he had also observed and they from he headed for the fire had beat film that. The most penarkable rage that every lown he headed for the fire at both beat film that. The most penarkable rage of the Red Plague as stated before was when he form that the rest to the forests swept over a portion of violent Lasin, and presentated across the river to the forests swept

Starring with some uneas less watch the black columns regrishing above the horizon accompanied by rumblings which told him rangers were still blasting. This now column was first caught by a current of air that carried it northeastward. Then an upper air current finally swept it back in the opposite direction. Thus the smoke ploude made ab immense and well formed canopy like some big bird i with large wings the body of which rested in a sea of flame in the distant forests from which it spring upward.

wardarross the land, everveloping the anchored ship, and so heavy was the for of surjoint smoke that filled the air that respiration became a labor, and a few of surjoint came upon those on dock ance and they sent below. Orest alarm for even Starring continued for more than four hours and a half, and it was not until the cloud of smoke blew ouver that confidence was restored. All the night before the whole horizon smoke blew ouver that confidence was restored. All the night before the whole horizon line as far as it can be seen to stretch hadthe appearance of a most gignite blast furnace at which great volcanic forces were working. Starring whiched the distant flames shoot skyward in sheets that at times lighted up the entire lendecepe and the river in a perfect blaze of glory. For a few minutes the fires would disappear behind dense clouds of smokes only to readpear with redoubled brightness.

These flames continued to stream along the horizon, and with so great an extent that they were visible for many miles, and the atmosphere is so full of heat and that they were visible for many miles, and the atmosphere is so full of heat and

These flames continued to stream along the horizon, and with so great an extent that they were visible for many miles, and the atmosphere is so full of heat and sinks that the organization is the river and the suffering of the refugees who continued to crowd the shores of the river and the suffering of the refugees who continued to crowd the shores of the trees is extreme. And the long draught, and the jact that all the loaves of the trees is extreme. And the long draught, and the jact that all the loaves of the trees at inder that it has been particularly difficult for all the fighters against the configuration to make any progress arabited it, and though the river and ship on which configurating rome was now some fourty miles from the "Red Plague" the Temporature Starring rode was now some fourty miles from the "Red Plague" the Temporature starring rode was now some fourty miles from the "Red Plague" the Temporature registered 118 degrees fairenheit, a mark much unnusual for that time of the year registered 118 degrees fairenheit, a mark much unnusual for the temporature for the section is at least sighty degrees for the high—est. And Starring on investigating know that despite the precaution taken by the government of the proper authorities, some fools fires and rangers had been sont out with the vary to go back to their homes, and soldiers and rangers had been sont out with the vary to go back to their homes, and soldiers and rangers had been sont out with the vary to go back to their homes, and soldiers and rangers had been sont out with the vary to go back to their homes, and soldiers and rangers had been sont out with the vary the giving out of supplies to retugees, and then was still fig to consey them it they the giving out of supplies to retugees, and them was stilled to go to a better location was from the heat and occasional fog smoke, which starring. Their only suffering was from the heat and occasional fog smoke, which starring. Their only suffering was from the location was found the first the pr

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some other provintions besides eighteen hogheads of fish were distributed. There were found to be one thousand inhabitants at this town would which was not strengely enough deragizated by the explanance, the remainder of the three thousand inhabitants having fled the small city for feer of the Red Plague leaving all their property behind. The river at Homon Point and dried up, and the bridge there has been completely destroyed. The riverwater has comea to flow having been dried by the heat and draught, but

The riverwater has canned to flow having been dried by the neat and arment, but the people and cattle could get water from agrings in the neighborhood. Feveral woman has been could be written and the could get water from agrings in the neighborhood. Feveral woman includes the people with them. Statuting found the annual time would be quite difficult as the shore rea at times yould hidden from view. He decided to remain here for a time until the wind would be now from the quet went. There was a strong or od odor of hursed light women the term of the countries of

As the full extent of the disputer worked in the whole region by the explasions was more observed by Sturring, the horror of it was incremed. He helicred that by the addition of fevent fires the conditions throughout the region was growing worse day in day, notythatunding the fact that the dienter had punged. Also the shols region was becoming families stricken, notwithatunding the fact that all efacts efforts were made to sent any lies to portions as accommise. More and more dies diseases have appeared, and there are not enough physicians preent present to give the required relief. And life in most of the districts also is made impossiblely the diskening stanta that given the entired for burning a resemblance feethe rest established from the first and the first and the first and the first are the first and t for boyond. These conditions are head bedone or in all parts there for the poing through, but they are multiplied a hundred thousand time in the Abbienin country about adolesed and eleveners.

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Starring was almost sorry he had made my arrangements for the explorations of the so called explosion craters. He had a local scientist of with him who believed that the fee had really placed mines in the ground or among the hills so that the explosions were greater than any volcamic eruption ever known. Tet he believed that there was no danger for the teyn of senoth point so far, and that sconer or later the refugees would be encouraged to return to their homes. In the hospital of this town were about two hundance and fifty rationis, all injured fire fightors and ranges suffering from burns or from the effects of inhaling the suffocating emoke. According to what far injured are dead and into most taken from the ruins of Adecleid, who though slimest fatally injured was conscious for days, and had been able to give a slight account of what was then from the ruins of Adecleid, who though slimest fatally injured was conscious for days, and had been able to give a slight account of what was then believed to be an unusually great convusion of nations.

That the explosious at night pimes without the wilghtest warning sould be understood from her story, that at the time she was on night duty in 8t john Joseph's stold from her story, that at the time she was on night duty in 8t john Joseph's building as if it literally danced the high lund fling, and something falling from the colling knocked her souse beast while in this condition the outlaing august fire and before regaining consciousness she was badly burned, necovering consciousness, who managed to escape from the ruins, and got others to pare the rest who were buried in the life poly and have a run would pull through. First pare the regard was attended to the regard to excape from the ruins, and got others to pare the regard land and the ward part of the life poly and have been and all the ward of the rife and wisher registrations at the line bridge word have been destroyed nevertheless, having no time to escape from their fall ing buildings, and are the city of e

are now being cared for in many other places out of the disaster zone. It is for these survivors and others in the whole disaster zone who have been deprived of means of full or least support that help is needed, but cannot reach them ... The next serious explosion like this will be worse than that of Abbleann, thought gterring," If I do not succeed in discovering who was responsible. And poor Calverinia, and her sisters and other christian colonlies cannot long withstand the strain of these continued disasters if they keep on much longer, and some day if means is not taken to hinder the chang in his purpose there is going to be an outburst of explosions, that will cause devastation unequaled except in the destruction of Abbienns. 1 must do something, and that pretty goom...

One investigator also told gtarring, that all the land within the explosion zone and the strip of land between Abbieann and Adeleheid have been weakened and indermined by the tremendous digging of the explosions, and may sink down because of the great cavities and undermining being formed under ground by the tremendous so called erupions. He said to Starring!

"Along a valley formed by the flow of the great Mic-Hollester River on which you are making this special trip, through earth that has been disasterously shaken by the explosions which many thought were internal disturbances, and in the midst of tremendous forest fires which still make an inferno of the land, lies the route still unharmed of the Bendon railroad. On the time of the disaster, the inhabitants of all this surrounding country fled in terror from which they thought was the begin beginning of the most disasterous volcanic eruption in history. The topography of the earth which was formed by this immense river underwent radical changes because of the explosions and there are grave fears that it would be only a question of time, when this whole explusion zone would be obliterated by a caving in of the undermined areas. We are sir traveling on the most dangerous of all territory. Our peril in inconcievably great.

This has indeed sir been the most terrible case catastrophe than smything ye yet history has known, and add to the many difficulties of handling large ships up and down this great river, the rapid current of the river, caused by the draining out of the still remaining flood down below, and the ernormous discharge of the flood, which had reached a total of more than a 100,000,000 cubic feet a second, and taking into consideration also of the violence of the heated winds, and the possible results of these forest fires I have no hesitation in saying that sooner or later the source of this very river may be destroyed by natural agencies, and from now on will offer but small inducements to ships on account of the great dangers of its navagitation. Therefore there are gounds to believe that a disaster more terrific yet may occur in this location at almost any time. These explosions you know have been like sruptions which would make grakaton pale into ineignificance. If things ain't done also explosions of equal intensity may occur again. If it is proven the enemy is responsible what will the success of your investigation do. ?"

"Bring Abbieannias full quota into the war. "answered Starring.

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FIGHTIC EFFORDS TO ESCAPE TO THE SHIPS AT HANSONVILLE, MANY RESCUED FROM UNDER THE MIADOW OF A BUINING RIDGE. TERMBLE PANIC FOLLOWS THE FUR OF THE RED PLAGUE....

Starring was becoming discouraged, and disheartened, because destruction was again threatened by the forcet fires and was raging onward with a fury even greater than that exhibited when he first encountered the led Plague after Leaving general Conceptinian Arronburgs army. For twenty four hours while the city lay at the river wharf of Mannon point the forcet fire hij) owingsmoke like a terrificvolcanic crustion of the grakatoa typeadwanced onward, and explosions all all the lone long line had been as frequent as a terrific commonds enowing the desperate offerts of the fighters to stay the flames by dynamiting trees and making efforts to breach the flames.

All in the neighborhood were in panic, and even Starring and his followers went on abore to try and calm the refusees who throughd the shore in a commutian as if they were fleeling from the scenes enacted by the approach of the day of General Judgement. The whole afternoon was one of four and verror and alarm in the team itself. The earth and sky seemed to have lost its fundations, and on through the forests poured a secting storm of dearth death. The first culmination same at an early hour the following evening, when there occured an explosion probably caused by the fire, and an explosion so terrific that the concussion shock down some of the walls and houses of the city, and in panic the inhabitants fled into the open country. It was believed that the force of in panic the innovients led into the open country, it was colleved that the lorde or the explosion was much greater than all the noise accompanied by the blasting heard so frequently, and it was hoped the explosion would have breaked the burning forcet some where and change the direction of the fire storm, but nothing definite was yet known of conditions produced by the explosion, or of the citientien further north, and tward where the Red Plague was heading, make again filled the air in relling clouds and fog, darkening the sky, and embers and burning takes was borne high in the sky by the draught of the flames. There was no breath of air and in the town the temporature was nearly,

ne go to any a hundred and eighteen in the shado, and still risis. rising, then the heavens are filled with the glow of the conflagration, as frequently happens day and night, it can be seen that the forcet fire hardly ever changes its course even if the wind does, and then nevertheless there always has been a perfect calm in the air, but in the forward path of the forcet fire, the flames are lashed to a fury by a terrific fire hurrace herricane, indicating that the great heat of

such a sea of flames are working tremendous changes in the superheated atmosphere above and therefore creates whirlwinds of its own.

Indeed words were totally inadequate to describe the actual conditions, and disaster was expected every moment, and in the harber of this town every ship has atcamed up to take the penic atricker refusees away. A severa i inundation at Pellion Point a little northead which however at two actual that a little. take the panic atricken refujees away. A sovere 1 inundation at Pellion Point a little northenest which happened at two oclock carly that mornin norming, which swept away a number of houses, and fifry other lifty other buildings being damaged by the flow ing over which swept nouthward was at first loped nevertheless as a bleest of a bleest in might inundate a part of the forest in the path of the fluxes and therefore break the progress of the configuration in that location, but the hope was chattered to bits. The flood swamped a part of the forest it is true, but it stopped and raised immense clouds of steam. The value only noticed more of the ground foliage and raised immense clouds of steam. The value only noticed moved of the ground foliage darkness and the industrial discomfort.

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Pentite the portland toryllie dz danger that light attack them from every side gtarring and a party of his officers and men, and the two firl friends went ashers at Bennen point the next morning to try and bring away some eviden ce of explosion dust which the newer of the city said fell there so thickly as to cover the streets like fallen snow. The forest fire at this time threatened to swarm the city withdestruction later that morning, and they were advised to foreske their purpose, and says thempnalves as the population of the whole town was fleeing panic stricken, yet those who were looking for teacen tracen of the dust refused to do so. Onthey stumbled through an atmosphere each second growing more darker, hotter and stifling. Their ears were dearfering by the cracking of falling buildings as they collasped after burning through and in the river a large refusee ship was steaming down the river sounding her siren which most of the time was silenced by the greater noise of the rangers blasting trees at many roints with dynamite, the cars of the adventuerers being chaken with the

With steam up the pary and stood readyto run as soon as the adventure party could get at from the burning town and to the ship. Indeed to the general din it added its note of clarm. Inally tye the brave men and two girls were forced to to rest themselves at the waters edge, and then were compelled to make all speed to the Mary Jone-They were burely in time. As the steamer got well under way another flood of fire poured derives a portion of the river in huge flames, and a board stream of flames formed on the forest top on the opposite side of the stream, while the sky seemed to rain flaming embers and sparks and a terrific gale r arcse. In spite of of the threaten Ing aspect of the fire, many of the refugees had remained behind untill they were out off from escape escept by the river, and it was determined by garring to make an attempt to reach them, and bring them on board before they were overwhelmed by the

wes divided by two or into two equads but of their own accord the two girls remained behind this time. One led by Starring himself, went to the heat heart of the now burning town and soon had a large number of panic stricken women and children following him and his members. In the meantime another party, led by the captian of the ship himself

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had proceeded to the western part of the town, and this was within view of the fierce conflagration which had proceed the stream, and which gaining in intensity was heading for the town from both the nouth and the neuthernest topical form that an amount of the wasterness with all of smoke towering thousands of feet beliefing from that direction as if a huge volcame was in cruption so close by, then he saw occasionally a wall of Plane pierce these clouds and eve reach aven reach clear across and everhead Directing Directing his men to make all haste back to the mary Jane, the captian turned aside to give warning to Starring and his party who were urging on the frightened inhabitants. After a ten minutes search he came upon them.

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"For God's make boys." he gasped" get to the ship quickly if you would save your lives. "The fire has crossed the stream south of the town and is heading northward. Destruction is upon the town and us.

At that moment there was a crash of thunder somewhere, seeming to come from the sky in the direction of the conflagration, and back of which it seemed as if a thousand of the loudest thunder bolts over heard in any sterm had been shot into one. The fire hit a rangers around. As the crash died away, the loud siren of some other ship, which was in the river acroumed a warning, as it put down the river at tip speed. Without a moments pause the louder whistle of the Mary Jame was blowing. There was another rumber and rumble and the sky was filled with flashes. Then as Starring looked backward the forest fire was mingled with a va t vast volume of more differently relling smoke which shot a mile or more high and a fall of flaming objects commenced. The inhabitants became panic stricken. They even fell upon their kneen and prayed to God to save them from the destruction which they feared was about to fall upon them. They even were in hysteria. The a children over acroamed and cried. Under the circumstances the presence of mind and bravery of the party under Starring was worthy of the groutest praise.

They refused to let my one not from thom.

If they die in the town weell die with them. Starring said, And his followers had

spirit enough to greet this sentiment with load cheers. Indeed it was surely heartronding, and it served to shame the refugees into a show of bravery. As rapidly as possible the two parties with the refugees in their midet made their way through the smoke laden streets to the river shore. Once one of the men stumbled, but his follows waited untill he could recover himself, then all went tegether, still bearing on before them the panic stricken refused. Half a mile or more was covered in this mam manner, and each minute the sky darkened, and the atmosphere grow better and go better, and more smoke laden, and a tre temporal of bet wind was blowing down the streets. In the air was thicker smoke that made broathing hard labor, and the heat was beyond

comprehension. inally the distance was covered, and it was at the end discovered that to reach the many the abstance was covered, and it was at the end absorvered that the feath that yan where she was would have to me be temperarily abandened. Then afterwards it was with great difficulty that the party were taken aboard the ship with the rescued refugeen but it was accomplished eaftly and in time. Then all eyes watched the awful configuration, the grandest and most awe inspiring insight ever witnessed by man. There and for a moment an inner column of fire that reached straight upon up into the air, and for a moment about it rose a famel shaped mass of amoke and upward rising cloud of sparks that could be penetrated by the eye only when the flames burned the most brightest. As the falling burning trees fell into the stream great clouds of steam were raised, and the simister himing could be heard unid the punding of the ships engines as the engineer put on all steam to run the ship out of the danger zone.

Yet as the ship continued on, an ob servation was taken. Then the ship was
turned up the river, and was run in close under the furthest column of emoky walls.

As close as the ship could be sent without courting destruction, the Mary Jane

As close as the ship could be sent without courting destruction, the Hary James went to a leaping wall of fire among the forest of tall trees on shore. At this point the very river water was beiling, and the steam that came u ever the cides was sedense as to make it all but ipensible to see through it.

The ship then went further on, to try and stop again near the town to bring off the rest of the refugees, and found them cred ling the shore all in panic. Terrible as the scene of the forest fire the evening before it was mild in comparison with was now witnesses, and found them cred ling the shore all in comparison with that which was now witnesses. It was too dangerous a risk to get too near the interior of the town, and the heat was indeed stifling. Not a breath of air hardly ctirred ior of the town, and the heat was indeed stifling. Not a breath of air hardly ctirred and were driven away. Hany of the religions who could not catch ships left the night before at the watere edge, ready to state boats down the river, should that be necessary to escape from the terrors of the Red Plague.

Johns at four of look in the following attention, and as anchored, about six hundred refugees through this town to a point of greator a sity. There were about one hundred and sloty nine refugees on beard the shipp. Captian yenetow was in the cabin arranging his papers, and starring was in his own abortment suberintending the removal of the profugees to the shore. Three hundred and fir ty yards away lay another shipp.

Middenly about five colock the sky graw dark as pitch overhead, and the nearest portion of the above was believed as the shore. Three hundred as a pitch overhead, and the nearest portion of the above was believed as the stream of the above were about one hundred.

addenly about five colock the sky grew dark as pitch overhead, and the nearest portion the shore was blotted out in the darknesse. Captian johnston came on deck at that moment and with a bok of fear and excitement on his face, sprang for the bridge, and,,, he had barely reached his post,, when river and sky seemed rent by a terrific flash of fire, and a terrific hurricane arose. A rain of fire was blown on the ship, and with

fire, and a terrific hurricane arcse. A rain of fire was blown on the ship, and with it came the chocking fumes of pine tar and pitch and reserves.

"Heave away the unchor for heavens cake." shouted Captian Johnson.
So panic striken were others that for a moment they had statically which had starring sprang upon the forecastle head, and with the aid of two sailors which had he forced to come and help him began to take inthe cables. The heat of the fires trying to reach the ship bit and stung them, and their nostrils were filled with the fumes that filled the air. They had rel rested in about fifteen feet of the cable when capting Johnson who had been joined by Third Officer Handon shouted again wildly, "MIt's coming It's coming, Open the windlans and let it run. Het it run."

Some other sailor opened the windlans, and half the chain had run out, when all at once there came a river of fire runhing along the concepte shore, and Starring started

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to leave the forecastlehead, when a great tongue of flume reaching across the very river surged down upon the ship. Inky durkness had fallon on the scone bushind them but shoreard the shoreward the blazing trees a ill mined the scene. The wave of w fire surging clear across and borne by a galo struck the ship broadside on, and nearly every thing inflamable on dack caught fire. Starring grabbod the iron cover of a ventilator thing inflamable on dock caught fire. Starring granded the from cover of a ventilator and ran tward the steerage with the ventilator over his hoad, to shell it from the heat of the flames everhead. He was caught in a rush of sailors, and refugees aboard tward the same shelter, knocked down and almost trampled on. It was at this time that he received some slight burns on his neck. Though the ship was going full speed now the far reaching flames was still pouring across and tward the ventual deck, and members of the crew and refugees were fleshing to all safer quarters of the dock. Starring would have been been one of those nearly burned to douth, had not two refugee woman seized him and dragged him into the steerage. There they stuyed, and by wrap, ing their

sheads in wet blankets escaped serious injury.

During the panic (aptiam johnston was accidentally knocked everyourd, when the ship righted with the gales slight abatement the captian was alongside in the water. enip righted with the gales sight addressed the capital was alongside in the water. Starring hearing of it, jumped everboard, and drawing himself upon a hatfa hatfa cover dragged the capital upon it. A patch of falling leaves fell squarely upon Capital Johnson head, but starring knocked it away before it singed his hair. A rope was thrown to Starring and both he and the capital were hauled on board.

Then the ship continued on full speed untill the vensel passed the wall of fire

and Starring and the captian remained below all that time. Then it was believed time Starring alone went on deck. The fire was still raging and spreading on the opposite shore with immeasureable fury, and it was still as dark as night, except where it was lighted by the leaping flames. It could not have been more than five minutes between the time the sky first darkned darkened to the time they passed the surge of flames, and

the time the sky first darkned darkened to the time they passed the surge of flames, an starring returned to the dock. Litty eight persons were working like mad to put out the firse blazing on the ship, the vessel being on fire in a dozen places. Then Starring saw a huge ship coming down upon the Mary Jane, apparently unmangeable. There was a man at the wheel of this ship however, and Starring ran bolow, seized some flag and waved it wildly to warn this other ship off.

The however nearly collided not be able to see the other other in the fog, but it was only a side glance blow and did not do any damage. Then the Captian himself of the Mary Jame appeared, and turned his at a stretch on the continually very six had not responded to his call, and those who were working were seriously burned, and he found of only out of sixty eight refugees no board his ship only fifteen remained alive. Starring th and the crew, and the rangers together carried the suffering survivers below and made them as comfortable as possible. Then Starring the suffering survivors below and made them as comfortable as possible. Then Starring and his own followers also began to aid the sailors to fight the fire on the shipp.

Their desperate struggle continued untill the following morning, while others fearing they would not succeed in getting the fire out began to build a raft out of materials gathered below the deck ...

They were about four hours in building and provisioning the raft. Life preservers were strapped about the injured, rough ac cars were constructed, and even a spar and some sails got ready, for they intended if possible to make their way down the river as fatfast as possible, yet for all this work, it was not necessary, the fires on the ship was put out, and then despite their own handicapped condition were finally on one enap was put out, and then despite their own handicapped condition were finally compelled to rescue the crew of another ship which was also on fire. Every many on deck shouted together for help, and every body west tears for joy, when the rait made so hastily was lowered and then came alongside of the ill fated ship, and starring and twenty others in 1 including the captian and his officers began the work t of rescue.

They took off fourty eight persons altegether from this doomed ship which was the Thomas, but some died as they were brought aboard. Most of them suffered terrible agony being burned internally as well as externally. The arful heat caused by the flames leaping include across the river entered their ness and moths mouthe, and even penetrated their care.

Starring saw hundrads of dead bodies of all kinds of ferest entered in the river.

Starring saw bundreds of dead bodies of all kinds of forest animals in the river. They floated on down the river, and the entire region we was a charnal house. The first offi cer of this doomed ship was among those lost by being panic stricken and leaping overboard. Another man said he swed his life by the reason that he was asleep in his bunk when the forest fire suddenly rushed down and across the river, and the

tidal wave of flames overwhelmed the ship. When the fire enveloped the ship this man drew his blanket about his face. There was an open porthole in his cabin, and some of the flames rushing in burned the hair off his head,,, which was turned tward

the aperture. How v However he escaped other injury. After this Starring never saw a river harbor as ghaitly as St Johns, when he entered it on the following morning at about nine thirty oclock. The hills far distant was still aftre and smoke was rising and spreading ou li out like an immense mushroom was still aftre and smoke was rising and spreading ou li out like an immense mushroom and overshadowed the landscape. The water of the river was covered with charred limbs of trees. And as the ship finally approached what had been St yohns its outlines were invisible in the fire and smoke. At hundreds of places tongues of fire were shocting up indicating where buildings were burning. Near by lay the blackened hull of some big ship. There were six or seven other smoking black hulls in the river, six of fairly large vessels. The ship steamed through the river are partly pass the town, those on deck looking for signs of life but saw none. No trees were standing with a distance as far as eye could reach, all a sea of smoking forest ashes and debris burned to dust and the scene was one of indescriable desclation.

Thick smoke hing over the scene and the air was full of fumes that is noticed after the ravages of a forest fire.

Starring heard from one of the survivors from the ship that had been burned

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Starring heard from one of the survivors from the ship that had been burned the story of his escape. He said the captian had ran the ship on a race for ten miles with the swiftly advancing fire, when the fire finally over took the ship, and the captian who was at the wheel dropped from exhaustion. He told also of how the town was hit, and how the people running through the streets were struck down by falling walls of fire gutted buildings, and how several times many others fell over the bodies of those who died, Another man told the following story of the struggle on that ill futed vez vessel, when it was enveloped by the blaze, which leaped the river.

He claimed that the ship had no escape whatever from the flames; and that

He claimed that the ship had no escape whatever from the flames, and that in an attempt to escape the ship ran head on into the blaze. Captian johnson urged the

theship onward with the hope of getting out of the forest fire region. They reached another little river shore town about two oclock in the afternoon. Then here at the proper time the survivor came forth with his story. It is as follows;

We left the city of Pandora at the later afternoon two days ago, and arived near St johns on the evening of that fatal day, our orews had seen the forest fires from the woods for many miles north of here during night, and the smoke easily by day, and now as we came up into the river port of the town the pillars and waves of day, and now as we came up into the river port of the town the pillars and waves of flame appeared to be rising high and the smoke clouds rolled grandly and was most intense. Many of the passengers a came on deck early to watch the grand fire scene. Intense. Many of the passengers a came on deck early to watch the grand fire scene. The whoa Thomas steamed up to the station off the easterly part of the city of St. The watch the grandly and was possible to the category of the shore. The water of the river was quite smooth and although encourage quanties of flame and smoke wars beling up from the distant and although encourage quanties of flame and smoke wars beling up from the distant excellent. The main firecasemed to be about ten miles from the opposite thous encoularly the same a little by the head of us and over the port bow.

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hundreds of other ships i near the town. I went on deck early and found many of the

passengers and all of the crew who were not on duty far below on dock, lined up on the post gide watching the "fire show". As the distant forest fires made the weather so unusually hot no one in the town of St John would do any work. The citys Mayor and his pretty twenty year old daughter came along side the Thomas a little before four colock in the afternoon, and notified our captian whose name was Murgar purgar of the situation

in the afternoon, and notified our captian whose name was murgar purgar of the situation that the town was in peril.

While on dock they remarked to our captian that the forest fire at that spot was at its worse. They had never seen such a forest fire before. And evidently that was the opinion of everybody in St Johns, for the piore, the streets, and in many cases the howse tops, and troe tops were covered with spectators, enjoying the majestic yet fearful spectacle. Aftervour strange visitors left, the Second Mate said to

"If the captian gives us permission will you go ashore with me, and get as close as we can to get a better view of the forest fire?"

as we can to get a better view of the forest fire?"

"I replied. "No not if it is heading our way. I value my life more than that. I have read a all about valcanic eruptions, and though I would not be fooligh enoughto to go near one, yet it is more dangerous to goo near a forest fire if it is moving to go near one. Yet it is moved any about fifteen minutes before the fires came upon the shore tward you."

And this was about fifteen minutes before the fires came upon the shore tward you and come but at the time all of the passureers in cluding women and and singed us and our ship. At this time all of the passengers in cluding women and

and singed us and our ship. At this time all of the passengers in cluding women and children were lined up on the port rail enjoying the sight. Most of the crew were lined up on that side too. I don't suppose there were any persons below except the Engineer and his assistants, and the captian who had not yet left his bed.

Whice hills I was standing with two children, friends of mine, a boy and girl.

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Whice hills I was standing with two children, friends of mine as extraording as far as eye could real increase of heat in the atmosphere. We then in looking in the direction saw that the increase of heat in the atmosphere. We then in looking in the direction saw that the fine could real include stretch of forest along our side of the shore extending as far as eye could real whole stretch of forest along our side of the shore extending as far as eye could real reach has sudonly burnt into a wall of flame, and fronting us. There gushed forth reach has sudonly burnt into a wall of flame of the free had in less than a minute the fire lesped in clouds everywhere an awful mass of fire, and in less than a minute the fire lesped in clouds of singing flame overhead, and there was a series of muse ctry like reports as many trees of singing flame overhead, and there was a series of muse ctry like reports as many trees of singing flame overhead, and there was a series of muse ctry like reports as many trees of singing flame overhead, and there was a series of muse ctry like reports as many trees of singing flame overhead, and there was a series of muse ctry like reports as many trees of singing flame overhead, and there was a series

across the sky setting trees after on the other side.

I never saw anything like the rolling of this flame. It stretched out tward us at times like a gightic beach comber of flame, whole the rolling of the smoke clouds was very unusual rolling over and over upon itself in tremendous billows as it advanced was very unusual rolling over and over upon itself in tremendous billows as it advance tward us swept forward by a wind with its top part always rolling down and under the main mass and with the after pae part of it constantly rising up to a height of many thousands of feet as the great mass of flame o scared in our directions many thousands of feet as the great mass of flame o scared in our directions. It was the signally out ran it, but it was the worse experience and many of us never lived to tell the tale.

"But what happened during the disasterous fire?" asked Starring. Vast clouds of steam arose from the contact of the heat with the water. The fire vast clouds of steam arose from the contact of the heat with the water. The fire seemed to blot out the city of St ohn's from our sight. There arose up an outcry of a myelad of voices. Now as the long flames stretched out close to us, the steam from the river rose in great clouds and cut off from our view what was left of the burning city.

"Rum for your liv life" I shouted to the others, as I saw the flames getting as bad as on the other side and roff roofing us all in a fearful canopy of fires.

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"Oh no, it will burn itself out before it gets to our shipe" some one replied as
I turned and ran into my room on the starboard side of the ship. If the wind did not
blow all would have been well but it was literally the fire hurricane, and the ship
was tossed about in the boiling river, and something like a great will pool pulled
her far over on the port side. Then a terrible hurricane of fire enveloped her, and
the roaring force of the glae gale hel heeled her far over on the starboard side, so
that she almost law on her hear ends. At the moment this fire hurricane swent over us that she almost lay on her bean ends. At the moment this fire hurricane swept over us that she almost lay on her bean ends. At the moment this fire hurricane swept over us I heard a terrific noise frightfully loud and threatening. This turned at to be the sound of our four masts, and the four huge smoke stacks and the port side of the bridge being swept away like chaff.

Even then we had not recieved the full force of the fire hurricane for the ships nearest us served as a screen for us. I was told later that two ships in front of us were flung down on her sie side blazed up in flame in every part of their hull and plunged down beneath the river in an instant. Then our captian heard all the commotion he leaped at of bed, dressed only in his night clothes, and ran up on

on the bridge. He was one of the bravest men I ever saw.

"George" he called to the first officer. "Go heave the archer llurry."

Then the captian in a frenzy called down to the through the tube to the chief Chief Engineer crying; "For God's sake let us get out of this as soon as we can. We Chief Ingineer crying; "For God's sake let us get out of this as soon as we can. We are in hell." We however had full steam up in one boiler, and the other fire was bunked. The chief, and the third engineer made a rush for the engine room to get the only going. The First mate yellod to one of the crew, to get the windlash ready to heave, and as the man ran tward the windlass the fire harricane struck us, and swept him away, so that he nover reached the windlass. The First late was then seen running for the Companion ladder so as to reach the forepeak, where he could give further orders, when the second mate selzed him around the waist, and suddenly and almost roughly dragged him into the steerage. That vact saved the First Mates lire, and neither he or the first muto was even singed by the fire.

When I run furiously into my stateroom on the starboard side of the ship my idea was to plungs under the bed clothes in my br berth and so protect myself from the fire and heat but before 1 sot half way covered the fire hurricane hurled the ship

fire and heat but before I got half way covered the fire hurricane hurled the ship iver almost on her beam ends on the starboard side.

The porthole of the stateroom was infortunariedly for me wide open, and the The porthole of the stateroom was infortunariesly for me wide open, and the water came dashing in in groat force. It was almost scalding hot, and the inrush of the water swept me off my borth, and I staggered out into the middle of my room. The water was so hot that I felt us if the fire was burning me up, and I madly tore off my cout and vest. As the ship rolled "till deeper, I "hought she was going to turn turtle and thun sink, and as she lay wallowing in the river and trying to pick herself up I held fast to the cupboard, hen all quieted down I jumped outside then into the gayway canguay. The captian was on the bridge giving orders and trying to save his ship when the blust of flames overwhelmed him.

He was bareheaded and only dressed in his night clothes, and his hair was singed He was bareheuded and only dressed in his night clothes, and his hair was singed off and he was burned from head to foot. Then whether he was crazed and delirious by the pain or whether he became so weak that he could not support himself, I do not know but our captim immediately fell overboard. One of the sailors jumped after him catching the captim by the shirt collar and tried to bring him back. Then the big booty hatch torn from one of the other ships came floating by, and the sailor font of the dilled the captim up mate it too, nor many minutes the poor captim faulay senselses, and his rescuer thought he was deadd. Then he was surprised to hear him suddenly meak:

suddenly peak;

"Get me back to my ship. For heave heavens suke get me back to the Thomas. If I have to die I must die on board my ship." Then the captian lay back as if d.ad, but the saller soon had him back on deck. As he brought the captian over the side he saw women and children all barned and bleeding and with their clothing hanging in burned and bloody shreds. It was atothis time that I took the chances and made my way forward from my stateroom. I saw a child a little boy s lying by the no. three hatch. I found that he was dead, his hair was all burned off, clothing too, his skin was scorche scorched black, and what was left of his clothes, and also his skin hung in ragged patches. The ship had passed the blust of fire long ago, but at the moment of tha the disaster the hurricane had hurled through the air clouds of flaming embers, which

the disacter the hurricane had harled through the air clouds of flaming embers, which came down upon us in a rain of fire. Everywhere they fell they started a fire. Hot sahes were flying with this hair of fire, and breathing in the heated atmosphere and smoke was almost impossible. For a time it was impossible to see at ant any distance. The rearing of the conflagration, the sk shrieks and crise of the many dying, the rain of fire and ashes, and the fumes of smoke from the burning trees, and the glare and the continued darkness everywhere made it seem to me as if the end of

the world had come and we were all in hell.

the glare amid the continued darkness everywhere made it seem to me as it the end of the world had come and we were all in hell.

The ship was already on fire o in both of the holds forward, and her saloo aloo aft was blazing. The rain of burning embers blown by the wind lasted only four or five minutes. I and three other survivors stood looking at each other, gway where they we went lay dead men and women and dying people, who were so scorched and torn and disfigured by the heat and the fire, that no one could identify them! The dying and the linjured were all beging for water, and , am sure they must have all inhaled the flames. Then we went alt we saw several women and children coming to us from the saloon. They were burned and begged for water. I went forward to the messroom to draw some, but I found the messroom tank tossed up on deck wreched apart by the by the fury of the forest fire harricane, and not only mmyt but scorched dry. I got a pitcher of water from the washstund in a stateroom.

One of the survivors asked me to help him put out the fire in the forehold, and we got four or five fire buckets. We did pretty well with the forehold and the other portion but forward of that we found the captians cabin macking and went in there. A part of the flooring and the matresses were on fire, and as we pulled out the mat tresses to throw water on them one dead body after mother rolled out on the floor.

These were of some passengers, women and children, two two of the firemen and some of the crew who were off duty at the time the forest fire reached across the stream and overwhelmed our ship. The door of the foreactive was thus, and the portholes open. They were not burned therefore I believe they must have died from inhaling the flame and the fumes. We put out the fire in this cabin and also in the forecastle but could not succeed in the main holds. The wind and rain of fire fiery

forecastle, but could not succeed in the main holds. The wind and rain of fire flery embers had ceased, and we were grouping our way in the darkness that would be like erebus if it was not for the glow of the fires.

A big steamship which proved to b. yours, which we knew to be yours, came up a aster of us as if she were going to pass. The Second Late who survived ren to on the bridge and burned four coston lights. He got no reply from yours. I feered that the only reason no one on on board your ship did not enswer us was that every body on board was killed or disabled, when in fact at first no one saw ys us. Then a surviving sailor suggested that we throw one of the skids overboard and use that as araft. We launched the skid. Then we saw through the fog a ships light coming t tward us and soon we

again made out yours. Some one on your ship hailed us from the bridge.

"Aboy there, how many of you is there on board."!"!!!!!"

"I don't know, answered" but many of us are dead..."

"Then came the order" get all the living together, and we will take you aboard. our chip." the man on the bridge called to us. Then there came to us out of the darkness a big raft, manned by you and a number of others. Now for the first time we began to take an accurate account of how many living there were abound our ship. Including

those who showed the very faintest signs of life, there were only ten, out of our crew and passengers numbering fifteen hundred and six. All of them were taken aboard your ship at nine oclock in the evejing evening, all of them except me fortunately had the hair burned off their heads. The faces of all of them were pwollen and cut, and near the hair burned oil their needs. The faces of all of them were swollen and cut, and they were disfigured. Of course it was necessary to place each sufferer in a cool sheet which was carried by four men of your ship, and with two men lowering the sheet by the corners, and two standing below at the edge of the slanting deck of the burning Thomas, to recieve them at the raill our poor follows were lowered with the greatest care and then hunded or halled down aboard the big raft. Of course I must say that the women and children who were not injured were the last to comp. It is a rule of women and children first but not in case of our affliction, when it was the injured first.. The captians wife refused to be go first untill her husband had been hauled aboard your ship. The sailors from your ship carried the taitath poor woman very tenderly to the side of the ship and lowered her o upon the raft. The captian of your ship then left a large rescue crow on board the Thomas to gather up the rest of the sufferers, and headed the raft tword tward yours. After several trips back and forth they were all taken on board. We saw you pick up many others at the northerly end of the burning city at the face of great danger.

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Some of them in fleeing the burning city were on rafts, some on logs, and many were swimming in the warm water.."

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Starrings ship now proceeded slowly and cautiously for a northwestern course. Even then the smoke of forest fires had not hardly lifted, but nevertheless those on board had an occassional glimps of the ruins of the city of St john. The city and all the country around it were blackened with fire, both the shattered walls of the houses, and the remaining bits of charred trees looming up in glowing embers over the great clouds of heavy white and gray smoke that had settled over everything. Flames were still rising from hundreds of houses, showing that all the inflamable materials in them them had not yet been com consumed. The immense shipping in the or at the river docks had totally disappeared and had left no trace. The last Starring saw of the ship the Thomas she was lying almost on her beam ends within with immense sheets of fire blazing out of the steerage, both the holds and the saloon. It wasevident that she would burn to the waters edge and sink. Out of the fleet of a hundred ships that was at anchor in the harbor of the city of St John only the blazing hull of the Thomas was left. Four of the rescued members of that ship died on the short run tward ilunsonville, so there were only a few to be taken to the big hospital there.

The doctor in charge of Starrings ship told him that even the wife of the Thomas's captian cannot live and he said that out of all those who were taken from the ship only three or four maybe less will survive. nother man was picked up from a small raft in the river. He was all in rags. His castom consisted of a battered old soldiers h hatthat he had picked up from the edge of a ruined town and his suit of underclothes and on old pair of trousers were tied around the waist and at the ankles with pieces old shoestring, no stockings or shoes, a mans slipper on one foot, and a womans old abandoned shoe on the other.

When this man was brought abourd the wary June he was so shaking and trembling when this man was brought abourd the pary Jane he was so shaking and trembling that he could not hardly walk or talk. It eve made Starring himself almost shake to think of the holl he went through at St Johns. Starring was not much burned but holes were in his clothes, and the cuption himself had suffered more from the terrible shock than anything else, and some of them believed he would never get over it completely. All this while the sky remained totally overcast, and sometimescit grew a little

lighter and then darker, and sometimes the blackness was intense. Sometimes no one could remain on deck for the wind being on the east the smoke would drift acrosss the river in blinding and checking quanities. Sometimes the ship had to be stopped on the way, and although Captian Johnson knew that the forest fire was drifting on to new courses he decided to allow it hereafter to beat him instead of allowing his ship to get shead of it for he did not wish to run the fire gauntley a second time. He headed the ship slowly for Hansonville which lay on the regular northwest route, to unload the rescued refugees there. Fifty miles away the flames could be seen, and one mountain side was all in seeming eruption for a thick pall of rolling smoke hung over the scene, and Starring feared it might be evident that even the city of Hansonville might be burning. They were still within full sight of St john passing now the main and northern harbor of the city, and they came across another ship that was still emouldering.

Not a living thing was seen about the harbor but bodies of many an m animals were were still floating in the water. A stretch of fire was pouring up the side of a forested hill, and in slowly passing by Starring saw a vulley in which hundreds of people had formerly lived all asmoke and aflame. The uspect of the scene where the tremendous conflagration had passed was gras grayish white and all smoking, and the slopes of one mountain up which the fire had passed were covered with a clock of ashes and the few skeletone of still smoking trees, the ashes making the scene appear as if a volcano had thrown clouds of ashes all over the scene. A great cloud of white cmoke smoke was above this desolated hill. Indeed the desolation was complete and there was not a sign of a single lying thing as far as the vison vision could reach.

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Ceptian Joh son soon discovered that for a time he could do nothing because of
the dreadful smoke haze, and the ship was slowed down and undered near the extreme
northern part of the burned town of St John. while waiting here for the smoke to lift
some of Starrings followers picked up four little children on a raft de de gaft. They
had been inland, and had sectaged to the shore and taken to the rait, rather chancing
this risk than the dangers from the blaze. hen Starring got within halling distance
of them he heard their cry for help. They had been burned and had endured much suffering. Starring decided to have them landed at Hamsonville as soon at that often fering . Starring decided to have them landed at Hansonville as soon at that city was reached.

ctarring who was so near St Johns during the horror that descended upon it, and was an eye witness to the destruction done to it by the fire was asked to write his experience but he did not deem it worth while an refused. About fourty orphans, mostly Calverinians were also brought on the ship with two nums rescued from the town, Of

Of all those who were rescaed from the ill fated town few however were injured. Starring had hoped the voscel could have sailed that day but it had remained smoky and dark the darkness continuing and he was worried for as far as sye could reach inland from the river the utmost devastation and desolation prevailed and he feared that a trip down the river to the Abbieann region would be of no avail. The appearance of the whole landscape was like whitewash, or indeed a sea of slaking line might have easily resembled the scene with the thick smoke rising from it and scattered here and there the smoking gaunt skeletons of burned trees. Nothing was visible but that awful sea of ash and smoke and overtopping all a burning rides. In the harbor every vessel that had been passed that had survived further north was stripped of masts and deck housings. It seemed as if the whole country was dead, that all its inhabitants are deed, and that the country would never be redeemed from the seles of the fire, and the flood and explosion horror. We one it is believed could live here now. Outside of the diseaster zone the people who are not in want, did their bet to aid those in trouble. Yet when all the bodies are taken care of there will be little more to do. The diseasters left little to be done.

Despite the fact that the city of Calverine itself was four hundred and eighty miles distant from the head of the forest fires, the streets of the city as Starring recieved word by telegraph from there(wireless) was hidden at times with a strange fog that smelled like smoke from burning wood and pine needles which at first no one in that city could account for... The mayor said in his wireless message that the first appearance of the fog was noticed on the morning of St September the twent First and for two days after the fog continued, sometimes dreadfully thick and some times less, when the wind turned to west, or north, or straight south, the fog disuppeared. There was no sunshine at the time the fog came. Starring suspected there was so much smoke sent by the firesthat the winds carried it over the ontire state.. state..

Storring also reached or recieved word that it would be high time when he could reache the city of pansonville. So rapidly had the horrors of the last fortnight piled upon one another that to the people of that big town it now seemed ages since the first nows was recieved there. It was just on September the Thitt third that the first wireless recieved from some unknown location announced the unusual progress of the forest fire, and gave warning of the great disasters that were to dislow. Starring in trying to got details while the ship lay at dock learned that the forest fire had been threatening this big town for ten days, but often a change of wind forced the fire was about thirty miles away the volumes of smoke issueing from it was so great and the rolls so fantastic and large that the conflagration seemed raging within some part of the city, and even then flames had been seen among the roll rolling smoke. Maturally all in the eighborhood of the forest fire were in a state

of unatural and horrible consternation.

Some come took the warning and began to leave mansonville but the great preportion of the dwellers remained to take their chances. The next day smoke began to reach the city, and thereafter business in the city was practically suspended......

It is worthy of note that the flames were first seen to rush forward from the east stretch of the Mic-Hollester Woods, and the question was then asked,

"What will become of all our beautiful forests if the Good God does not send us

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Many of the scientists also believed that if the main flood waters of the Abbieunn torrent had reached and swamped the forests in that vinicity, the fires then probably would have been stopped. Cables came through on Monday telling how the Sunday had been spent in Hansonville——the last unday that was to be spent in that once flourishing four. A stiff southwest wind then blowing had kept the smoke from fogging

flourishing town. A stiff southwest wind then blowing had kept the smoke from fogging the city, and that day all were more hopeful. Yet the day also was one of prayer, and of Novenas offered up for the cause and the victims of the disasters with of course on Thanksgivings added.

Then came the first serious news, just as Starrings ship arived to the citys docks. docks. It however was first told by the cables, that the forest fire had again changed direction and had spread so that no matter what way the wind blew, except from the north, the breezes would not alter the dangers any, no that also other big towns had been destroyed and that scores of hundreds of persons were missing. It was not believed in Hansonville that this could be true, even it seemed to them that it was impossible that such a catastrophe could occur, and that the forest fire was so large. Nevertheless a gloom came upon the people of this city, who had many friends and relatives in all the towns reported dd destroyed by the conflagration.

That same day the news was recieved that the city of St John was destroyed, and that great trouble had resulted in that region, and only thi this served to impress every one with the possibility of great disaster, but no one was prepared for the sacrifice that was soon to be reported.

SECURING THAT WAS SOON TO BE REPORTED.

With orders to repair the cable between St ann, and Calverine, a cable ship called
The Gertrude had left the city of Hansonville the day or two before Starrings ship
artived. Even it was feared then that some meson dangor awaited this ship, and
therefore the captian was instructed to use his own own discretion and to take no
risks if it was not necessary. All communication with all points a shout by cable .
ceased it was announced that the underground cables were broken or metted apart by the
fierce heats of the blazes cutting Hansonville off from the world in general. Strange
detonations were heard from the south and east... It seemed to them like the heavy
gume of ships of war far out at sea. It was believed however that the fires had
struck the Rangors are enals but the explosions were heard over an area of over fifty
miles...

Panic was beginning to make itself felt in the town when Starrings ship arived. The ship did not b go fur in however but remained out for water space.. for he feared

feared there also would be trouble here.—and that if the ship nentered the river harbor close to the docks it would not havecroom to meansur meansure for her own eafty. No news was recieved after the ships arival untill that evening, when a wireless report was circulated that some calamity had befallen the city of St Thomas. From Calverine came a cablegram announcing that one ship which had left Calverine for St Thomas two days before had returned a wreck, with many scorched and badly injured aboard, some injured so badly they could not recover. It had been told by the captian of the ship which name was not lourned that St Thomas had been destroyed by the forest firem and that all the shipping in the river readstead that did not get away was burned down to the waters edge.

The inhabitants were in an open plain surrounded by burning forests, homeless having had not even time to save the leasts of their bolongings. That was a terrible blow to those in Hansonville. Starring knew that he had just recently left some refugees tore there ffo from his ship thinking that town safe and it was feared that the Cable ship had gone there. And that fear was soon known to be too well founded. To Starring and all the rest these were black days here --- days of morni mourning and heartrending grief to all of the inhabitants, a day to make even the most thoughtless shudder and stand aghast. The mind first failed to take in the ernormity of the forest five calamity. And to make it worse news came the fire was coming headon for Hansonville a screaming hell. One other cable had failed to communicate with St Thomas. The condition were then sixteen hours after the catastrophe so threatening that the captian of another ship who returned to Hansonville said that he did not dare take his ship nearor than twenty miles but leathe to leave without at least trying to do semething a boat was sent in through the impenetrable smoke pall and darkness. How near the boat not no one knows but near enough at any rate that when on roturning to bring the word that the city of St Thomas was in flames, and not a soul was to be seen. This ship had not reached the river readstead of St Thomas when the fire struck. He was near enough to see the awful fate of the Cable ship sent from Hansonville, and many other ships in the harbor. The inhabitants had probably fled befr before the fire hurricane burst upon the city. It is his belief that the fire broke through the cap made by some ravine and this shifting caused it to change its course and come for the vi city.

There was as the captian stated an explosion that scattered fire, burning fragments of trees, rocks, forest fire ashes and burning leaves for five hundred yards, in all directions.

It would also explain how the inhabitants were driven outso quickly as have no time time to save their belongings. Meanwhile while Starring waited for a time at Hansonville the terrible news continued, and all feared the fire would soon wiped out their city as well...

The next day was another day of terror and panic which was among the people of the city of Hansonvillo. For sixteen hours on the next day a terrific gale spring up from the straight east bombarding the city with flying embers of burning trees, sending into the streets clouds of dust and smaks, and flaming brands rained upon the city. Houses closest to the danger zone were said to be destroyed, and fires were started in many quarters. With the flying embers came clouds of flaming leaves and sahes. The air was zo so filled with smoke that it was barely possible to breathe, and at times it seemed as if suffication must be the fate of all who could not be taken, on board the ships in the harbor and many started to fe fice for all the vessels. While in this city the loss of life has not been great, the forest fire in coming near to this town was far worse than Starring had ever observed it before, and for many hours the explosions afresh from rangers striving frantically to s check the flames were so heavy and continuous that it seemed as if the city would be shaken from its own foundation. The wind grew in intensity and burning leaves fell at places or flew into the air and borne on by the wind as thick as snow flames in a blinding bliz blizzard, and the flames could be seen rishing on like the furious wave of theocean in a hurricane....

Thousands got onto the ships to leave the city of mansonville in panic. Children were crying, women were praying and others were even crying loudly. Some were leaving for the mountains to almost certain starvation and perils from fires if they too turned out to be in the puth of the "Red Plague, yet they preferred that to the fate that would be theirs if the conflagration trapped them in the city. Others were fleoing tward near by towns, there being forced to depend upon the chairty of neighbors. Starring saw he could not land any refugees there. Fivery can be in the river harbor and there were scores of them were being constantly crowded with those who were preparing to flue at the appearance of the great danger; as small boats filled with women and children who begged to be taken up. Hundreds finding it impossible to ib obtain boats to take

who begged to be taken "p. Hundreds finding it impossible to its other board them to the highly have swum ould rigking their very lives in the water to avoid the the danger which fills them with more terrible dread...

One who it seems took this mode of escape was the Mayor of the city himself. When the conflagration cause so near that the city was hidden in a fog of smoke and the gale turned into a near cyclone, and while fear struck to the heart of every one in the

the conflagration came so near that the city was hidden in a fog of mmoke and the gale turned into a near cyclone, and while fear struck to the heart of every one in the city, the Mayor rushed to the shore and plunged into the river. He first removed his shoes and trousers, and being little weighted with clothing he struck out for the Mary Jane which was nearly a mile off shore, with steam off and ready to put off down the river rather than be gamtlettled by the fire again. He reached the ship saftly though much exhausted. He saked the captian if he would take some of the refugees on board the ship but gtarring who was in charge in person, declared if more wore on the ship the vesual would go under. In the excitement time was found to be given to garring and his officers and others of his followers, and the rangers and calverinians under his command who never lost their presence of mind and were working bravely to save those who were unable to save themselves. He saw to the unloading of a number of the refugees onto a better ship, and then the ship was ordered to run down the

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river coust to make observation of the course of the forest fire to see if the city was in danger or not. The ship went as close to the opposite shore as the smoke and heat would allow untill driven away by a surge of flame which reached momenturily clear across the sky and the river. Starring then by brought beach the report that new fires were raging far beyond the city and was spreading in broad streams. All along the shore near the fire zone the waiter was boiling and such curtains of steam rise that the view of the land and the forest fires was only possible only when the wind

that the view of the land and the forest fires was only possible only when the wind blows with sufficient force to lift them for a few seconds. The whole country side as Starring described it is like a country driven deep into the pits of hell. The heat from the burning forests is so unusually great, and the Mary Ann went so close in tward the shore that she returned with the paint on her cides by istered..

When veturning again near the dhoos dok docks of Hansonville Starring saw a great crowd of old men and women and children on the shore signalling wildly for help and Starring thanked peaven he had previously unloaded his ship onto another of his first rescued refugees from the destroyed ships and elsewhere. All were taken on board, and those rescued were almost starved. Supplies what could be spured were given to them and then when another big ship arived from the north, the people were transferred to this, as the capitan at his orders did not go on ahead.

From all parts of this section of the country not cut off by the forest fires

From all parts of this section of the country not cut off by the forest fires and remaining flood horrors, or explosion disaster, refugees not at fire knowing the situation were flocking into mansonville, All mouna Mountain roads are said to be filled with panic stricken and starving women and children. Ariving here their terror does not decrease, and when they see Hansonville is threatened they were more unxious to press on to some safor place as they were to get here. Starring heard that

and to press on to some somer place as they were to get here, othering head that all the roads were do ted with dead, or those overcome or suffering from heat prostration and many are reported to be dying, having fallen from weakness on the way. It was all was so were of fered for rescense to go out and assist those who have fallen by the way, but it seemed every one were too full of fear to be tempted by any offer. As Starring learned the punic however was greatest the day before he arised, when the sun arose shining very faintly through the haze of smoke. The skies were filled with rolling and whirling clouds that appeared fiery red, and many believed that some explosion would occur and hurl the burning forests into the sky so that the fire would fall upon them from the heavens, and the terror that had ensued was pitiful and exciting. Indeed the speciacle was so appalling and unusual that the populacecould not appreciate the sublimity of it. All day long the streets were filled. goldiers and sailors mixed freely with the women and children, all frightened witless.

All struggled to get to a place of safty, they knew not where . Indeed believed

that whereever they went they faced the greatest danger.

Some screamed prayers in their frenzy, others fell to upon their knees in the streets and besught protection from above and begged God to send rain. No one were able to refrain from tears. Then when the panic began to subside a little Starring could observe there was a general scramble for the vaters or the water fronts, and the hills west of the term the hills west of the town...

With starrings ship started for Hansonville another ship had went on the utside, and made a four ofthe city and its vinicity but in the opposite direction, he passed Hanson-Ville and had a part in the work of rescues of the refugees who had been driven to the shore by the threatening fire storm advancing tward the city, and the forests beyond it. hen Starrings ship in going a short distance from the city of HanHanson ville they came within eight of a burning ridge and found the punci panic among refugees here even greater than within the city and its subburgs. The forest fires was turning and sweeping in that direction, and the valley here was a sea of smoke. There was a storm of detonations in this location, and it seemed as if great eruptions were raging near this part of the city under the endangered ridge.

A steam launch from a ship called the Heidi picked up two hundred and seventy fi ve persons who were struggling in the water and took them to a river ship. Scores and scores of others were taken to the Heidi and to even Starrings ship. The small boate boats of the latter ship ere were out constantly saving many who otherwise must have been drowned. This was a work of very much danger, as for some reason or other the river at times was as rough as the sea because of the fire hurricane blowing.

Supplies however in this town had been quite plent ifful but great suffering was be being caused by the smoke, intense heat, and lack of water. All of the river water, and and all the natural water supplies had been plo polluted by the river and the flood which has strangely enough developed sulphuric acid and thyphic Phyphold rever germs. Water that could be spured was being supplied from some of the ships, and word

had been sent to other places for a greater supply.

There was as Starring learned an unual unusual ammount of charity going on here.
Those fortunate to own small boats that are sufficiently sea worthy, to make the run down the river to safer places instead of making themselves rich as they could have have done by taking those who desire to escape the wrath of the forest fires or charge extravyagent prices in domand for their transportation, took them away for little price or nothing at all. This enabled hundreds ' to get away, and the usunds

had only to wait a short time to get away. Starring later decided to penetrate the territory that afternoon far enough to get a glimpse of the fire from the land and see if it was moving on the city of Hansonville or not . when he came back he reported that the whole region within his view was running with fire, and he said that as the clouds of smoke and fire rage forward the ridge so threatened can be seen burning on one side, and the valley is filled with smoke and flame and that danger did threaten the town from two sides. But he said nevertheless; .

"As long as the winds does not change its direction, there doesnot appear to be much danger. But if the wind changes we all, including ourselves will have to move and pretty blamed quick too.."

Scurcely had he said this when he heard a loud roar and boking back saw a huge mass of black or ation burst from the lower portion of the burning ridge, and this was immediately followed by a great wall of flame which seemed to rise and topple over and then down into the valley below. At first to Starring it was the sensation of an eruption and then he realized the fire at struck something that must have exploded.

There were other loud detonations, and looking in the direction of the sound he saw that there was a line of blue puffs of smoke, and sawothat the upper part of the ridge was emitting a thinblue smoke which by its simmering effect he realized to be the overheae overheated air rising from the blazes below. Without a moments delay, Starring ordered the look out to keep an eye on the scene, and he obeyed. So far as the lookout could see from his post the whole scene of eruptions did not last above two or three minutes.

Starring asserted that every one in the city would have plenty of time to escale escape for it eus was the talk of the city the evening before the fire storm threatened the place, and yet he believed it was best now to induce the people to leave while there was yet tije... time... Many of those on board his ship who had been rescued had barely sufficient clothing to keep them covered. They believed that the city was about to be destroyed by the fire as the other towns were, when they left a windstorm was sending blazing embers into the streets, and the inhabitants had either taken refuge on the ships in the harbor or as said before had fled into the mountains south and northwest of the city. From the city of St John a relief expedition sent from Pandora on returning was hailed by Starrings ship, and the captian came abourd to interview him bringing tales of horror. He have this account of what he saw;

"We knew before leaving Pandora that this forest fire horror was going to be a disaster that would shock the world, but we were not prepared for what we observed. Steaming into the harbor we saw the entire city in ruins, with no sign of life about the place, and thick smoke was rising from the black ened walls, and the smouldering wreckage of the burned forest was horrible. As we neared the shore, we observed the wreck of only one surviving ship out of a hundred, which was still smoking. The sides of this ship which looked to be the Thomas were still hot, and as the river water lapped against her it sizzled and the steam, arose. We found all the largest trees near the river shore burned down to the verybroots. Everything was desolation.

We noticed that one small house which had escaped the fire had fallen in, and the ceiling laths though torn loose were twisted all in one direction, just was one might twist a handful of straws or hay. This seemed to me an evidence that the sudden escaped of so much heat from the conflagration caused a sort of fire harricane or whirlwind in the advancing path of the " RED PLAGUE" which blew down this bouse. smoke and flame were to be seen still in various parts of the town, and far in the distance two ridges was enveloped in rolling clouds of snoke. But when we tried to enter the ruined town in spite of the heat we saw no bodies and wondered if all had escaped. Several Cathedrals were smouldering, and here and there we passed houses still aglow, and smoking.

But I came across the charred bodies of frefugees outside the city who had been overtaken by the blaze as they reached the river. Lying on a raft that was half smoking yet, was a body which we believed t was that of some fire ranger. Not far away but under the smoking trunk of a big fir tree. Lay a magnificent specimen of a man evidently another forest ranger, who had perhaps seeked to escape by the river when worsted in the fight, believing that he could escape the dangers of the burning hell by the river, but who had been overtaken. He had pulled his wet jumper over his head to avoid the suffocating smoke but all to no purpose. Just a little way in shore were six bodies in a heap. All must have been running through the burning horror to escape death, and were overpowered by the conflagration in a twinkling of an eye.

Then I came across the body of a slender little girl, hardly eight years old And I discovered that just beyond her, lay the charred bodies of two others, evidently

heremother and father, their hands tightly clasped.

Showing how sudden death had coming upon those who had tried to escape, I found the body of a boy who had just stood up against a tree to rest himself. Death had stricken h him as he stood there, and it seemed evident he died without sufferinb.. suffering.

A little further down the desclated shore, I came across in what was once a road a covered wagon, and a dead horse. The horse had been burned to death, but the driver I could not find. Evidently he had escaped. Every where I saw destruction and death. Side by side I observed lying a young woman and her father, who had clasped a little boy to his breast, and had lain over it, hoping no doubt to save the childs life, though death came to all."

Later that evening a new peril which was greater than that of the morning threatened the lower section of the city near and under the burning ridge, and the city was again in panic, and every one was awaiting in fear a cataclysm even worse then that which only recently filled the world with horror and consternation. That night was one of alarm and terror here, and even the earth seemed to have lost its foundations, for all along the valley poured onward with a loud hissing roar as of a sea of sourking skyrockets a raging fiery storm of death. Even somewhere in the valley occured an explosion so terrible that some weaker buildings were shaken down, and the seeple wild with fear, , & ___at x the fate of the residents of Abbieum, deserted,

their homes a second time and with fe frenzied cries rushed into the smoke forged streets av again making their ay with all speed to the water front to get boats to take them anywhere into the open river to escape the impending danger. Many of them carried household effects on their arms, while others ran about wing writwringing their hands and crying or praying. There were a few now vessels in the river coming just recently but just now they would not send boats ashore.

more continually, filled the air, again making the sky more darker than before. When the heavens are filled with the glare of the flames, as frequently happens, it could be seen that the forest fires was not yet changing its course..... After the first danger threatening the city there has been a perfect a capm calm upon the air, and yet the advancing side of the conflagration as still lashed into a fury indicating that the same fury or the same forces that was driving the forest fires on and, were working tremendous changes in the atmosphere atmosphere. Indeed no ammount of wording could describe the actual conditions. New disasters were expecting by gtarring and his friends every moment, and in the harbor of Hansonville every ship still there has steamed upond are ready to slip from their cables ane and speed away.

Starring e stimated that I20,000 people had continually rushed out into the streets of the town, shricking and praying. He also knew that a "Tidal Wave" of fire had destroyed the villiage of Canor which is a southern suburb of Hansonville, and which had

a population of 20,899. .

Many letters from victims of the flood and other disasters of the past, as well as of t big Abbieann dia disaster were found to be on tarrings ship headed for many places and they were to be forwarded in great numbers. They formed a unique stries of unusual documents filled with all kinds of human interests for all future historians of the immense catastrophes.

Starring had himself felt like writing something, but he was under the most gloomy of impressions, as he knew now no one could exaggerate the situation throughout the country.... his unchaining of the forces of natu nature by landelinias menas itself means itself was unusually horrible, and now gtarring wished himself far from here. Every one was leaving the region as from a terrible epidemic, but the men folk, especially the those not yet in the army and the elder boys, at stayed behind to if possible make an effort to repell the Red Scourge. Indeed all this is very sud. The heat is suffocating advery high in temperature, and sometimes those even on board the ship cannot leave anything open as the smoke enters everywhere burning their eyes. Fortunately much food have been preserved but no one has had the courage or the heaft to eat. It is always thus during such accursed wars, when it is not a battle, it is an explosion, and when it is not an explosion it is a flood, and sometimes its a combination of battle, flood, fire and explosion and a complication of other disasters together.

As Starring had observed when he landed to take a look at the fires that new blazes had been created in the extreme southwestern territory by the treemendous winds raging and lashing the forests in that locality. At first when he saw a sheet of flame in that locality he thought it was the forest rangers burning some kind of a warning. signal. He then had climbed a high trees and could see that fire was issuing from a a new blaze. There was much smoke, and he went forward as far as he dared to go, and found there could be no doubt as to the nature of the discovery. The sky in this locality was dark, and a pall was spread over the whole neighborhood. He had sometime earlier inspected as far as possible a locality pasr which a forest fire had burned its course and saw that the destruction whu which had been wrought was something to make him heartsick. He had passed this locality only a few days earlier, and at that time the stretch from St. John to Hansonville was a most beautiful piece of forested country, and beautiful suburban homes was nestling into the green verdue making it an unusual paradize on earth. when he returned this paradize had changed into a region closely resembling the awfulest inferno. He saw many bodies even of human beings floating floating in the water. He saw pass his ship one small steamer crowded with refugees who he supposed were survivors rescued from the eighborhood near the red plague. Then his ship passed through a blinding storm of smoke and a terrific heat.

All the time the ship lay before Hansonville, watching for a change in the wind the greatest clouds of smoke gtarring ever saw in his career was reaching far into sky, and the air continually was so thick with smoke that all on the vessel were compelled to remain below dock to breathe with any comfort...

As Starring learned Hansonvilles first remarkable experience with the approach of the forest fire was related to him by the terrified mayor of that city himself. He said it was about midday three days before 5ta 'ngs arival when hundreds of loud reports in four hours time as of distant cumnonading was heard from the east. The reports were repeated in fuseliades fusellades every fitteen minutes, and then a large and mussually dark mass began to rise and spread like a heavy cloud which gradually spread over the whole sky, the weather became intencely hundrah hot, and

and the sky took on a murky appearance as on a gray winter day . He told gtarring that be three oclock in the afternoon it a had become very dark, and that the mass of clouds had spread over the entire sky, strange flashes were to be seen far out to the south statward, and an occassional glare overhad overhead, verywhere in the streets the poople gathered to watch the heavens. By six oclock It had become so dark that lumps and other lights had to be used, cocks began to crow and those still cloud gazing noticed the unusual heat and be came apprehensive. Many heisted umbbrellas to keep the smoke a little from their eyes.

At about an hour after midnight darkness had set in,, and those on shore had to use lantrens to be able to see before them. Even most of the refugees had to take the chances chances to sleep where the intense darkness had caught them. Owever when morning broke it had grown somewhat lighter, but nevertheless smoke stitimal smoke fog was everywhere and immense clouds of smoke were stilling rolling through the air and acrosss the sky and so thick was the fog that no one could hardly see more than a hundred foot. This continued must of the day but the wind by the aftermon changed its direction, and the air grew clearer. As the day its if wore on Starring began to wonder if the forest, fire was going to hit the city or pass off harmlessly by. But from some other source some one brought to the captian an alarming report that another great forest fire

was raging at another quarter.

Sincke as he observed was issueing from a new quarter, and the atmosphere every
where by now had become exceedively hot. And tward evening while every one began
to take heart was and was returning to their homes in the city, something lke a like
a luminous cloud ascended thirty or fourty miles to the south of the city and drifted
a luminous cloud ascended thirty or fourty miles to the south of the city and drifted
alugishly to the northwest while also it kept increasing. The inhabitants were again
panic stricken from the outbroak, fearing again the fire was coming on the city, and
many in the suburbs ran from the streets north of the city into the country crying
and praying for preservation from the threatening calamity, no one in the city, slept
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and that night and in the districts near this new fire the rumblings of the explosives
that t night and in the districts near this new fire the inhabitants.

The rangers were appalling, and gave no confidence to the inhabitants.

Villiagers from the southern section at first were pouring into the city, this being the furthest from the forest fire. Another steumer passed Starrings ship also bringing refugees. Despite the fact of the citys danger, Hansonville was now heavily confested, and the demands on the city aurthorities was also increasing rapidly as more and more persons are obliged to leave their country homes. For three days since the yeary Ann arived here a thicky 1 thick smoky cloud ob overspread the land, and every one was filled with fear of the future.

The feeling of dread and suspense was more intense than is described. Most of the bolder people pass their time gazing at the south-eastern sc sky where the worse of bolder people pass their time gazing at the south-eastern sc sky where the worse of the thunderheaded smoke clouds gather and the mountful roaring of the conflagration the thunderheaded smoke clouds gather and the mounting observed a curious and most awe is heard. About ten oclock in the morning Starring observed a curious and most awe is heard about the name of the southwest, a place not sen before. This phenomenon caused alarm in the town of the southwest, a place not sen before. This phenomenon caused alarm in the town of the southwest, a place not sen before. This phenomenon caused alarm in the town of the southwest, a place not sen before. This phenomenon caused alarm in the town of the same papeared in St Lucy not far from Hamsonville, especially as a long wall of flame appeared in its wake. So rapidly did the results of this new horror pile up that the people of this town flight in panic tward Hamsonville.

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prediction especially at this distance where acual constitions as to the results of
the explosions are not yet actactly acttly perfectly known would of course we extremely

A consideration of other great explosions and flood horrors just past however shows that sofar as is known all have and had a general similarity. Reing the source of the same causes they have had the same results, except that they were of local orditions.

The Generally accepted ex-lanation of these awful forest fire and other war disasters and their accompanying phenomenon is that through some cause or other the disasters and their accompanying phenomenon is that through some cause or other the Clandelinian generals of all stages through the apparent overconfidence of the Abbicann niun and other writings gain access to important places learn the weakest spots, and being there x secretly disguised, place which all dangerous mines with the purpose to create such so called eruptions that are startled the nation and the owned in general. As Starring believed from the reports he has heard that the force world in general. As Starring believed from the reports he has heard that the fore world in general as reached a point beyond the strength of all other explosives known, and therefore what the foe may have used and where it was obtained is a mystery.

Gurring knowns in his in vestigations that a forest fire that is even dangerous beyond compare may usually be devided into three well marked kinds. First there is a period of several terrific ground fires which may burn deep into the ground and which if it gets a good headway is impossible to be overcome. That was the way this big one was started which traveled over the forested ground for several weeks charact big one was started which traveled over the forested ground for several weeks charact erized by crown fires of bigger or smaller size with terrific thunderheaded smoke displays pc. bl, __companied by the wavages of the country towns, and fire hurricanes.

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This is the period in which the efforts of the fire fighters might be success ful if they can counter charge it on time, and themind does not change against their reckoning. In many cases no misfortune follows, the rangers being able to fight this one successfully by timber clearing and by breaching, and fighting with wet blankets and so forth before it gains forward to the main and more dungerous forests. If however the weather of its own natural self is very windy, the conflagration continues to increase even beyond the limits of its own fury, and then a sudden and more terrible hell breaks los locse. This is the second phase of the forest fire and usually marks its culminating point to its main ravaging fury. It is much the worse and the final destructive action of the three, generally taking only a few hours to burn over a

hundred acres, but it is in this period of burning that most of the destruction is smally wrought providing the forests are thick. Following such a condition of the conflagration there is caually a short period of comparative quiescence of wind, followed by an over spreading of the conflagration untill finally it reaching it reaches a proportion beyond its own very control, and this in turn yeilds the forests to the waves of a raging fire sea, the world seems to turn to a molten planet and the so call fire hurricane or tornado of whirlwinds raging in the path of the conflagrations form from the effects of the awful heat.

This is the third and the worse phase of the conflagration. This terrible part of the scour a scourge once formed, the screaming tempests produced by the heat tears trees wholly up into the air by the roots and hurlsc hurls their flaming fragments among the forests further ah ahead, a and a series of smaller conflagrations serves to start new and other big ones at different locations, and hence the Red CPlague gots to going at such a rate that it is sometimes a miracle that people of towns in its path even gets the a warning to escape in time, both because the fire storm hurls great clouds of smoke over the whole territory blinding the fugitives and making it inpossible to see their way, and also because the fire can move in two or three ways so as to intercept their escape, as the bigger blaze will advance against the windward side at a dangerous speced to boot. This period of the forest fire is beyond all control except by the aid of a torrent of rain, as that alone can then stop it. And even then the longer longer it continues in this stage the worse it then

will grow untill all the community is totally doomed.

This third phase is like the others characterized by the terrific flames and the ernormous quantities of smoke that darkened more distant territory than the bi gest volcanic eruption has ever done and this smoke is scattered far and wide by air corrents, and the heat also goes a long ways. The forest blas blaze leaves great arens of desolution never to be retrieved, and therefore it will thus be seen that the forest fires, are due to the causes of what is said to be of the three phases. Starring believes therefore thatbthe danger which threatens the forested sections of war devastated Calverinia would not be from a renewal of the explosive eruptions of the enemy made mines -- although exceptions of explosions of decreasing violence will doubt less continue as long as the awful war rages --- but from dreadful forest for fires. There is however great danger of the conflagration wiping out all of the forests of Calverinia if the unusual draught don't be broken soon.

It is however extremely fortunate to gtarrings pinion for the rangers of the forests and for the future welfare of people living in forested regions that a group of rangers are already drafting all men not in the armies to fight these red scourages and have forests scientists to study the condition of the situation while the evidence of the stupendous conflagration is still in its height. It ix is also an opportunity to advance scientific knowledge of the nature of this conflagration such as rarely

With increasing knowledge comes increasing possibilities for safeguarding human life and it can be quite within reasonable expectation that enough will be learned to render such a catastrophe, such as he is witnessing day after day in its fullest fury impossible in the future at the hands of the enemy..

chapter 25

CFOWDS OF PEOPLE SAID TO BE HERRIED IN BY THE FORESTV FIRES. ATERRIBLE DOOM FACES THEM. EXPEDITION THROUGH A PART OF THE BURNING. FOREST.

WHILE waiting for a chance to run through the Hell, Starring made efforts to learn of additional accounts depicting the disasterous explosions that destroyed Abbieann and other cities, which could and should confirm all that had been hitherto stated concerning the overwholming catastrophe. But he was so far being disappointed. The conf lagration was spreading around the valley behind the town, and even starring and some all of his followers began to show signs of measiness. Bense volumes of smoke thicker than usual began to rise from large prtiens portions of the valley, end at night it looked like a huge volcanic crater helching out flamen. At the northern edge of this valley were two unknown villiages, and the inhabitants of these places were thrown into great consternation by the sights and the sounds of the conflagration, and especially by the continued darkening of the day by volumes of thick smoke which rose in a porfect rolling wall. Therefore there was an axodus from all over the district.

Even Hunson ville appeared again as if enveloped in a fog and all the hills beyond, was wrapped in the smoke which issued from the forest fires. All on shipboard kept their eyes on the actions of the conflagration and the greatest anxiety prevailed and

all business prevailed. A very enxious morning was passed, but thanks however to a strong westerly breeze the situation appeared a little better at eleveh oclock but as the breeze died away at noon the smoke again overshadowed the toen and the hills and the forests all around presented a most dismal aspect causing much plarm as to what the approaching night

would bring forth. Nothing happened however, and again on the approach on the next morning although everything was not quite coercine, the aspect was decidedly encouraging, There was not ever quite co much excitement. At six oclock on that morning a private wireless telegram came to starring from a place he would not name stating that the Vivian Girls had learned of his trouble and perils, and that they were advising him to give it up and return home as they believed conditions made it impossible for him to accomplish the expedition. They reported that the christian armies with which they were with were moving someward somewhat northward all the time, and that the armios had frequently encountered the forest tlazes, and that they had seen a large stretch of blazing fires suddenly rushing up a slope near rale Calson bend, and following the course of Mic-Farm River, overwhelming everything. Estates and towns were destroyed by the fiery wave which appeared to rise to a height of some thousand foot over an area of

Then the flames had reached the wider stretches of water, it was found that the them of victorian on this river beach fifteen miles we east of Hansonville was destroyed town of victorian on this river beach fifteen miles we east of by the fire. From where it was first so een the burning fires had only taken three minutes to rouch the town, twenty miles away. This new scene of the fire created a general panic, and the people made for the more pen hills open hills, and the panic, was intensified by terrible detonations which broke from all distant points at short intervals accompanied with dense emissions of smoke and lurid flashes of flame. intervals accompanied with dense emissions of smoke and arrie flashes of flashes. This was swful in daylight but when darkness fell it was me terrible still, and at This was swful in daylight but when darkness fell it was me terrible still, and at each manesfectation of the fires meannes, sople in their night clothes, carrying each manesfectation, and lighted by any sh sort of lamp or candle they had caught up in their hants ran out into the dark streets of the doomed towns wailing and screaming, and manufact and sale about the trans-

The mental strain becoming umendurable, some other ships were placed in readniess readiness, and as many as could of the refugees wet wentbhurriedly on the board and started for more safer places. In the meantime couriers were being sent from Hansonville imploring that other steamers be chartered to bring away terrified people from the city. To make it worse streams of frightened refugees had been continually puring into pouring into Hansonville from all the surrounding country. These people so far did not seem to be destitute, but they were frightened out of their very wits. There was not-thing else thy wanted except to be taken far away from the scene, with which they say has decended into hell. The very Consuls there, and the officials of the vessels in the river harbor were continually waylaid by handfr hundreds of persons crased

with fear, and begging to be carried away ... The weather however is calm and atensely hottt het, the fires now assume a vast and more threatening aspect, and occassional heavy rumblings like explosions were heard.

How welcome indeed would a shower of rain be.

A week later, Starring and his followers as many as were permitted,,, went to inspect Hansonville. They faced the greatest of all difficulties before they succeeded in making a landing. The effects of the awful outburste of the day before were simply,,, tremendous. The huge towers of the ernormous cathedrals and other churches were absolutely pulverized, and the walls were flat withthe oith .. Starving believed the heat of the flames were not sufficient to account for any of this at all, at all, for he declared to those with him that there was plenty of evidence to the passage of a most furious blast of hot wind blowing at an ernormous velocity and incalculable force,

The amk ammount of the smouldering ruins is indeed ernormous beyondcomparison. And not a single living, person except those on the boat saw that had happened at Hunsonville that awful morning the day before. It seemed that at this section the forest fire a had become many more times terrible since it first originated so far down

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The presence of the relief ships and that of starrings however were helpful to the people. The Mary Ann could not approach close to dettinit Hamonville. The outbursts of the fires probably mean a ruled country, as all confidence is lost. "We want not food but only to leave for the north" was the cry of all, rue rich and poer alike.. The terrific forest fire continued to monance the existence of the entire eastern and middle sections of calverinia, for without ceseation the blazes have continued to spread and no rain comes. It is also known that there has been further loss of life, and what is more distressing a large number of the refugees, mostly wemen and children are said to be imprisoned by the seathing fire seas which totally surround them. It is even impossible for assistance to be rendered to them by human beings, and nothing less thing lamiracle can save them from the owful death which confronts them... And as Star --ring fearned these unfortunates numbering over 10,000 are surrounded in the threatened forest town of Sesemann. They were cut off from escape when the forest fire wiped out Hansonville giving the remaining inhabitants there only a few hours to escape. The section of the confizeration that pageddon after wiping of out the city f manon-ville swept across the only rous, actifies on the forests across the smaller river, channels, burning down the only bridges and avenues of escape, and reaching this other doemed town, spreading through the valley beyond, and meeting three ways s. hot making the very rocks on the hills and in the valleys so hot as to be almost totally

invend incondencent.

In this way have the women and children at Sessemann been approximated, efforts by Starring and his parties have been made with desperation and fronty to reach them,, and though they can be seen pleading for deliverance, it is atterly impossible to give them aid. They also have no food supply, and ataryation in the ta more terrible fate also confronts confronts them. And gradually but mre steadily, the rivers of fires are spreading, and if no rain comes seen a wave of fire will sweep away the doomed

Alec the town of Sandscreek had been destroyed, as has Lanton where twenty forest fire fighters perished. Many inhabitants of the villiage are also believed to have been lest but just yet it is impossible to b be able to tell the number. Inall In all parts of the destroyed sections of calverinia the conditions are alost almost impossible to describe. Conlike reports were heard night and day at irregular intervals and after each report the ground appears to tremble. Believing that the whole forested part of the country is doomed, the population continued in a state of panicand and confusion, and just as fast as possible they were 1 aving on ships, not careing where they go, and all that they asked was a means of leaving the place they have regarded as

Six hundred f esh refugees have boarded Starrings ship, and Starring decided to head down tward the north tward San Salvador which is reported not in the path of the Red Plague. He decided to bring these, and then get three hundred more. These on board the ship are in a state of poverty, and all are almost naked, and not one has brought more than the clothes he or she wears. And among the homeless on s are mant many too young or too old to care for themselves. Many are orphans, whose parents were victims to the race of the enemy and the disasters. After the refugees had been landed at San salvador, starring and a number of his followers including the two girl and two boy souts started on September 16th for a view of the forest fire by the road leading along the river course from San Salvador Point, and accompanied by the ships captian and two mates, they all reached a height of twenty two hundred feet without difficulty and was able to ascertain that the present fire is traveling tward the west. On the east the whole country side was or is an inferno of smoke and fire. In order to make known their presence at the point where they stood, to those still remaining on the ship, Starring waved a dece of white cloth, attatched to a branch in the air, which was replied by a corresponding signal from the bridge on deck, who signalled to Starring in that manner in order to show he saw him and his party.

They folt a number of hot draughts of wind, and their very shoes were damaged by the heat. A lake which was situated near them was completely dried up and all was within a few scores of yards beyond them a smoking desolation, with a few burning smoking trees standing here and there. A big iron bridge which c crossed a creek has been been melted. The edge of the fire zone was dangerously close and the heat where they stood was intense, and the whole aspect of the scene before them was most terrifying. Some burned trees fell near them, and the heat with a sudden change of the wind became so intense and the smoke so thick that they were obliged to retreat. Their retreat from the burned area was more difficult than their approach. The wind hurled a blinding cloud of hot ashes upon them, yet they succeeded in reaching the river and the ship on their return, after having been for four hours and a half on the edge of where the forest fire had pas e passed under the most dangerous circumstances.

Starring then went aboard and the ship continued on its trip back to San Sal vudor. The unusual warmpth caused however so much consternation among the regu refugees and inhabitants there, that many were even unxious to leave this city also and go further northward, and large numbers were emigrating by boat, and a wagon to quadeloupe city where it was estimated, II,200 people had already sought shelter.... 155

Starring had noticed during the exploration trip to and from from Sun Salvador that outside of the forested zone even all the formerly cultivated land between that town and Hunsonville had been completely destroyed destroyed by the heat. The inhabit ants of those two towns had suffered, and were still sufd suffering a great deal but they had not yet determined to abandon those localities, but no efforts could be made yet to apply them with provisions.

The ship also approaced that part of the land, where further away from the scourge the forests was in a better state of preservation, especially between Gunton and Herdrede. During one of the trips to and from San galvador Starrings followers took on board with the last of the refugees, a little eight year old girl, and her nine year old brother. Boty Both whose muse he could not learn presented most pathetic figures. Both children were tur terribly burned. The boy got it worse, for his nose was almost burned off, and his face was disfigured and all the hair was scorched off his head. On the little girl both arms were fearfully burned and her feet too. They were greatly distressed ov b over the joss of their parents, and they were all alone in the world now.

The little borb boy tole this story. We intended to leave every time the city was threatened, and on the morning of the awful fire which etruck the city we were at breakfast, when some concussion caused by the fire herricane knocked as off our chairs. I caught hold of manno dress, and she took me in her arms and carried me at into the street, papa and sister following. Fire was raging all around us, the sky was all af lame and buildings were burning. Fragments of burning materials were falling all around us. Papa tribe tried hard to keep the fire from reaching us. Mamm was struck down by hydrography when the walls of a humbur hillding sandad, and then come are madeled in in

bricks when the walls of a burning building crashed, and then some men picked up up and carried her away. We two were saved but papa and mama are missing.

Then your big coat came along, and we were taken on."

The only friend these children have is their aunt who is a very capable woman, but yet do not know what to do with the children. The doctors said they would recover. A maid who so bravely protected the children also is easily surned. There were territying eights in one of the cabing. Several men who were rangers were literally bu burned to pray pieces but were still living, and the whole loft side or the face of as of one of the men was burned off entirely but his sight is not injured. It was uslieved if Starring and his followers did not help as they did, they would not have even saved the ship when the fire worne down upon Hansonville.

the rescued on coard Starrings ship were two fortegners, who were living in the city of Hungonville. They were tarribly burned but were bearing their sufferings more bravely and patiently than was expected. It was found found their bodies were,,, mearred badly and seared when they must have ran through some of the fire for their escape. Towever these for ingrars will always have the proud record of having saved the girl and boy mentioned a little before. The Forengers showed no fear.

The annihilation of Abbieann, the principal case of which Starring was on his way to investigate to the good of the cause is also I unique in one pure particular so far as the story itself may be concerned. To combine all real disasters of history into one it may be repeated the Abbieann horror can be pronounced the most destructive into one it may be repeated the Abbleunn norror can be pronounced the most destructive of human life among the catastrophes, resulting of what the enemy so far is suspected, not alone only of the explosions, but the resultant flood, and the combination of all other horrors. If the story itself dares to say the number of victims of the city of Abbleunn itself alone could be computed comparatively at nearly 8,000,000, only Abbleann itself alone could be computed comparatively at nearly 8,700,000, only of her entire inhabatants, out of which only five hundred thousand really did escame withtheir lives. Considerably heavier losses of lives were lost through the destructive floods which so immediately followed, the brunt of which overwhelmed Abbleann, and ildred greenburg if we may judge from the paucity of human remains b from the flood that had been recovered. Considerably more persons perished, on the other hund in the concussions of the explosions that demolished Abbleann, and the other cities than by those drawing of the flood.

ane And what renders the tragedy at Abbieann is the appalling quickness, and the time with which the work of destruction was completed. Proofs were discovered that the disaster actually occured at I, P,M not at twelve oclock aw as the statements the disaster actually occured at I, P,M not at twelve oclock aw as the statements beginning with fires raging over the disaster zone, and the actual explosions broke out one after after midnight, at about ten minutes after 0. I. A,M and a cloud of out one after after midnight, at about ten minutes after 0. hot powders and flames hurlee by the explosions from a flaming forest eveloped the northern part of the town, and river harbor, and in fifteen to twenty minutes all northern part of the town, and river harbor, and in fifteen to twenty minutes all was over. Every living thing within the sweep of the fiery nurioane hurled forward from that blasted blasing forest was scorched chooked and charred. If the girl herones from that blasted blasing forest was scorched chooked and charred. If the girl herones Angelino pichee, and the others who were at Abbleann at the time would have been in that part of Abbleann they too we would have met z an awful death. They were in the extreme southwestern part of the city, which even only got the fringe of the flood and entirely survived of its concussion degroyed buildings, I also repeat that so far as this story accepted as for fiction only is concerned, the southeastern section of the city being on higher elevation escaped entirely without even an injury, but the inhabitants described the plane at being horrified at the destruction of but the inhabitants deserted the place at being horrified at the destruction of the remainder of the city. Had the total went without hope for any one the destruction of the population would have been twenty million as that was the number lien living in so vast a city. All but eight million nine hundred thousand escaped. The sections large as New York and Chicago put together were obliterated only by explosion, the remainder except the extreme southwest, and southeast rayaged by the flood or fire.

What was not destroyed by flood was by fire. Starring was to see more of the remains of the city than he expected. E ven the parts swept by the flood remained. Only two quartors of the city was swept away. All the bodies were deep under the ruings yet never nevertheless there is in real history no record of a catastrophe equally

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Since the passage of the forest fire the entire aspect of the Landscape and the veryruins have changed. The emoking smouldering ashes had covered the entire landscape effecting even all lendershe and remains of the forests. The region has the apprance appearance of being a gray white desort emitting smoke and fog. It was impossible to enter the term as the heat from the rains was imboarable. When the Mary Jane left San Salvador for the exploration of Hansonville, that latter city was still safe but panic continued among the inhabitants and the refugeos flocking there, and it is feared if the fire comes there are explosion will occur among the handreds of tons of most high ex explosives stored in an argonal near the city power all was quiet at that city. A ship had come down the river from the north to land relief supplies which she brought from Pendera.

The day however was passing without incldent, and it was hoped the population and the refuses flocking there would become much calmer especially as the forest fire does not threaten the place. Nevertheless from classifier by axides still continues. Another party from Saliston is made ing ten thousand esopte left for Calvorine. These with about thirty thousand who have gone to Pundera and many others who have

These with about thirty thousand who have gone to Pundora and many others who have sought refuge at Poverty Row has considerably lessened the papulation. Moreover two hundred thousand have gone to the northern part of Calverinia, where three hundred thousand more refugees have assembled. Some well startings non-crought from the sib subburbs of pennowills exported books and money which they found in some affect here. These and other safes have been burst open by irrestible force. All the articles recovered were cared for on board ship intill it could be placed in the care of the Government.

Puring the following night a great light was seen in the direction of the extreme west indicating clearly that a new fire met have broken out there. But the sign if icance could be greatly were estimated. Big Girl knoel is in that location of the glare almost exactly one hundred and thirty miles from the Mary Jame, and midway between the two places is ildred Groenbarg and Francis Atlanta. The glow must there fore be at some other location. Yet the conditions favorable for the production of such a new phonomenon can be very simple. There was doubtless, a new and large fire somewhere, or the heat of orders left by the main fire might be like a large sea of something incandescent. This might cause the light, and probably of the glowing embors because of its greater mass and became because of the clouds of white smoke rising from it, the whole country side may be as het as a million asses of mile smoke rising from it, the whole country side may be as het as a million asses of miles moke rising from the very debris will remain in this condition as long as the sumply of remaining unburned embers is sufficient to continue burning. To return to the light observed in the west the great white clouds of smoke forms everhead an immense cloud which hangs ever the scene of desolation and is illuminated by the glare of flames from the sea of embers below. While it is highly probable that the flames regarded so the characterizes such conflagrations is due to the reflected glow from the smoors still standing and some actual fire may be seen by far the main reart of the illumination which characterizes such conflagrations is due to the reflected glow from the smoors. It is precisely that may be observed when the ruy from some sourch light is thrown on some mass of smoke or steam. There is therefore nithing nothing unusual or disquieting in such a sight from the beat. Letter reports was doubtless indicating that the same glow was observed from much greater distances. This report was regarded as more cheefful. It indicated that in

With regards to the reported sounds of explosions frequently heard during the raging of the forest fire it should be remembered that every ear of all refuges was strained in that direction and all sounds are egar eagerly noted which under ordinary conditions would be whooly wholly ignored and it does not follow that these exports are from explosions however but that it comes from rangers and fire fighters dynimiting trees to breach the forest in the path of the fire.

However when all seemed more calm and peaceful there was observed rising some two twenty miles south of an Salvador a cloud of smoke black as int, through whichind darted tongues and sheets of flame. The cloud spread gradually and quickly outward again obscuring the sum. This went on for several hours, and finally on the third hour it reached a final, and again, the darkness became intense. The fog that resulted was so great that for leagues around people actually were forced to desert their homes fear in fearing lest they be suffocated. At Leonto more than two hundred miles away, the smoke fog obscured houses two hundred feet away, and the smoke fog spread, to Jamaca Junot tion

Junction, Vora Crutzeir, and Santa Fa over an error of twenty hundred miles. This seemed

and the neighboring forests next...

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Every one began to realize that of all these disasters, they would have rather faced a volcamo vomiting at lava and vapors, and other materials, than to face all these terrible horrors now go a going on, and they even wondered if the enemy would not yet bring on some means of causing the earth to open, and smallow up all the christians their houses and churchd', and closing on them with a snap, and smanhing them to pieces so the enemy could win a casier victory. Maybe all this would not be as terrible as the dimasters already occuring and to form a correct notion of at least the horror of the past visitations. I suppose the ron reader if this was really true would be tempted to ank why and how it is that God has permitted such a fair and righteous country to be visited with such destriction by the hunds of His worst of all enemies, and when it has been done with it is that He does not strike. I can hardly be for the sins of man in this ceality, for there in this story was no sinning people hardly in any loyal Calverinian city through to true to Gods hely cause, and besides, the worse disaster involved the inhottents of Abbicann and its neighboring cities with an explosion which no hundred Krakatone could compure in one.

evident now the forest fire was following a course that would bring it upon san Salvador

But perhaps on the other hand it may also occur to the reader to see himself wi wither it is not just people's that these unly affairs have been allowed to come upon these holy states for some future beneficient purposes for the good of the cause, or at all events that they may form part and parcel of some great scene of Our Bloosed Lord in His arrage arrangement of bring Abbicannia to an awakenening of what a peril glandelinia is and bring means to down her seeme or later.

In the explosion horror at Abbicann, trees for fifteen minutes had flooged and thrashed the ground with their branches, which proved that their stams had been jerked instantly away for some considerable distance by the concussions and as suddenly pushed back and the same conclusion followed from the sudden rise of the waters of the lakes and rivers where the heavier concussions a reached them, and their fall on the opposite side the back of the lakes and rivers being k jerked away for a certain distance from under the water and pulled back. It was the compression of the explosion concussions that carried the shocks forward and backwards. As the shocks of the explosions raged the houses of the towns were seen to topple down in succession, beginning at one and and running on to the other, as if a succession of min s had been sprung. One survivor asw the wall of his house bow forward and recover itself not all at once, but with a swell like a way running all along it with impense register.

The scene of the black cloud as mentioned before came to its climax three hours after its appearance, followed by a most ernormous volume of snow hite clouds of thunder headed shapes, piled lke bales of the whitest cotten in a mass as seding four times the height of the so surrounding wooded hills, and the largement of the sky in that locality and a stream of fire began to rush up a slope. The southing flame rushed an immense height into the air. Then from somewhere there came a loud report which shook the very houses in an galvader to such a degree as to alarm the inhabitants, inhabitants inhabitants and those on board the Mary Jane. All windows were broken on the sounding side, and walls cracked from by the concussion of the air from that explosion. The rise, and gradually increasing, arrived at as emazing a height as to strike every one who beheld it with the most avid extensionant. It had struck the thick porti surpentine forests near an galvader. I myself shall be scarcely credited when I would assure you that the height of this stopendous column of flames could not be less than three times that of the hills in the background themselves, which are four to five thousand feet. Immense rolly walls of smoke as black as can possibly be imagined rolled upward and spread out in mushroom and other great shapes, and accompanied by the flames interrupting its splendid brightness here and there by patches of the darkest hue. Within these rolls for smoke at the very moment of their forming flames pierced like red bloods. The immense flames after having at times mounted at leat eleven thousand feet rising forwardly forward, covered the whole scene, and the valley near by in a sheen of fire. Fires starting far shead because of the heat scon formed one complete body of fire of its own which could not be less than twenty miles in breadth, and of the same sextraordianty height cast a heat that was sensibly felt in San galvador itself .

The wooded stopes of the refresh mountain was soon in flame which being of a different

ferent tent tree the deep red of the flames piercing the black smoke; and from the silvery blue of the other flames still added to the contrast of this most extraordinary scene. After the column of fire had continued in full fury for nearly half an hour a most dense smoke finally overchadowed the whole scene. At this manesfectation mostly all of the inhabitants of the city of San salvador flow to the churches, and others preparing the quit the town, when again a sudden violent report was heard and they suddenly found themselves involved in a thick cloud of smoke, a horrid chashing noise was heard in the air, and presently a terrific hot gale sprang up, rearing and screaming, and flying embers all ablaze came upon the houses, and in an instant the town and country about it was afire in many parts, for in the outskirts on a small farm there were many star straw and hay stacks all of which caught fire. A great lumber concern in the suburbs of the town was all aflame, and with the help of the wind the flames began to spread universally, and the inhibatants realized they would all be burned in their houses if they did not stir out.

Many for a time found it impossible to sir out because of the terrific wind and those who did try it were either knocked down or driven back to their close quarters

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quarters, under arches or in their rooms. Many were wounded, and to add to the horror of the scene, inconsunt flashes of fire was writhing about the black cloud that ower-shadowed the sky above the city, and the smoke and the head would scarcely allow them to draw their breath. It seemed the city was doomed, and all would porish.

After a great white a great wall and pillar of smoke was observed to ascend a about ten miles nearer the city, which darkened the city like night, and descended in a whirlwind of smoky fog. Innumerable shafts of flame were seen soaring through this canopy, and a smell of burning turpentine was in the air. Starring mounted a high hill on the opposite side of the river to see what was really happening. He saw a perfect sen of flames pour across the stream further south. It crossed a ravine like a racing expressrain, though it was six hundred feet deep and two hundred broad. It then like a flood of water overspread the surrounding forested country, and run around a lake making the water so hot that the steam rose in explosive puffs. The fire then divided into two sections, and presenting a geone that only to observe could describe describe.

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A camapy of smoke hung over the surrounding a country, and though tarring was an a hill thirt in thirty miles away, he was uncomfortable from the heat.

Starring was indeed witnessing a most awful sight. Flowers in a new spot goddenly broke forth over a surface of more than three leafuse, and through a thick cloud of deep reddish brown smoke illuminated by this cheatly light, he could see the ground as if softened by the heat glare as if it too was turning into fire. He saw a portion of the river fairly boil over but so far from quanching the wifes, only seemed to increase the smoke.

In a short time a whole mountain near the town appeared like a body of liquid fire extending itself in every direction. The fire and columns of flame continued to rage onward with unabated fury untill the durkness caused by the smoke observed it about three hours later. He could see that a violent whirlwind was raging near gem Salvador carrying the roofs and light parts with it. On the subub soburbs of can salvared Sun galvador the effects of the wind were much more vifient t trearing up by the rroots the largest trees, and carring them while all aflame in the air, together with men horses, cattle and whatsever came within its path. The whirlwind lasted about an how in raging past the city. Then the city was on fire. Of all other villiarss around the city, one call La Tonor is the only one remaining. In three others not a single house is left, but it is hoped all escaped. The trees and herbage of every description have been completely destroyed destroyed with the exception of a high point of land near a wide bend in the river.

hile ceing ceiayed in the progress forward because of the forest fires Starring once more attdied his map of calverinia a to find out the extent of the Abbieann disaster because sometimes because of its ernormity he was somewhat inclined to doubt whather it was caused by the enemy nor not... On tracing the map he discovered from the names of the places destroyed that the great horror was one of the very greatest of all disasters on record, for the concussion extended all over Abbieannia and other states, indeed all over the whole nation, and even into Angelinia and some forlegn countries. May its effects even extended across the Mic-Mirthian seas to Protestentia country where it was very violent, and to other places. The most striking features of these concussions was their extreme and exercise.

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All was going on quite as usual in the city of Abbieann the morning before that mem orable one am, the weather however hot and sultry not fine ane clear but smoky, but nevertheless there was nothing whatever to give the population of that great city and the surrounding country and the nation in general the least suspicion of such a catastrophe. Yet all at once at a little after one oclock, there were great eruptions north of Abbieannian as stated before, followed by shocks that tumbled down all the buildings within the region. Hore explosions and shocks followed for twenty minutes and from the commencement more than eight in million persons were said to be burled in the ruins. One man that night was on the river with his wife and children. The boat was shoken by the concussion, and his wife and children we were frightented at the awful or options and asked him what was the matter.

He stared at his wife in blank amazement, and taking at Abbieann, saw it gone out of sight in smoke and fog and the they heard the roar of falling buildings. They got accured and hastily made a landing and raced for a hill, whence the neet morning early they beheld a sea of water coming rolling on the front of the flood like a vast mountain fifty or sixty feet high, over the lena land and sweeping all before it.

10,000 persons had taken refuge on a large relirond station which had survived the shock but in an instant it was turned bottom upward, and the whole station and every person on the platform, while all the trains in the railroad yea yards near by disappeared in the raging torrent, and not a vestage of them ever appeared again again.

Those on the higher part of the city too fur from the explosion zone to be bleated though shaken badly, had fled into the t streets in panic, and on the mornings approach fled to the higher ground when the floods came rushing into the lower parts of the city. In the section either shaken and blasted it happened to be that mostly were all in bed inside their houses which fell and crushed them before they even knew what had accurate.

That no horror might be wanting, big fires broke out in innumerable houses where woodwork had fallen on the fires, and much that the concurrions and the floods had spared was destroyed by the fire. The huge flood swept the whole central state as is predicted in the general flood scenes past. It swept quite into the Angolinia State. In Calverinia from the concuesion of the explosions every loke and firth in all parts was dashed time and again out of their beds, the water not partaking the fithe siden shove given

to the land just as when a person splashes a plateful of waer water, the water deshing over on the side from which the shock is given, One of the most curious of the incidents incidents of these concussion explosions was their effects on the shipping far down on the rivers, which would lean the reducer and me to suppose that the immediate impulse was in the nature of a violent blow from the air. Thus it can be recorded that the concussion and the shock of the far extended air waves was so sudden and violent on a ship, fourty miles from the city of Abbieman that the smilers on night duty on deck were tossed about for several minutes. One ship fifty miles from the scene was struck by air waves with such force as to unship and split up the mainmast

At a greater distance the concussions of the explosions had the same effects as the upward bounding parthquakes. Ten towns were said to be bird under fallen hills and at Adeleheid a great number of corpses were found to have been tossed across a river, and scattered over the slopes of a hill on the other side. Survivors had to throw themselves on the ground, the earth being shakenwithout intermission for upwards of twenty minuos minutes with such violence that minual or mem could not keep their loss. The explosion concussions extended their greatest intensity o ver an eval space of five handred and twelve miles if from east to west, within which space every city town and villiage was leveled with the ground, but the total extent of surface shaken was sprayed ten thousand inles in one direction, and fifteen thousand in the other. Indeed the frequency of these explosion disasters and the others, are not more extraordinary than their duration. And one of the most circumstaintially described shocks or record is that which mentioned before at or near Abbleaum, for it is claimed that during those twenty minutes one thousand six hundred and seven explosions took place, of which nine hundred and fifty one of them were great and most severe so as to be felt over a quarter of the world. The worst explosions we were closest to Abbleaum.

Therefore as the reader may know by no, that in that locality every town and village was destroyed in those twenty minutes, and within a distance of ten thousand miles all were seriously shaken and much damage done. The whole of calverinia was mainlyy a affected, and even across the sea Protestentia country was shaken, and a great part of A bleannia was shaken. From the unusual force of the explosions there was no end of the capricious and other ways of the movements recorded in these awful concussions. I found Abbicann and deleheid, it is to be suid that the ground mailated like a ship "t at as sea. People who becaped with their lives became actually sea sick and to give an idea of the strange undultion, the smoke clouds of the explosions

ship of at as sea. People who ascapes with their lives because of the explosions and to give an idea of the strange undulation, the smoke clouds of the explosions sound to be fiff ally arrested during the pitching movement when it took place in the name direction, and to redouble its speed in the reverse movement.

At The northern end of Adelcheid city, houses were thrown down bodily, and loves objects were to seed up several yards into the air. The stones of the streets were found all turned bottom upward. Great fiscures were split into the earth for hundreds of miles by the explosions, and near corinia masses of rocks hundreds of feet it high traveled miles down a big ravins. All landmarks were removed, and the land itself in some instances with trees and hedges growing on it carried bodily away on the crest of landslides, and set down in another place. Altogether about fourty thousand could explain the deal of the deal

people perished in Adeleheid.

A crowd of refugees who had escaped from the city,,, were that morning examining from a short but supposed short safe distunce the threatening masses of moving waters, and any others were carrying off in haste the f goods from their cottages, then suddenly the tidal a wave of water overwhelmed them all, precything was destroyed by the sudden appearance of this musual wall of water, trees houses town and many farms, and all who had been caught by it perished to a man. It was said that the debris hurled into the hir by one of these awful explosions spread over the sky in a horrible black arch three hindred dies in width, and covered the forested country and plians plains and mondows for a distance of fourty eight fles with a layer of debris, grass, broken fragments of trees, and dust and mack at least sixteen feet thick. At the very scene of the explosion the headlend advanced one thousand feet into and across the river and two new faces of ground formed of debris and stones falling from the sky after the transmitted explosion rose in the the widest part of the river three miles away.

Reyond the districts close round the explosion crater, the bed of dry dust, which was call to have fallen gradually became thinner but it was carried by the wind more than alxy degrees of longitude, tward the east and west, south and north, near and in the Calverinian seas, and the ships sailing in those waters penetrated with difficulty difficulty the layer of follage spread at on the sea near its mouth which was brought down by the rivers. To the orth the rain of dust was noticed at Calverine, Francis Atlanta, and even at Vivian Wickey in western Calverinia, on the south, it reached Evangeline St Claire, Dorothy Gale, Angelinia Agathia, and other towns a distance of eighteen hundred miles.

The uproar of the explosion was heard as far cas Angelinia Agathia situated 10,000 mil s may in a straight lne. While the formidable cloud was settling down round the explosion area, thick darkness filled the air, given when morning came the smoke still kept everything in darkness, r and for half a day nothing could be seen except by the 'einister light of the flaches of the fires far off, and the red glars of the forest fires. To escape from this prolonged v night, the horror of fires and the burning atmosphere the inhabitants who encaped the horror and the resulting flood fled in all hasts to high rises of ground. Her women and children and domestic animals traveled along difficult and a perilous puths, through forests, quagmires and marshes,

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. So great was it said of the terror of all animals during this long season of anapeak able hervor that the wildest enimals themselves such as sorp its, birds, molves, and every miscal of cration in Calverina joined the bunds of farlives, an if they recommiscal in man a being indexned with intelligence approise to their own. In Calverine equally as far away northward as Angelinia from the scene, the explosion was heard, and the immense quantity of debris, the whole mass of which it could be said could be trice the size of a mountain as high as Mi ant Mount Mic-pinley fell over an area in Calverinia larger than that of Germany or Frence. The debris of trees and foliage which floated in the flood was more than a yard in thickness, and with it in rivers it was with some difficulty that ships could make their way through it..

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Chapter 26.

STATES AT LAST REACHES WHAT ESSISTED FOR ABBLEAUTARY DEVASTATED SECTIONS OF THE CITY WITH THE QUICKNESS OF A VOLLEY OF SHOTS.

PODIES OF MAIN FOUND AS IF PRAYING. DARING FEAT OF STARPING THYING IN THE FACE OF FOREST FIRES TO BRACH AN EXPLOSION CRATER.

Starring had now after such a long, and to also speak more plainly a hot jowney through the calver hian hell, reached the extreme southeastern limits of that is left of path city or Abbicumn.

Far to the westward but close enough to be in good view, despite the haze from the distant conflagration lay an immense expanse at water, which at first, forgot ting about the flood,, he the thought was the arm of the seas...

Be took a look at it with his field glasses, and seeing from that its nature and what was floating on the surface of the unter, he realized it however was left of the flood. Everywhere he locked, desolation was absolute, he alsoalmost fancled he was on a forleyn planet that had been wiped out by a terrible lumar disaster so fearful was the scene beforew him now. Angeline Richee, and the three others who were with him and who stood close by him shivered at the sight.

"This is Abbieann or what is left of her" said the guide. "Horrible desolation, rain and a frightful death---this is Abbieann. See all that eater? Well the rest of the city lies under it. We can use m uns to means to drain that water so the remaindet of the rains could appear, but just now the go-cornments forbide it, or other wise we li not have evidence against "landelinia". Any as caught trying to release the water is

shot. That is the orders."

Sturring or the others did not say a word. They couldn't find word for speech. He now realized the full extent of the disaster, and believed that in the worlds history or since mankind was created on the oith there had never been in all disasters combined into one so instant an annihilation of human life in one city as in this once beautiful Calverinian city of Abbleann. Tidal waves of floods, great fires, and hundreds of various plagues, herror woon horror, starvation, sorrow, and saffering, and other visitations have resisted from this insense catastropho. Starring realized as he glan cod glanced over the scene that in a few momen's maybe fifteen or twenty minutes, the concussion of explosions, and floods, and blasted air caused by the explosions, an immense ppalation was destroyed, a vast city three times the size of an American New York flung into ruin, with two quarters swept away, and hundreds of miles of vegetation burned from the face of the country, a flood that wiped out more cities and towns than the United States boasts of, and panic shook the souls of scores of millions.

Starring however was worried. He saw no evidence that could help him discover the true cause of so great a disaster. And the scene made him almost but 11ke a b abyeably. He and his followers alonly wandered among a few of the streets in silence waiting through mad and debris, stumbling pon bricks and stones, and acking through threatening clouds from eastern forest fires, towering into awful darkness or of its own making, the distant slopes smoking as if covered with dying lava floss, and smoking and flaming as if from a million vents.

Not one sould soul remained in even this remaining section of Abbieuns. The soldiers who were guarding it against feared looting from glandelinian vandal spies the men who had been gathering the fragments which over a month ago were walking these tumbled swampy streets, an singing laughing, and making love, and doing all good things have field. To one had the ver nerve to stay and goard it any more, as the forest fires menanced the custom forest a dangerously cose to what is left of Abbieums, ring and the custom forest a dangerously cose to what is left of Abbieums, and the starring and from a from and his followers from St. James to the "dead city" The calverinian as Starring in and his followers from St. James to the "dead city" The calverinian Government sent him a pass, and then Starring took a party of news paper men, besides the caption and the officers of the Mary James. However the visit mute remained behind saying "If the forest fires are threatening here also I will blow the whietle, and you must return instantly for if you delay the fire may come i into the ruins, and

Starring and his followers had been in the city for only four hours, the party
Starring and his followers had been in the city for only four hours, the party
however k eping close to ether, when half a dozen sharp Toots from the ships whistle
caused them to look op.

"Gracious" cried Angeline pichee.L"book is that an eruntion or am I seeing things."

All saw a dreadful durkness rising up the slopes of a mountain close to the city, and straight in a long wall moving tward the city like a black rolling a squall came an ernormous fog, the upper part which rolled and writhed into may chapes and was poerced by zizag lights and flamhes. Other clo is of more immense size were rising from forested rathese that have been cut in the sides of some of the mountains, and the inclined planes that have been cut in the sides of some of the mountains, and the inclined planes that reached from the edge of the flood verge to the summit smoked and fluened as if with the firing of two armies in tremendous battle. Indeed this spectacle except for the gloom that seemed to full lower and beer out of the housens

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"No its a fire and its threatening the city" said starring, as a sellow white haze began to blow over the city, bringing a sharp and irritating small of berning pine and brush. Starring believed it was time for all to be off.

"Not is beat it for the time being" he cried. "The fire dight strike."
And indeed they did not stay on the very order of their going. Sturring himself
cleared thirty feet on the first bound. Lamping down the terraces, blundering and stumbling
over foundation stones, and wreckers strent in piles over the streets, desing corpses
shriveled and half buried in wreckage drifts, they might for the shore, where two boats
were awaiting them as if they were trying to escape the mouth of hell. The company had
no sooner been rowed back to the shipthum an arm of the fire came close to the section
of the city which they had been exploring, and the drift of smoke grew thicker. The
anchor had been pulled p, when a solitary figure, a small child appeared, moving
northward that connected this 3wer scatheastern section with the northeastern section
of what is left of the city. The field glasses showed a little black haired Calverinian
girl. The captian sent a boat to bring her abourd, if possible for it seemed she had
gone to the river shore, as if seeking for safty. They took her on board, and found she
had aimlessly wandered into the city, one of the refuges of the forest fire.

Succeeding this midden scare, came a violent but counter blowing wind, which caused the burning forests to rage in fire jet more violently, and a hundred stretches of lower country side gave an effect of a "sea of Clouds", and made the whole region appear like the entrance of hell.

The appearance of the remaining sectiond of Abbieann from the ship is that of a abandoned city in partse informs, half of the buildings are all thrown doo down, amroofed, all the highest buildings are razed or has clost their pror stories, and the rains puts one in mind of an Lisbon or some other city destroyed by an earthquake, and then partially rained by fire and flood. So thick is the wreckage lying in the streats that the city appears half buried in other rabbien thrown up by some exploded mountain a volumic cyclone and a shock at the same time. The damage which had recently been wrought by explosions could have accurred in a minute.

That a terrific explosion also tore off the whole flank of a high hill near Abbieann Starring was sure of, but he did not believe the consussion had anything to do
with the twisting of buildings, and fences, the wrenching assuder of great masses of
stone, or either the terrific explosion blasts hat hithered portions of the city
either. Some believe that the explosions did not cause the "death cloud" either but
that awindstorm was raging in the path of the forest fires, or rather it might have been
the fire hurricane itself, and the explosions may have therefore whirled some of the
seas of flame and smoke from the fires itself upon the city. Or could mything elne
have done these things, except the explosions making a strange upheaval of the earth.

Also where did the floods come from. Evidence proved the rivers never did it, After the first ten minutes of terrific explosions, which destroyed the life in the extreme northern part of the city, the houses were little injured. They were set on fire as if clouds of fire had been hurled in a tempest through the streets, the tallest buildings not wrecked by the concussion were devoid of their roofs, and getted by the fires that followed, but of buildings that escaped with only detatched roofs, and broken windows, had their interiors entirely intact, whereas the buildings of the southeastern sections were shald shaken down to their foundations... Thops, factories, stores, immense elevators, railroad elevations of all kinds, and so forth are not distinguishable from dwellings, and all the streets are nothing but mere crossword puzzles......

By a mighty thrust ofse force the terrific explosions had shaken the max manorry of fills TALLES buildings buildings to the ground and hurled the wrockage into the wildest confusion. Starring had crossed over still smoking heaps in the streets as high as the wreckage notized in the city of Calvaston after that dinastor, or what had been observed in Lisbon after the earthquake there. The interiors of homes as he had observed, and also of those of churches and facot factories and effices and stores were as deeply filled as the streets were incombered, and often he observed also that it is seen to be only the pieces of wall paper, or decorated plassir or pictures hanging on interior walls that is the only evid noe to show which is the sinside, and which

is the outside of a building.
All the cathedral towers were harled down flat with the ground, and many of the fine bells that chimed so plad placially, its builed deep moons the rubbish. Starring had gone into what remained of the ruins of sie of these Cathederals, and discovered that the alater made of fine carved marble—with its beautiful brazen lumps, and condle sticks wan also a wrock, and of many other beautiful beautiful and ornamental partions of the building, noti nothing at all was to be seen it. The inside was deep do not in rubbish, and Starring in wading through it, endonly atombled upon a granted white looking and account I kine of ze object, dragged in cray..

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Bodies of even pri sts were also found here, many of them in the attitude of prayer, , but the well-fred whends in suny other cases may have been moore profa of them trying to mand off the manner of falling wreckage. Starring also found the charted bodies of many others in an open square before the church, and they were so budly burned in the smouldering wrockure that there was no danger of them decomposing. They were only charred remains throughout. Indeed how hard it could be to realize that there had been life in the city at all. Before this, Abbicann was a ra; beautiful city, with its immense crowds dressed in cay colors, fairly dazzling to visitors from distant lands, and cities and towns, with oleander, and all kinds of flowers blazing in the various gardens and immense parks, also with all the highest things known to be in great American cities like elevated structures for trains, street car lines, and main rail-acenters, beautiful river bridges, wany subways and the like as a thing that never existed in the same land or century with the remains of this mournful and hedous hedious wrock with a good portion of the city swept all over the country by a flood. Here was the headquarters of immense size for the Holy Name godiety, and its meeting halls and clubs, here the big hotels, or beautiful decend show houses and movies and other theat es thetres theaters, not a single jail to be found, not a single sind of any bad people living in the city, and by the way things looked of how the attendance at ail daily and Studay Masses was unusual to break all records. All are blent in one. wide and most awful co downfall. The avidence proofs proves that it was not one of nature. Hature worked by God had nothing to do with the horror. If it had been true Starring would have noticed through some instinct that the Anger of God was in the very air over this awful trugedy. "What you do to the least of these my brethern ye do it to

Calverinia being a rei righteous country, was devastated, so why would not god claim too He was devastated. On what an awful price glandelinia will have to pay if it is proven she was responsible. A curious phases of the disaster was the absence of all floors of remaining buildings, doors roofs, with window frames and furniture. Every thing of wood was totally destrojed, ave save part of the littley kitchens, and outbuildings in the yards. It is the stoniest of ruins and looked more ike St Pierre than Abbicann, gharp as was the flames that was hurled upon the city by the explosions its durtuion was brief. The destruction of Abbicann was no doubt accomplished by the explosion in twenty minutes, by flood of course in a days time. A tumbling cloud of dense smake many miles of hurling flame and all was over. The cyclone of fire which was harded pon upon the north and the rain of debris that followed, did a kindly act of borial.

In that guet of flame that explosion of owders, which may have been ignited by gases in kitchens, everything of life disappeared. All trees were uprocted and burned to ashes, what were pretty gardens in front or rear of beautiful houses is a waste of bu building ash, with a stagmant fountain in the center, the only green thing being the view of its water.

All the trees and the flowers flowers, the splenders of all this section of the Calverinian country are no morn. Large stately palms, lie at length like slain giants, their roots already munting with a fungue of brilliant colors. It the foliage that mantled the clifty steeps behind the city have been wiped ofth by fire. Before the awful disaster this big city of Abbicann was a perfect Calverinian garden. It was divided into sections by the rivers curves with a presty esplanade, of which now nothing is left except desolated destruction, and from that point the highest sections of mobile the light slopes of the hills in terraces.

There were parks and pleasure of grounds in some sections of the city, pleasure There were parks and pleasure of grounds in some sections of the city, pleasure grounds like Riverview Park or white city, in Chicago, or also like Coney Island in New York, and a Statue of the "Flight of theM, Wither and child into Egymp Egypt on a promontory at another were features that drew attention from tourists and visitors an they enjoyed time in the city, and as they passed the capes and saw this immense and the rading panoruma unfold itsels they marveled, the houses of many colors and magnificent shapes, shining in a sum of anus alb williamore, flocked by tree shadows magnificent shapes, shining in a sum of anus alb williamore, flocked by tree shadows was found by gtarring and his followers that even the quays were gone. The anchor chains chains and other ship stores along the river front, were rusty and added to the look of long desertion. Even who would imagine that the entire river fronts of the city had immense double rows of high shade trees, and a splendid main line ratiroad and and benches for travelers and sight seers and hard working tired men to rost on. But a hintbof them is now to be seen any where. All kinds of Holy Statues in the Cathedorals lie broken among the rubbish. Where a beautiful band played on pleasant evenings not a such as a sound is heard. Het a bird sings, no cricket chirps not even the sound of a fly or any insect is heard.

Yet Starring saw that among the ruined shops are odd survivals, usless caps and yet grarring saw that among the ruined shops are odd survivals, usless caps and success, utensils of every kind, rows of dusty tumblers, toys for children, images of china, tin and every thing used for kitchen purposes. Much treasure if 'my is laft will never be brought to the suf surface. It is buried as deep as the flowers, and lawns on the delectable hills above the city. For those heights are as burren us lattle other scene of desolution around. As a person sails by the region they might look for Abbicann in vain. Some one may cri cry "there is the city", but you see no

What Starring really wondered was "What in the o world happened at One A.M. that futal morning. Did the forest fires raging near by at the time really cause it? what matter if it did? The enemy made the forest fires and are therefore to blame on that line. An hour after surrise that day before, the aurthorities in the city, who had been unessy for some days because of the forest fires, said to be menuncing the city, had send up early in the morning, and late in the evening signal rockets and fire works to warn the population to be on their guard, and the fire departments especially. Put what did this matter? The enemy had tried to frighten calverinia

perore with past disasters and had not succeeded.

Yet the conflagrations kept the sky over the city thick with rolls of smoke. Foor people. There was it is believed almost time to escape, if they had only known. Many reade leading northward were open. By taking all kinds of cars and trains or by wagon and so forth they could have at least won a chance for life. But no. There was no warning of what was to come. The day before the terrible event had begun. In woods end gerdene on the hilloides, end in the city parks, the flowers were vereing to the heat. But no birds were heard, enimels strange to the people were entering the city odors of orange and jasmin mixed with that of burning trees blent with the palm of the morning. And peacefully rocking in their towers o in the cathederals, the bells were humming their call to prayer, and the golden notes went abroad in waves, reaching to the forest hid villiages along the river shore ...

Chimneys were sending up smoke, and faint notes of unhurried life issued through doors . The river waters sparkled green and blue, and a number of vessels swung careleadly. The industries of the kitchens commence, commonplaces on the streets are in exchange, but then hark. Above and beneath the sound of the boats, the puffing of railroads and ringing hells, a rumble. They think it is only thunder. If it rains the Red Plague will be wiped out. Again, and much lowder that pulsing sound, deepl long stirring vague terrors, and this time it does not stop. Twaid late night they strange rumble grove, that vening there being a yellow light, like that from a dying sum had been had been upon. Abbienn, making it shadowy and uncertain. How close it had become, and

what soltriness there had been in the air;

The very fish in the river are measy, and are leaping from the water. People step into the street to see why it grows dark far shead of the hour. Even the chorses are stemping in the stalls, and the dogs whinning and the cats screaming and Meowing. Claude nearly always rest on summit hills of great height near Abbisann, but not such clouds as these. See they are sent with flames, and the gloom is deepening fast. Yet th the hells ring on, and there is comfort in them. The people can take that comfort while they may for it is nearly over. You mother kiss your little ones for the last time. Good Father in the churches commend all the souls of the people to Our Bleesed Blessed Lord who is to require them, for the hour has come. It is One minute to one. givery one is in bed asleep. Yet to every one in the western and extreme southern part of Abbieann this is the last of earth.

The horizon sky lightens. Buddenly the groundshakes as if there was a terrific eartha ak earthquoke, while there came a roar as if the whole world was blown to pieces like a fire cracker. A emoky pall appears to rise, and a terrific flash appears, blotting the view of wells of flame that are hurled forward tward the city. A very devils tated is sounded from the cathedrals, newever these rapid notes are the pounding of atomes that shower from the sky.... The cloud of debris falling with the speed of hail spreading as a fan, its edge rolling and voileying like a breaker falls upon the city. In one breath the people are buried beneath the ruins. In another moment it seems as if the cloud turns to fire, with a roar like a naval warfare.

Now great clouds of mud, eart earth, dust and the like falls thick and

fast upon the northern portion of the city. ut human eyes do not see these things. They are glazed, and stare at vacancy, for at one throb eight million human hearts have caused to beut. Abbiesnnfff There is no such a place. It's citisens abraed abrowd who have been not there at the time are of the race of Ishmael, and homeless.

After fifteen or twenty minutes the tremendous roar of eruptions is over, the rattle of stones are over, the crash of trees, swept from the ground has ceased, from end to end the city is on fire but burned untill the flood obliterated the most part of it,

the shipping in the river are aftene or under water, and all is what has been starring however saw that just now even, his explorations of the southeastern section of the city of Abbieumn was quite dangerous. On the second day of his entrance into that part of the city he was looking at the distant forest fires, wondering what the next day would bring for in his favor or disfavor, when to his surprise a dense creamy colored smoke,, began to issue from a new section, as if a volcanic eruption was about to start. There was a glare of light, and soo nit seemed as if the slope of a notherr

thill was becoming a mass of flame.

Btarring believings it was something unusual ordered his followers to retreat and he and they took to flight, but before he had gone me thousand yards, he and all of his followers were suddenly thrown down, as by a hot wind, and slightly burned. Then to their relief a breeze came from the south (de mouth) driving back the odors heat, vand and the smoke,, and as the air cleared they saw the southern ruins far below in f flames. None of his party were killed in this encounter, but twenty were injured

and the city was deserted for a good space that time, and they remained on the ship. Not a one dared to leave the ship and go on shore again. He saw ar off to the north that there were bright fires still burning near the river front at the northernmost part of Abbleann. He and his followers could see them as the ship apprached a little nearer in the night,, and any one not acquainted with the region may funcy they were crematicns. But they were not, for they were the citys coal yards, lumber yards, and many other places whose destruction however is delayed by the fallen wrockage of buildings over them. Even here and there those on board the ship detected the edor of chemicals as if they were burning in some cellar. The flames had withered end secred where it did not destroy. Starring the day before found among the ruine several books that were said to be still good, though of course the very pages were provided, and would crumble to dust before many days were passed... And strangely this char affected the whole book rather than k just the outer Janves.

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Unusual and extreme he heat was noticed on the day when they firsted entered the devastated city.

The engineer of the ship was testing the river vator that rons through the city,, at this location and discovered a temperature of 192 degrees. He could not condense the water, it was so warm. In the engine the vacum had dropped from twenty six inches to twelve, the pumps refused to take the water, and the hose was turned on to cool them. During this time many dead fishes were seen floating in the vater. It seemed to Starring that the end to the disaster horror is not yet. Because of the disaster some of the currents of rivers have changed, prevailing winds have gone about spreading the forest fires more then ever, and intense heat provails over the whole state,, but what the people insist is not usual is to that that this heat is added by the wilting humidity of an African August in the Go Congo.

The ruin of the section of the city still revealed in its physical aspect, is remarkablely like that of St Pierre in 1902. Percet fires, bettles, massacres, raids, sacking of towns, and visitations of horrors resulting from such asful tattles, and massacres of children were thought to be enough without adding great explications and immeasureable fleeds, but such things came. The scenes going on were more herrible

than the worst kind of a volcanic eruption.

Starring had heard that some reason or other there had been various warnings of troubles several weeks ago, the ground shook from minor explosions, rumblings were heard and the great fire was discovered very close to the city, and when ever there was an east or south east wind the sum never shone. Sometimes when the fires dammed up a stream with fallen maxes of blazing trees there were escapes of steam with great noises, and the city population were excited it not alarmed by witnessing ernormous columns of cloud rolling upward to the height of probably fourty thousand feet. Cometimes as it was said the cloud sometimes even descending a little was lickened to strange flowers and heads of cabbage, or thunderheaded nimbus, or leaves of v smoke miles long, incessantly shot through by webs and seets of red fire.

The river running through the city grew hotter and hotter, and when it was dark a glow as if from a sea of molten lawa shone against the under side of the clouds.. Rangers flying from the battle field of the Red Plague reported danger to the settlement settlements in the forest, and presently there were regular processions running along

the roads, tward Abbieann, and other places at of reach of the fire.

For some time after the disaster occured it was not known that any lives had been lost, and more than a month later the discovery that eightbmillion persons must have perished in the infernal explosion blasts, earthquake shocks produced by the explosions and the flood horror rushing over Abbieann, came with crushing force upon the whole state of Calverinia and deepened apprehension which extended to the remotest confines. It is not that the people are afraid of burial under the wreckage of their homes, but that in these great explosion upheavals, new caverns with roofs collasping may broke break under ones feet, and strips of cost coast clide into the sea or river, the submarine avalanches falling for hundreds of feet, carrying villiages and people to

On the following day Starring decided to enter the section of the city said to have been only slightly affected by the dea devastics. As the ship steamed into this part they accollanded, and found it a very good sized section. It was not and close and dirty. Piles of dirt, and earth debris had fallen from roofs and laid in the streets. A fall of eighteen inches or more of this had taken place, and all is sad colored and gray as in the neighborhood of the southeastern section, but the scorching has been lighter. The terrible forest fire that Starring keeps sight of out of the corner of his eye is withdrawn in sulky appearance behind a curtain of rolling smoke. Neary every windo window in this part on the side tward the explosions has been smashed. That means either by concussion or flying stones, which wary from a pea o to a cocoanut in size and which are streen in the streets in millions, and Starring scooped up a half ouch ounce with both hands to look them over.

All down in the south it was dark, and sometimes it acked as if it was going to rain but the thermometer kept steadily. At four oclock starring feltuthe heat as he was trudging through, and it kept getting worse till at eight oclock, he decided to return to the ship. Starring thought he heard sounds like explosions, but thought they were rangers dynamiting. Especially vivid was the recital of the victims which later he came across on a high hill in a hospital camp northwest of the flood sone. It would need a Veddar or a doya to paint the scene at night, when the injured sitting on their cots, their skins red and seared. They waved their bandaged arms, and nod their bandaged heads, their eyes shone in the light of the single lamirens, and the girl scouts with gtarring listens in awe as one of them tells his experience.

"We were c far from the explosions but got hurt any how"He said. O"On the morning

One man the shut himself in with mixteen hundred reeple, told me that a flach of the explosion entered through a camp and Filled over mixty of the party on the spot-And where the floods a have receded everything left in mid, med, mid. It has put forth torrents of elime, and you know yourselfe that the vaters of the river itself is very, hot. There are hardly any bridges outside the remains of the city now, the flood having Swept everything away, and when we attempted to cross we were driven back by these hot waters had we crossed them we might have been cut off from escape by the fleed, oats Goats and sheep are bleating pitcoust; for their forage is buried decor deep, and those that can are wandering to the lonely hills at the south north,, where things are still growing."""

Starring reamed into the fields behind the esta costern pert of abbieann the that night. A mountain aftre was throwing up all clouds like a volcanic crustion, clouds that boiled upward in cushiony masses, their rolling edges taking a pale pink light from the glare below. The mountains devastated slopes glared like so many furnaces, and along the edge of a ravine were twinkling a score of fires. Meanly every one of the refug refugees in the camp near by has lost a father, mother, brother, eleter, wife husband or child, some or many are bereaved of all their families, and all their friends, yet there are few outward eigns of grief. And yet no one can say that they appeared to be resigned. Rather it is a dazo, and it seem a as if they do not even realize for fair what has happened, and what is going to happen next. They have passed through explosion horror, fire and so forth and the taste of air and sense of early are still strange to them. So far they all seemed ignorant and slow of understanding of the situation, and they appeared as if in a dream. Many it is feared were made instance from their experiences. And their suffere sufferings are chieftly mental instead of the body, and yet all these are endured with a Christ like patience that is wonderful to a person who does not know

Starring stepped into one of the tent hospitals and noted the silence there.. and also the resignation of the people. These tents have been pitched close to the edge of the remaining flood to got air and escape the forest fires. Their sides are drawn up for free as access of the breeze and the cots are arranged with feet tward the central pole. All the patients are women and little children, and only a few doctors and nurses are there. There are old and yound young women in the company, but no rich and poor. All are poor, abjectly, unconscicusley poor, with a poverty made by the disaster that was never to be compared before. To most of them this care and tenderness seems to Starring a wonderful experience. The few doctors go from one to another with a cheery reassuring word and a emile that are worth more than any medicine. And as the bandages and the cotton are enipped and peeled from the raw flesh the patients wince and sometimes tremble with the pain, but there is not a single word of complaint not even from the little children, not a sigh of weariness, no crying of whimpering, not even a groun, though it is feared some of them by morning may be carried from the place and lowered into the earth, cut there where starring saw the grave digger laying his line of double trenches, long lines, filled in at as end as the they lengthen them at the other. The injuries are not as serious to them as occur in the fallen buildings or railroad accidents, there are no crushed skulls, and broken legs, no deep lacerations, and big bruises, but they seem worse. These refugees were fugitives of the forest fires, some were overtaken before they were rescued, and their flesh has been scourched, and baked, the skin has been pealed off in strips, ears have been learly rouse reasted from the heads, eyes have been half blinded arms and legs are deeply swathed in cotton. A few relatives, a wife, a son, visit the tents and sit beside the suiterors, as still and as patient, and fan them, pr pass was water to them from time to time.

The disaster around Abbieann is as Starrig observed more widely scattered, than other horrors he had seen. Most of the bodies that are not buried under r wreckage and flood borne b mud have been cremated by forest fires.

Starring learned that hundreds of refugees had dug cares into the hillsides, to be saftly under cover from the dreaded forestfires. No one made any complaints even the ground they believed the enemy were responsible,... when the flames came up close to them there was a quick rush for cover, and so many would crowd into these caves, that

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Starring arived at the edge of the crater no two at half past two, and remained there,, for over four hours, and one hallf ,. When he returned to Abbiennu he resembled a man turned back into dust, a statue of dust. The weight of dust and mud he carried on his person, the horrible atmosphere he breathed, and the foarful difficulties he had encountered, reduced him to a condition of extreme fatigue, notwithstanding the fact that he marched to the crater from the most easiest clde, starring decided to return to the boatthe next day, if he had sufficiently recovered by that time to do so.

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The captian and some of his followers, who went to extreme north, Abbicanne, found on their return trip, that a bridge across the road had been carried a sy by the torrent of water Nevertheless the guides manuaged to get the party across the obstruction. They took the carriages to pieces, and carried them and the members of the partypy to the other side of the river, which was not and full of floating wrockage.

Starring said when he returned to the bout-the loat;

"To my idea" he said "The most interesting point about these supposed volcanic eruptions is the fact that the debrie thrown u out during the explosions in a most vertical direction, afterwards took a full shoot or spruh spruy in a horizontal way, and while it might be too early yet to attempt to explain more fully this most singular phenomomenon I am Inclined to believe that the ejecta thrown bythe force of the explosions was hurled to a great height, and following the lay of gravation, descended withgreat velocity a volocity comparable perhaps swifter than its ascension, aspecially as it neared the cruptions again. Here it encountered the "matter in ascension from other and more violent explosions, and was accordingly deflected in a full horizontal position and direction. For the accalled fire cloud which swept upon Abbisons, this action was probably by the fire hurricane of one of the man parts of the city, and the force of the explosion and the firms of the firm much have heated the dust thrown by the explosion to a white heat, and all this was hurled in the direction of northwest Abbicanne, and upon the vessels lying upon the river readsteads.. The intense heat from the flery dust cut a path through a certain section only, for there is very well defended defined line of buildings destroyed by this calamity them of those that were only related or shaken into ruin by the con a concussion.

As far as I could observe, as we paged along the craters rim, no large stones or any kind of matter be belonging to volcanic eruptions were found about. All I discovered was the ordinary fragments of the ground, clay and sead and as forth. There are some very smull fragments of solid rock lying under the heaps of dirt and rubbish with which the streets of Abbisann are heaped in the north but we do not yet know the exact nature of the matter ejected until a critical examanation of the ground and She ejected material is submitted to careful analysis.

I am inclined to believe that the matter belond forth by the force of the blasts was almost altogether pulver[zed rock or the earthly and mileran mineral and sandy matter of which our Calverinian Soil is composed. These substances when blown to dust

by the terrific explosions, recombles all the materials we find in the soil everywhere.

As to the character of the explosives that is believed to have caused the cructions I am not prepared to express any opinion untill I have made a more caroful analysis. It may have been gum cotton, T.N.T or even higher explosives still in an unusual imme immeasureablecquanity, or it may have been merely a large number of ernormous munition pits used for the storing of m mub munitions hidden from the enemy that might have been touched off by the heat of the forest fire.

The union of some kind of a posion gas also may have produced the instantly disaster ous effects that some attribute to asphyxiation by gas. If the enemy really did this as it is suspected Clandelinia sure has a black record on her name.

"Do you think in your opinion that there is any danger of further disasters?"

asked the captian.

"Considering the fact, that since this war began there has been many terrific ex possions and floods, and view of the further facts that these later ones was of the most greatest terror it may naturally be expected that there will be further and worst ogtastrophes. Then again the fact that the explosions at Adelpheid, occured on May the 2th and at Abbleann on June the First tends to show some sort of some existing between the landelinian government and the wicked Glandelinian generals . I am incling I am inclined to believe the same, and also so does Violet, and her sisters.

This theory is further strengthened by the fact that the Mayor of Abbicann who was in Pandors at the time is also investigating the cause. He also is using his means in observing the advancing forms of the forest fires traveling over the country on a line between the Vivian Hills and the Bondon range. They were he believes formed by the winds of the main conflagration. Untill there is something done to stop this "Red Plague there will be recurrent explosions or more or less severity.

If there had been any show of the danger the people of Abbisann would have been

On the next day Starring made another yield to the eastern section of the city and found the eastern arm of the dangerous fire had shrouled the whole region beyond in a sea of stinking smoke, and the heat was felt with such greatness that two of the workers with a Starring were overcome, and had to be scaked about the head with cool water. It was blazing weather, almost as fierce as the worst African climate at its worst, but not quite so under, not quite but a little worst.

And what a scene of desolation his eyes now fell upon.

It was stern in the blackness of the nights explosion, but the twilight of the days bring new woes new woes into being. Everything still reeks in the mud left by the passing flood. Yet as he and his followers go through there is a faint and fae faded stench of rosin as they sloush about, tripping against hidden rocks, and one of his followers slips on the edge of a retaining wall and tumbles into a yard fourteen or fifteen feet below, to the sorrow of his being. I don't know how it is than ; can

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not another person could enter, and those who were hammering for help outside, were urged to go somewhere else or distribute themselves in clearings, or treeless ravines. All the could as starring learned crawled under large rockglens, into river beds, and elsewhere. The air was het and stifling with smoke heat, and flyingdust, and a stroum close by the dugouts tr dried up entirely. There was then as they told Starring a splendid show of flames, and though a perfect hurricane of smoke flames and embers appeared to spread and stretch o almost overhead, there was nothing so alarming as feared.

Starring believed all these incidents and had about even resigned hope of seeing the fires quit threatening Abbieann, but at four of clock, while going back dismally back to the eastern section of the city, through a driving wind swept smoke, distant thunders began again to rumble. The noise was somewhat like thunder, but shorter, more interrupted. Rather it surgested the bumping of freight cars. Several times the sound was repeated in resounding volleys.

One of starrings followers became excited. He begged Starring to go back to the boat but he appeared to be the only frightened man of them all.

The others including Starring were not timid or unquiet. Starring had never been conscious of any joril at any time. The tragedies seem to him to be in the far past and a ravaging forcat fire even a mile or two away, seems as distant to him as if it were a hundred, so far as there is any possibilities of doing any injury. Yet it was a terrible forest-fire that threatened so near, and at any instant it may weer in its course. It has devastated the northern region east of Abbieum, just as the forest fires have done it elsewhere. The raging of the forest fire to day, that to Starring an and the braver of his followers was merely a distant scene, was better seen from the ship that went up further in the northern country section, where explosions has made changes in the geography, building as it seemed new hills, channeling hollows, altering the river line undermining the soil, utterly destroying life, and ruining all the villiages and estates north of Abbieann. Though chrowled in cmoke, the spurting and and fizzing of the thousand thousands of acres of pine trees ablaze could be heard and seen on the slopes and in the plains and valleys, and the booming of falling trees was constant.

the big oxplorion the could score a great success through an effort to reach one of the big oxplorion criters man Abbi sann, and therefore he decided to undertake the expedition alone, with only four guidor, as he knew the trip would be gitte perilous. First Starring we at lyard the London Plantation, which he was told was near the crater, in company also with a ranger.

The expedition loft the north of Abbliann at noon September the 18th. The following day was epent first in studying the many formed rents or cracks in the ground near the crater, on the north flank of the forests. The next day starring determined to attempt the move through the these woods to the edge of the crater, and therefore with this purpose in view he set out about four oclock in the morning. Near by the forest fire was threatening the forests near and around the crater, but amid a hundred thousand dangers, he reached the edge, and looked down into the huge pit, it was haif full of water. Here he see spent a long time in taking cureful observations, examing the debris around it, and taking note of the crater itself to see if it was of volcamic porigin or not. If he saw such a thung as a huge cinder cone in the centre of the crated crater than the report that the disaster was caused by volcanic eruptions of secondary duration would be a fact. He saw no such thing, and the opening of the crater itself was about six hundred yards long, and five hundred yards wide. It was not rounded or in any

form observed of volcanic craters, but of shapes that big explosions usually leave.

while Starring was on the edge of the crater, several violent squalls of hot smoke
laden wind raged, tearing the limbs from the trees, and bearing the distant fire still
onward, and again and again his life was in denger from failing trees. Branches feil
about him in such quantities at times as to give him a good drubbing, and the thickness of the smoke borne along on the wind,, completely,, obscured his vision. One particularly violent gust of wind covered the general from head to foot with thick dust and his hat was blown clear agreese the craer. He still persisted in his study and ob observations however, and twice mor more was showered with pebbles and stones, and dust, and once was almost blown into the crater.

He learned as he had suspected, that beyond there were three separate big cracks at close quarters with each other, as if the groundall around the crater had been split by the force of the "eruption," and all the trees were standing inclined in all directions or uprocted entirely.

He could however not discover whether it was of a volcanic eruntion or not. He pur put some of the rocks and other materials into a sack he carried to examine on board on the ship. Starrings journey back from that hot region was fully as dangerous as the approach.

most awall region, and raged fur esent the intrusion of a mere human being into the However starring also made the important discovery that at the head of the stream or river Ester Emether had another crater of the same size, and that the same material of eruptive wreskage was observed all around it, and the trees nearest it were call destroyed in the same manner. The water was more of mud and looked boggy. Starring had proceeded tward this hole on a horse, until he came to the steeper part of the region. From this point he continued on foot leaving the horse that had carried him up the steep slope back to the tree.

. Upon reaching the site of Lake murnor gtarring found it completely drained out. He proseed the bed of the lake and continued u on up the gently rising slope to the forested region above. Formerly the edge of the hill was a high bluff or shoulder. Thus the expliexplorer found had fallen down the side of the hill, and he thinks this change probably occured at the time of the great explosions. He saw mid gravel and every ground wreckage had been thrown up in the explosion in high columns. This is the first important alteration in the region which has been noted and verified. But there was

light of this matter, or pretend to, but it does seem comical to see them go slipping and flowdering through the mire, but the deaths theyese seldom haunt them, and some of the unfortunated who stepped into corruption, that was alive the other day, feel due disgust and slokness rather than horror. To Starring and his followers there is a full evidence, and overwehelming evidence of decay issueing from some spots he goes over. when he first entered the city he noticed it, yet when traveling over the rubbish the odor was partly submerged under a smell of burned material, the smell of scorched wood, paper,, clothed rugs, building materials, a general indescribable fout foul and most pumgent odor ...

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gill all of his followers could locate cadavers easily by the acone in ze air, and yet only a few are made sick by them. Starring passed to the right of a corpse, and the proof of dearh death was yet so persistent, that he could not help looking in that prove of dearn death was yet so persistent, that he could not help looking in that direction. Towever he could not yet see saything, among the hades of the falles manenty the prestrate trunks of troop, the iron and other fonces and the rubbish of old tinware covered as they are with dobris and dirt, but nevertheless he know the signs.

Individually the dobris from some of the forms so that the faces were plainly seen hile while on other occusations the corpse is marely suggestive to the eyr.

hile while on other occusations the corpse to merely suggestive to the syreye. In a street starring found one wan, whose position was that of rest, the attitude of one who has thrown himself into bed for to sleepth, the head thrown back, the arms extended the legs close toe together . . At a slighter i distance was the body of a little girl lying face down. In the debouch of a wide street was one that was half skeleton already, the bones showing yellow white through the singed flosh.

Atop of a tall retaining well, closing a yard that is nine or twenty feet below they layed of the impending torrace, lay a women with her head hanhi hanging back over the edge, and arms danglingbover the stone work too. The form was like that of some Egyptian mummy, dried and blackened, but the expression did not donate fear and pain. Those Starring had son donated calm. The visit Visitation of near by forest firesfor some days proceeding must have permudied those who were watching the dreaded conflagration, that this was only a passing danger. It was not the explosion that killed it was the failing of buildings while all were asleep in them, and therefore it was a merciful death.

Those who were lying beneath the wreckage were killed by falling stones and timbers. But they might have been so sound asleep ty that they had passed all feeling. One figure crouched behind the wall of a building as if he feared what was to come, yet his collaspe in that position was believed to have been an accident. In front of a house containing a score of bodies, is a street car. It was not injured. The body of three girls, and two children in one house had fallen easily to the floor.

Often while Starring was walking over fallen walls, he was conscious of bodies by many scores beneath, the stench rising through interstices in the stony mass. Some of the bodies were mere fragments but that may be they had been crushed. Complete incineration of many of the bodies by the fires was impossible in such a case, but

incineration of many of the bodies by the fires was impossible in such a case, but it probably dried the bodies and reduced the danger of plagues that it is expected when the air clears of smoke enough to indi induce the flies to return.

The progress of starring and his companions was mortally slow, though it must be said in their behalf that they had to contend, not only against the governt iss of heat, but with the sting of the distant fires, and the noiseome axhalation from reasting exhautions from exhalations from roasting bodies. Although the explosions which destroyed so much of the population, the heat of the houses out of reach of floods as they burned started the best top of the distant forest fires, scorched the bedies indoors and so much of the population, the heat of the houses out of reach of floods as they burned afterwards, the heat too of the distant forest fires, ecorched the bodies indoors and out; and in none was partially preserved. One of the corpses that Starring found near a park was seen because of a little foot protruding through the debris, and the bottom of this foot showed a skin typical of a little gold. Starring on opening the door of a bedroom found a woman a man and four children. The woman had been in bed dying there. The children were all lying in their beds, and of this whole company it was only the child in the bed nearest the window that had been scorched. And yet none of the bed clothing was burned, One of the most curious finds was that of one of Starrings followers. He went into a bakery containing the bakers store overns. One of the overs of the immense range was empty. In the other were two children a girl and boy lying atop of one another, fact at the door; arms extended and knees tightly bent. What possessed them to hide in the oven. In such a situation it is true one seeks coolness so they could not have gone there for sleep. They must have been terrified by the roar of explosions and falling buildings, the oncoming fire cloud, the hail and cloud burst

or expressions and railing buildings, the encoming rire cross, the half and cross burst of wreckage, but the hot fire cloud sought them even in that re refuge and it was found their bodies were disembowled the heat having probably explaind them.

However at this stage to m put it mildly identification of bodies that might be still found amid the wreckage of what is left of the city, save by doubtful findings of rings, watches and the like is impossible. It is for the reason that all the bodies that had been found have either been blackeded by fire, or crushed beyond recognition in the wreckage of the falling buildings, and most are half or totally buried in the mid left by the flood wash. mid left by the flood wash.

and those lying deep beneath the stone heaps will not be reached untill the wreckass is entirely cleared and that may take years, as all hinderence is going on that prevints any laboverers laboverer from coming to the scene, and the reader may be sure that when they are uncovered; practically nothing will be left of any of them.

Nowhere did Starring see any si token of such things as concerted exertion, no browd in a single street or square sr struggling for the open country, no company or mob arrested in flight on the roads and pathways near and outside the city, may not even people huddling in corners as if to get as far away as possible from the disaster.
Buildings and a environments predical predicate everything of their contents, for instance Starring found in a hospital bads half covered under foundation stones and

other wreckage and here in scrapping some away he found the patients dead in the bed

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Indeed as Starring had meen in his trip to Abbienn from one city to another, that in each place concl. Aing Abbienn too the absolute sign of ruin is so great that never in real disputors would there ever be a comparison for it, in the past or future. never in real digmaters would there ever be a comparison for it, in the past of futures. Starring as he passed through thought of the case of he and his followers visiting on a planet that had been destroyed of life and cities by some unful visitation to the whole world itself, and he did not see just morely burned districts of the great cities, where walls and chimneys will atil be atomised, a few windows intact, some streets clear, but even the very architecture does not exist, the cities he passed through were merely foundations of run rubbish, with not so passed glass for miles.

Twon the horrid ruins of St Fiorre in Martingue is nothing in comparison. Here in Abbieann there is not even a yard or clear street. It is as if a volcanic blast of most immense force had occured in the center of the city and shaken and blown the town asunder. Streets and longs lead nowshere at all, and the phatoes is heightened by the names and numbers stamped on the still standing street signs, futile guides now, only to be read by the souls of the dead.

To stand in one of the atrects, like the Central Avenue, formerly lined for miles with as attractive stores and store haddings as seen in his merican cities, and gly with all kinds of colored goods, and all kinds of attracts, and see it now with mere skeletons of houses on either side, the windows staring like so many sightless eyes, the doors gaping like suffocated mouths, the pavements heaped with stones and charred woodwar woodwork, tonote the fixity and cilence, is like standing in the presence of a dead city on a dead planet, death onthroned in concussion harror, fire, and sufficient ing clouds, weilding strange thunders and hurting posion. Hever before in real disasters has the world yet any spec tacle like that seen in cities and town in Calverinia. go complete is the destruction of veven what is left to show of Abbieann that little

remains to mark the character of the buildings.

The parallelogram of masonry scarred blackened, debris covered, might be a house, a store, a fact factory, a church dwe dwelling house, a stable, a shopping building, hospital or what ever we know of buildings. Ten story buildings seem to be only three story junk piles, now and again there is seen a yard, or a court with flower pots or something once a fountain that denotes of what might be the mere piece of a former home over some rich resident, but which was his house, his office, which is his carriage shed, which is his servants quartors, is of course a well known "crossword pussles" and this wide thrown down see of walls, and blocking of streets makes it eyes hard for Starring and his followers to try the least effort to setimate the size of the sections of the city remaining. There also is no doubts that the first reports of the sections of the city remaining. There also is no courts that the list reports of that flat interest of being exaggerated was far below the actual number. They first put the known loss of life at Abbiesan at about two million, go hear as one may learn from the imperfect methods and records the population of Abbiesan was nearly, twenty six million with enough houses to room 100,000,000, and the outlying villiages which were destroyed at the same time ha added but a few hundreds of thousand.

The household ornaments though nearly all of them are heavy in price, beautiful in color and yet filmsy in substance are occassionally of a fineness and delecasy that bespeak the Abbiemnain tasts. Probably not a picture, mostly all religious ones is left in the city to donate the populater pol popular likings as all are gone, even or wiffixes, lamps, bronzes, silver and other such belongings, which h are deftly wrought and most beautiful.

The alters of the ruined Cathedrals and churches and the religious houses, were as magri magnificent as they could have been are adorned, but now nothing if left... In some of the ruins however sewing machines were found, and bedsteads and machinery of foriegn type also, and a large number of all kinds of musical instruments. Of course it is going on through the month of september, and june is quite a distance past, yet even know the whole ration, (in this story) or the whole world, does not yet know hardly a large particle of the history of this greatest of all catastrophes in the main, but its details probable will never be known unless Starring succeeds in accomplishing his work. This mch is certain however, as Starring knew, Abbieann had no warning. Heither did Adeleheld or the other devuntated cities. Yet it was and still

is blamed on the Calverinian Government for overconfidence. At trust in the probable inability of the enemy to do enything else but fight buttles, massacre children and burn forestr caused the fatality in each instance of the great explosion and flood calamities. The Governer of Calverinia advised the authorities of the various towns and cities to remain on the watch and therefore did not do it. He believed in his own advice, told the auxthorities of the Government, but they kidded him as being too much of a calamity Jane. wer more than eighteen months since the war got its progress nell well started the enemy had been doing the most astonishing and shocking things, and yet no man ever dreamed of the fate that was in store for the State of Culverinia and her fellow cities. People went about their daily tasks, the armies fought in the battles losing or winning, the women and children took care of things at home, went to daily Mass, and all the busy antics of life went on as usual. The great horror at Delights Junction, and also at Headrick Junction should have been construed as warnings.

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An issue of May the sixteenth 1912 says that at five oclock on the previous morning, the destruction of Pullaway occured.

Over confidence brings lots of trouble,
For some time now guarting was blocked in his efforts to get back to the ship, A
its hurricans was between the city and the shore, and he from a tall pile of ruins
haw it overwhelm and destroy a large stretch of trees far to the southeast of the city sand he also observed a new branch at the borr bottom hill. A valley near by also was an inferno, and a long stretch of wooded lowlands not far off to the east was taking on a threatening aspect. comewhere beyond where a fire had passed before starring had reported seeing smouldering ashes fifteen fest deep, and all beyond there as is desclation drying dryness, heat and silence and a wall of impenetrable smoke.

Starring wishing to investigate the scene tried to approach the extreme eastern suburbs of Abbieann to see the phenomena. The whole country side was obscured by st smoke, so thick and smothering that it began to penetrate that portion of the city like a thick hase hiding objects fifty feet away, and he and his party were compelled to put back some returned by land, afort, and on horseback. It followers were now becoming dig disquieted. This time too the two girl, and other two boy scouts were also with him. Comment however was calming, and nothing could ac ascribe the atmospheric conditions.

The two boys was as badly frightened as were the men. They believed they were cut off from escape but starring was not so frightened. He saw that the north brench of the fire seemed to move off another way and therefore he was in a calmer state of mind. Yet the smoke still continued to come into the city, and they had to abandon the Tet the smoke still continued to come into the city, and they had to abandon the expedition in that direction. On the following afternoon, there was tongues of fire seen across the river, and many trees were breaking before the force of a gale then blowing. The latest fear is that a small part of the stream was overflowing became of the nature in which the water was boiling from the heat, and threatening once more the swamp the lower ruins of the city, if this happens they will be cut off from the chip. The people in the neat by neighborhood were in a state of madness, and tried to seek refuge in the ruins also. Thousands leaving their towns run for the city. Children are crying, women lamenting, and the wind was strong from the south.

The next following hour, the opinion was expressed, that the riwing of the river

was not probably due only to the heatened waters, but to some dam that was burst by the heat, for the river now was a torrent . Starring felt a little nervice nervicus. They all begged him to give the order to leave the place and return to the boat, but he did not think it possible just now. He could see now a mass of seething flames pouring over the treetops, and engulfing the forest within view in a sea of fire, leveling a xonsiderable stretch of country, forming in a short time a sea of smouldering wreckage. Starring and and his followers began to flee the district. A small country mountain town within view on the sloping plains and all its surroundings disappeared in the flames. One man escaped by leaping a parapet into a poll of warm water.

Starring wondered that is this new peril that is repeating the deadly horror. The concealin concealment of all eastern hills by the smoke clouds made any sort of guessing possible or appossible impossible. The columns of smoke that was now writhing upward from the fires now burning down is of the thickness of storm clouds and of wonderful dimension as it win widens and spreads over the surround country and the city. One of the curious allegements of the explosion near the city is that it ran rained upon the surrounding region a shower of fragments of human bones, which fell even in wickey Lansin fourty miles away, many of them coming on the shipping in port. It is indeed most unusual conduct in bones of human beings to endure a drop of miles to the decks of a ship. The bombardment of stones was more serious. Yet Starring declared while waiting for the enable to chance to get back to his ship that it would be futile to attempt a scientific explanation of the causes of these explosions. He considered them somewhat unique. He watched the smoke clouds as they raised heavily, sullenly, ope opening into great rolls ofground, changing color showing now a dazzling white, snon a dark gray, a dirty yellow, a brown, or intense black. The whole eastern country side around that part of Abbieann is covered with smoke that looks as if the very clouds of the storm had descended to the ground, and what surprised Starring and his followers is that the raging of the conflagration appeared silent. They had heard no sill sissling or roar of flames, and only the sound usually heard and felt is some sort of dynamite explosion, and the columns of smoke which are brandished from the conflagration come from such destroying weapons that all human devices for injury are trifling in comparison. It is not merely the central region that is afiams now, but minor ones have broken out elsewhere, and the action of the wind reduces the danger from the

conflagration hitting the ruins. He believed the ruins would not herdly burn anyhow. hether the reader could imagine being in Abbieann and seeing the distant conflagration in early morning, with the clouds of smoke whitening in the moon or starlight if that there is ony, or turn pink in the glare of flames, and then turning dunnuch and black and orange and yellow in the twilight dawn as if the spirit of a opal were there, or as he sees it in the gloom of a full darker cloud like an eruption, it is strange and no less than diabolic, a chaos of wild forms, a something aside from nature, or so stimes sometimes lifting into the forms of big cumuli or nimbus, or thunderheads, a layer of denser black and brownish color stranking the lower part of the clouds, and the scene indeed has a real hellish granduer. every green thing past which the fire has swept had been burned and event from the countryside, and it is all of smoke and debris. The remains are burning trees, and smoking debris and ground, and the scene also is like witnessing a whole country side in volcenic eruption.

And Starring had heard that before Abbieum was destroyed its people were taking up immense collections for the refugees and homeless of those who perished and lost their all in the horrid disasters just past. Impossible that the charities of Abbieum would soon be asked for the regions of Calverinia and Abbicann. Humerous smaller fires, that seem to change their places almost while they watch them give forth smoke of a silvery white, a dirty yellow, and sometimes black from which issues small shoots of flame

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STARRING BELIEVES THE WHOLE CALVERNIAN COUNTRY IS ABSAILED .. BY GLANDILINIA MADE FOREST FIRES.

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AFTER studying on the matter while he remained on the boat now for a considerable time Starring began to believe that he was one of the witnesses of the after affoots of one of the most spectacular catastrophes ever known to have happened, and if it really passed into the history of the world, it surely would make all other disasters combined look like nothing at all. Imost at Abbiennias very doors, in her beautiful middle Bister State, Calverinia, I word which means a Country of Heaven,, a country with part winter zone, and trp tropic, disaster and dostruction aparalled of any of the past of her state have ruled. If the earth itself had opened to pour its relent less fires upon helpless humanity, if all the volcences had broken into explosions at once, they would be trifling incomparison even to the recent disneters of llovember 1912. And yet here is a catastrophe that breakeall records at Abbiconn.

Starring believed, and so did many of the christian generals, and mperor Vivian also besides Violet and her sisters, that the terrible Abbienn disaster, as well as the horrors before which overwhelmed so many sections of a Calverinia, and other states, and destroyed an uncatimated number of lives in an istant had about it certain unique features, that not only justified special attention beyond all ordinary cataclysm

of nature but brought a great suspicion woon glandelinia as a cause of the whole thing.

However streemdoug and most shocking the great catestrophes of the past in Culverinia may have been they more added to the difficulties caused by the latter, and the very telegraph, the submarine cables, and the raileave and other mores of communications were totally destroyed, and therefore therefore before the printing presses could put it into nevapapers and books it took about nearly a month to spread it abroad only through the lower sists sister states, and the camera has not yet been made ready to depict with with perfect truth the very scenes of destruction themselves because the forest fires are assailing the whole Calverinian State as Starring believes.

Now Starring knows that the very beginning of the beautiful June month came in with a strange and mysterious conculsion of nature incon cive inconcievably tremendous

almost at Abbicanias very doors, with all these agencies of modern progress at hand for recording and prevers preserving every graphic detail also wiped out .

As the records first never were known, it was believed by surviving people that immeasure ble sruptions had broken out from the ground, and earthquakes had been produced that wrocked the whole states, where if no communications had been destroyed the news could have been flashed throughout the nation with the speed of lightning the news came with the slowness as if there had been no communications at all, and a month came and went before even the most meager details were gotton of the disaster. The first news bearers were Certrude Angeline, and her followers, and she brought the details and also sent it by courier to gloist and her sisters who were the first, recinvers.

And the Vivian Girls laughed good heartily, because they believed Gertrude was up to one of her usual clever jokes" when they learned it was true they were prostrated. As far as the news could spread however the tide of universal sympathy was aroused. And newcomd Measure. As can always be known the heart of mankind was wrung with f greif grief. And prompt of course was the response to the cry for relief. The benevolence of the other sections of the world took practical form, and ships laden with flood food clothing shelter and money given out of the fullness of sympathetic sorrow, hastened us close as possible to the scene of the unusual ammount of suffering. Of course while they were giving, the people of the nation wanted to know the whole truth of what happened, whether it was a volcanic eruption, a terrific earthquake, and if not what was it, and where did all the flood water come from...

So near to the very state of Abbisonia was the greatest of all these disasters, so imm asureablybremendous its awful effects, so withspread the simultaneous reports of other strange explosive disasters during july and August, throughout 'Calverinia and elsewhere, that no one dared ignore them. And what state would be the next to be elsewhere, that no one dared ignore them. And what state would be the next to be stricken. And why should a country where all people are as good as can be should be devastated thus. Twas this the beginning of a series of world estastrophes, or was the time quickly coming when the end of the world was night. And what were the reall causes of such disasters of nature, and could he they not be foretold or averted. Or like the disasters of the past, did the enemy do it.? If so, how and why???

These were the natural question questions rising in every mind. In response to these queries, and for the curpose of the countyre cause to relate the whole story of this greatest of all catastrophes, is why Starring was out here now to go on in his work of discovering whether it was a really a natural disaster, or d. done by the enemy. If the enemy was responsible..... The purpose of his expedition has been to combine in prope proper proportion, the various causes of the disaster, which when written out whould give it permanent value for reading and reference, no less than immediate value for its rising the countrys men to action if he can prove it is a disaster

If not, then nothing else can be done but let it go down in history as one of the worse natural disasters known. With that in view, Starring decided to find at and out and write down even scientific explanations of the causes of the so called Wol canic eruptions bursting out of the coentryside in Bengall State, and the de-astating floods that followed and all kindred disturbances of the awful catantrophe, to write

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down a series of chapters relating the details of the most unusual disaster of all and an complete and authentic account, of the fo flood itself,. Although this atricken region belong to the best part of suffering Calverinia, it was Abbieannia that first recleved the nows and came to her aid as far as possible, with ships, provisions and money. Abbi annia though not being able to prove it suspected the real cause of the outsetrophe and therefore her armies were rising too like an overwhelming flood, and if Starring only proves landelinia is guilty, then a storm will soon break upon glandelinia that will be more overwhelming than the flood itself was in its sweep upon calverinia.

In preparing to present these subjects it has been a pleasure for Starring to recall his recent journeys in the Calverinian country, and all otherlocalities that have suffered the great war disasters, and to look again at the photographs which he has taken only gathered there, now to include in his illustrations of the stories he will have published to rouse the nation.

It is for him a melancholy contrast to note the housties of Abbicann as they were only a few months ago and the desclation that reigns, since the disaster broke loose on that awful June the faist .. To him also it is a great pleasure to acknowledge the prompt and concross courtsey of newspaper and wer correspondents in for his sake permitting the use of their own craphic accounts of conditions in the devastated regions, and of accompanying him in his expeditions. These correspondents, are since the war becan the writers and makers of current Abbicann history, always in the forefront when anything has ene no matter how dangerous, tireless and fearless, and therefore for Starring their work has a quality of morit recognized by him so much that he permitted

Starring their more has a quality of more recognized by him so much that he permitted quite a number to accompany him on him expeditions.

Indeed this was to Starring was on some dead and destroyed world, blazed before a terrified heaven, and he was within the ecene of where the crushes of the greatest disaster of the world buset with appailing threat upon the biteonnian nation, and to startle the world trails, pefore this, this section of galvirina was juyful in the beautire beauties of late springtime despite the reasons of the war cheemers, and property and progress were reigning. Addonly out of the region of pengall state, a committy beautiful, fortile and peaceful, care the shock of more alled "tremendous colored accounts and the residence of the war along the start of the spring and progress when the start of the sta volcenic eroptions from the very country side, the destruction of Abbleann and many cities villarce and towns, the death in horrible nightener and torture of countless men momen and children under the wreck and in flood and fire, famine and thire, the

thirst and the heartrending crief of millions mo wning their lost ones, the wail

of scores of the millions crying for succor.

Sturring fr from what he had seen so far realized now that it had been a spectacle of herror severate be obliterated from the memory of any survivors who had seen or been a purtaker of it, or those who had entered to the relief of the suffering. In disdeed the one bright apot in the whole picture of terror was placed there by the the demonstrated that the suffering is not indeed. servation of una universal human sympathy, the brotherhood of man, and that touch of nature which makes the whole world kin, whene ver suffering and disaster assalls some stricken land, p t oh indeed the pity of the most grevious scene that had met the relief expeditions. They could not hardly write, the voice even trembles, in the desperate efforts to describe what horrors were there. All phrases fail, even the imagination retreats. No hundred millioj thrillion words are able to convey the whole of the dos

desolution, the suffering, the grief, to one who saw it or not.

Indeed let the whole world be glad hat such visitations in this story has not come true yet, and that hundreds of millions like in Calverinia will not have to bear in their memory the terrors and that tears that followed fast upon this most wast of all catastrophen known. Man is indeed powerless to save when even in reality Nature herself ageails, and indeed how feeble his boasted strength and intellect against the stupen dows natural forces which rend no mountains in twain, make the earth rock like the waves of the sea, but when a disnater occurs like in Calverinia he might as well give up all and be humbled.

now the period has passed for the worst of these disasters, and the ariarm alarm growstill worse became the war is growing in great intensity. Abbiesan.—— Lake Belicia, the horrors of the Mic-Hollester and Arronburgs Run floods, four greatest disasters,———and yet what part of the nation, or which state, and community would be next to feel the convestions of the dreadful war, shudering under the pressure of new floods, bursting with the expansive forces of treemendous volumes of explosives, like like the Krakaton gases strungling to find a vent and blowing a whole island to pieces.

Starring since his expedition started and up to now has through some resources which he would not reveal learned of simultaneous disturbances and many frequent occuring cocuring ones that had been reported near and far throughout he months of july and August, explosion and other disasters, flood and fire of immeasurable form that finds him feel for sure that the enemy had something to do wity the one he was investig ation, as the ones reported were surely done by the enemy. Next of the new bigger ones Angelinia Agathia Dorothy gale and many other places were socurged by a more treemendous now the period has rassed for the worst of these disasters, and the arlarm alarm

Angelinia Agathia Dorothy Gale and many other places were scourged by a more treemendous floud than eyer before. In quick succession came the news ofactual or threatened explosion and shock and flood or fire disasters, from Angeline State, Calverinia, Angelinia State, Abyssinkile and Festern Calverinia, where scores of thousands of lives were lost, of disasterous battles, turning Calverinia into a land of hellish horror, from even extreme southern calverinia scene of some of the most destructive forest flowed float because of the most destructive forest flowed float flowed float flowed float flowed float flowed float flowed float flowed f fire and flood borrors ever known since the Ableann disaster, from Martinque city, from many Calverinian counties, but none of those can compare with the horrors of sengall fitte and Counties, where explosions occured far worse than if Krakatos had erupted ten times the strength than she had been reported, with a noise hear for ten times the din heard at her own explosions, the most treesendous explosion and followed for ever known, from elsewhere, in Eastern and a southeastern Calverinia which poured forward the most record breaking forest fires that destroyed thousands of miles of forests along it had not tree to worse the average the average the average and indeed threat of wiles of foreste since it begun, and is raging worse than ever, and indeed threat

ening every other forested region of Calverinia and other states. The whole population of calverinia stood aghast. If the hidden forces of nature were to manifest themselves in a ceries of most destructive assaults on the world, they would not compare to this. Starring in contemplating on the surject wondered exceedingly and with approhenation of what would be the news from the Blongislomenean Islands, connected with the rest of the world by Angelinia Agathia and Calverine, and communicated by frequent chips of all kinds, by telegraphic cuble, and right in the track also of the wars terrific convulsion as these inlands are near Vivian wickey, where the greatest seige on all record rages with bloody battles and terrific cannon (iring overy day and night without a momente pausing. The great and famous Catherine lede in apito of the opposition of Blengiglomenean Greatures is in possession of the claudalation, and the creatures big and powerful as they are filed from those inlands to the longl Blengiglomenean islands for safey, and the only reason the latter isles are not in the possession of the enemy is because they are fortified as Vivian Wickey is and held by millions of dangerous Abbiecanies soldiery, and willing foriegn fighters for the cause too.

The gras from the fortifications of these inlands could low every war chip out of the water These islands maintain the seige of vivian Wickey from their side, and held the properties and belief or the cause too of the water These islands maintain the seige of vivian Wickey from their side, and held fire of both sides makes the region look like a country with hundreds of miles of terrific volcants exceptions, gaysers, and fires and all other dreadful v volcante phenomena. in a series of most destructive assaults on the world, they would not compare to this.

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of approximation was fet by all who stopped to think of the disasterous possibilities
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loud gun fire and shell explosions and all the other crazy clamer of the f war has almost
drove frenzied glengiglosmean creatures in these states of Calverinia and Angelinia
also wild, and crazy.

There once before Blengiglomenean Creatures could be seen every day as often as
birds, now one only appears a year or so and never lands. No one the fearcome in these
sectors are all wars to garthy for us. If there is now, for them? Or what is coming.

rogion anka; "Where is suffy for us, if there is none o for them? Or what is coming. is to morrow the end of the world?"

Then wis of 10f work for but the mondon willed the commercial concerns when one one was a dealer of the concerns to take the changes of making lyvestigations of the dispeters, not that they were acted to the result of feet of the catastrophes but of the inemperature of the catastrophes but of the concerns accurately the concerns the catastrophes but of the concerns accurately be the catastrophes but of the concerns accurately be accurately be accurately because the concerns accurately because the concerns

The greatest students of volcanic and selemic phenomena, along took the chances to scann the situation, studied the conditions, and endeavored to add to what they could to the sum of human kno-ledge that might guide threatened communities of sowhers how to predict and how to escapecauch awful calamities, and these alone had brought back the reports, that the disaster looks mighty darm queer to them. One man said to his superior" if those disasters are not enemy made I'll take sulphar and melaeses ten timesa day." Hever before since world science reached its present state of widespread learning had there been such an opportunity to draw learnes from a catastrophe

spread learning had there been such an opportunity to draw learons from a catastrophe that might serve to save life in the future, but never could they make out what this was caused by, except by the foe alone, as any of them said; "It was not of nature to do this, there was no so called Volcanic activity, and the nature of the scomes positively proves ofsome sort of mine explosions."

Such was the effect upon the whole nation and its peoples. Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities of the plain, destroyed for their sine by the rain of sulphurous flames from on high was nothing compared to the Calverinian war disasters. By these explosions many towns were buried like Pompeli but in a few minutes, either by lundslides, or by the debris thrown up by the explosions, and hundreds of towns not touched by flood or fire, played off they were the "lisbon Earthquake" to the destruction of uncounted number of lives, these were the famous horror of the Arbbicann disanter, and when number of lives, these were the famous horror of the Arbbicann disastor, and when the news began to leak through the interest of the world was roused as it had not been

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When the most violent of the floods had geneed, when the work of the relief parties
and the others had ended, it became possible for the time to attempt a realization
of what had occured, and the far reaching effect of this drouded force of wars horrors.

The news came to protegners, bringing thankfulness, that almost by a mirable the
splendid oriegn she excursion ships in the Mic-Hollester ham fiver, barely missed
destruction in the terrible disaster. These ships had put into the northern river harbor of the city the day before, signs of danger were forseen, but only the evening before the explosions the ships left the harbors. It was considered for them a most miraculous escape, for if they had remained long enough to have participated in the terrific some all of these fortegn ships would have been destroyed.

There were about sixteen of these ships and there were over three thousand excursionests excurisonests abourd each ship. One of the most remarkable features of the whole diameter was the great topographical changes it made and threatened to make in the river vulley region of the great Calverinian state, of which gharring and his followers took notice of. In some places and extending for scores of miles the country side sank thirty feet deeper than usual, and the river bottom deepened to about as many feet. This can'lly explains why cable communications with the landscapes by river rest. This easily explains why cable communications with the landscapes by river and underground with the main land was out off, ome of the rivers became almost dangerous to navagitation to any ship or steamer. In places of the rivers where previously there were as many as fourty feet of water, there remained not enough water for a river schooner, while many known river islands had entirely disappeared. The region of the explosion area was altered to such an extent as to be beyond any means of identification to to what it former was. The changes in land levels and rivers were not confined to the immediate center of disaster, but extended as far south as grancis Atlanta. Vessels plying between these localities found it necess any to make long detours through branches if it wished to reach port.

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Abbieann as Starring noticed, where a considerable portion of a high sloping hill slid into the river. leaving a wide inlet in place of the former mountain estate of some well to do farmer. Vessels that endeavored at the few weeks of the disaster to approach Abbieann from the north vest reported it mossible to get nearer than

fifty miles to the scene of the catastrophe, and at that distance the wider stretches of the monsterous sea like expanse of the Mic-HellestervRun River was intensely and seriously perturbed as if from a submarine volcane, beiling and hissing continually.

The theory was well advanced that the river was draifing out somewhere after having been swelled to terrifically by the floods that recently poured into it from the deluge which swept so much of Abbieann ways, hether a flood had swellen this part of the river remained to be determined, but conditions cortainly seemed to point to such our occurance. In any event now the disasters at Abbieann and Adelsheid were regarded as warnings to the whole nation, and by the inhabitants of every city and town, in all other sections of the Culverinian Hell.

The eminent volcame scientists, studying volcanic eru tions all their lives, and who had investigated this, while other scientists backed out and would not come, held to the statement that the big craters were the results of tremendous outbursts of mining underground, and not volcanic oruptions. They went so far as to predict the possibilities of the same thing occuring again if the Abbieannian Governments did not take steps to drive landelinia out of calverinia by cladge hammer force.

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The news of these so called "eraptions" caused pages among at the innotance of southern, western and eastern as well as northern Calverlia, and other war torn States. As the cities of St Lucia, Deminica, Montserretia, guadeloupe, intiggua, Saba, Nevis, and Ste Kitts and Thomma, were also destroyed being near Abbiedna with a great loss of life among the inhabitants there was a great concern throughout Calverinia over the possibility of disasters striking them at eavy every other city and town, all of which were unguarded and as exposed as Abbiedna and Adelchied. Strangs and annual atmospheric conditions and annual actions on the part of all southwestward bound rivers were noticed from June the First to July, by the inhabitants of Calverinia outside of the disaster zone, and even as far back as that date it was feared that some terrible calamity was impending or had occured.

During the latter half of June many of the people of the other sections of calverining left the cities and towns to escape the possibilities of disasters of the

Same kind.

Not alone in the beauteaful country of Calverinia, and other sections of northern Angelinia, but in many other parts of southern Abbieannia, the explosions had been heard and the shocks of the concussions were felt. The concussions as gtarring recorded were were reported from the southern part of Abbieannia state tiself, but no destruct ion of twome or fatalities occured. The disturbances occuring about a few minutes later were much believed to be connected with the so called "eruptions near Abbieanni and Adalaheid.

Pendora, Abbi annia, at about One Fifteen, felt a series of unusual earthquake shocks, or over fifteen minutes, the earth trembled regularly, at secondary intervals but the concussions were not like actual earthquakes, as buildings chimmied without any one in the streats feeling any sensation from the ground wintever. Yet in towns and cities fashlonable hotels, and cathedrals and all other big buildings were visibly shaken and all loose household articles, and so forth did sturts that would either surprise the witnesses or cause them to be bent double with laughter. Every shock was proceeded, as Staring recorded by a strange low rumbling sound, not underground but some where in the air, like low booming thunder, followed lastly by afew sharper detonations from the direction of Abbieans. Pandora is five thousand square miles from

Many in Pendora aroused from their beds fr by the srange shocks and thundering, saw even from there as they said the glow in the sky from the forests fires far to the south and east. It remained there as long as night continued, and the sky overhead in the mir morning was so hazywith emoke that the sum only shone as a ball through it.

Starring felt that he and his company were to be marooned in abbigain for a long time. The forest fires partly surrounding it, greatly increased in its fury, and owing to the threatening aspect of the forest fires, work of exploring the city for a while was suspended. After his first explorations of the city, the forest fires though far in the distance increased considerably, and once in a while loud explosions were heard. By this time the smoke clouds from the conflagration greatly increased, and indeed the scene was if a whole country side of volcances were in the most violent eruption and were spouting forth fire and smoke. One of the conflagration though only thirt—thirty five miles away was burning so fisceely that flames shot into the air apparently clear across the camp campy of sky over head in Abbigann. The entire castern country side east of Abbigann was hidden from view of those on the boat by the ever increasing fog of smoke. The worse of the forest fire is sixty five miles from their over observation, and makes a beautiful and exciting sight at night. Some of Starrings followers are frightenes, and sai say they have never known before of such a forest fire horror as the present one. Others

forest fire is sixty five miles from their over observation, and makes a beautiful and exciting sight at night, gome of Starrings followers are frightenes, and sai say they have never known before of such a forest fire horror as the present one. Others with Starring are greatly interested in the scene, and are not generally alarmed.

As was expected by Starring, some river steamers from the southwest, brought to him of a flamking movement of the flames, and that a vast column of smoke and fire was seen during a full day and night in the vertible southwest, a nw new point indeed. The steamer captian who reported this startling news, sailed from Big nirl Knool July the twenty sixth, but owing to the heavy clouds of smoke which shut off his view of that section of the land, ho was unable to determined whether the fire was heading northwestward or northeastward. The captian also reported that he passed another large city that had been ruined by the horrible explosions of June the first. He said the town of riedly Junction had been buried nder a mass of wreckage thrown by the explosions, and probably half of its people had periohed in bed.

Shooks were felt of sufficient strength to keep the residents of the entire region in a state of terror, and little was done to repair the damage done by them. For weeks before a black pall of smoke hung across the eky from the eastern horizon, and the glare from the distant conflagration always illuminated the sky. Many of the inhabitants not in the flood zone fled their homes to places of sufty and these escaped frightful deaths. It was the state of the places of sufty and these escaped

It was impossible for any one to explore the ruins of that city. Starring had heard that many of the bodies found after the disaster were in life like politions as though death had come in an instant as indeed may have been the case. But the few bodies that gtarring did see were so burned as to make identification impossible, but he saw so other kind. Those of course taken from the ruins before the conflagration hit the city have been identified by the searching parties, which were under military control and were conducted under orders. No doubt immediately after the catastrophe the scenes in Adeleheid were heart ne heartrendingenurual parties workd worked day and night but it was impossible for the dead to be cared for as their friends had wished. Military rule was established before the conflagration in the town to prevent vandals from working, for such property as had not been destroyed must be protected. One of the great misfortunes arises from the fact that the storehouses of provisions had been swept out of existance, and already at calverine and Pandora big as those cities are food was exhausted for they were overrun by refugees from all parts of the country. And every days for months appeals contunied to come in for assistance while meantime the few provision stores are under close guard by the soldiers. Isowhere in the country there is no food, and it was a fact that hundreds of thousands were still starving.

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As Starring was looking on the Abbieann disaster as proofs of theories, which investigators have been long holding, and regarding the immensity of the cata strophe said to the Captian after pendering for a few minutes on the situation;

"It is incomprehensible to me that since the terrible war began, and disasters of a terrible kind has occured people will persist for months in continually taking their lives in their hands by taking for granted that the enemy cannot do such things any more, that the christian soldiery will prevent it and so on. They might as well make their homes in a volcanic crater, "ith lava be bubbling up and an eruption threatening. For months the memini have held that there is a certain ammount od danger especially in any part of the war zone extending from northern angelinia state, through Calverinia, and partway into Abyssinkile. The Abbleann flood disaster has extende extended from Bengall state, and County, from around Abbieunn, and Nellie Calverine, and the country side of Central Calverinia, in oblong form to Northern Angelinia, and thence art way into the state of Angeline , ine, and finally connecting with and along the Angelinian Boundary line, and going tward Vivian Wickey, where the floods even passed far beyond. In that locality the flood branches off, also up through Delights Junction, and pushes through Lake Selicia, through the southwestern Mic-Hollester Run Valley. It has been shown conclusively that all this section was flood stricken and frightfully devastated. Half of the number of towns even now are still partly or entirely submerged There is usually or little or no hope for the recovery of many of the amaller villiages. This means too that no warning had been given of either the results of the explosion or the flood. I cannot understand why people will not be awakened by

"The effects is too clear." Said the Captian. And the area affected is now much larger than known at first. If other icities have not suffered severely there is reason to fear that their turn will come, nor is it by any means certain that corresponding war disasters have not occured elsewhere without our knowledge or may soon followed throughout Angellnia, or parts of Abbieannia. In the presence of such war made forces it may seem we are just now helpless and we can only prepare to relieve the sufferers as speedily as poss possible, and pray to God to aid us in finding out the right cause of the catastrophes ad and and find remi remendies to avert them if they are caused by the enemy. If they are natural disturbances as at first feared then nothing can be done and we must be resigned. But even now such steps as may be possible in looking to the relief of the sufferers of the disaster still continues, and representives are again and again being sent in every locality possible for the purpose of gathering exact information regarding the fate of friends and relatives living elsewhere.

Ever since the disaster unspeakable horror anh anguish and desperation has resulted from the inability to obtain news from any part of the disaster region because all communications are severed with the whole nation. Without hope that the number of victims has been over estimated, there is is ever the feeling that the apparently impossible has happened. The suspense had resulted in the prostration of countless worse women and men whose relatives are believed to have perished either from the shocks of the explosions or the flood. It seems that it was impossible for any to have escaped from the places more nearer the blasts as they were all caught asleep. Neither do they understand how the big city of Abbieann could be so totally destroyed while other places as near escaped only partially damaged. For all of the people it is atterly hard to rob themselves of the only hope that is left them. Still it is useless for them to take to themselves what reason teaches may be a delusion. If Abbicann has been totally destroyed, as has been di desdescribed by the dispatches, then there remains nothing to hope for All of the other cities around and near Abbieann must have been destroyed by theceame blasts, that wiped out the main city of Abbleann. Adeleheidi lies closest to the explosion that tore down Abbleann, and she too was wiped out. It has been impossible for any one throughout our country to fully realize the most terrible calamity that has befallen Calverinia. Ij In those cities and towns destroyed by the wholesale disaster many are dead, who had friends and relatives in safer districts. Therefore every body could worry. I know of two friends

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who left their parents in Adeleheidi. The parents were nevertheard from At first most of the population 508 g escool they were all stunned, too stunned to act, but now the h whole nation knows the full extent of the loss, and have been doing what they could to lessen the effects of the blow. There are about fourty five families in Angelinia Agathia who came f from Abbieann. All are fairly well to do. Their relatives remained b hind. Steps have been taken to give such aid to these suddened ones us can be possible. I sir want to correct the impression that prevails here that warning was given by the disaster coming by volcanic disturbances of Mt Calverine. We had letters from many friends who are now dead that no such a thing as a disaster was impending. In none of the letters is mention made of a threatened activity of any volcances in any vinicity, and Mt Calverine was quiet. The volcano is always giving warning and if it threatened to erupt the people would have recognized their danger had the volcano given such warnings as I have seen asserted in some wild news. Yet for a time all accounts g agree that clouds of smoke from Mt Calverine filled the air five or six days bedore the disaster. This disaster at Abbieann because of its size, and of the unusual flood resulting from it brought the whole world to pay it instant attention when the news spread broadcast. It indeed was a disaster so appalling, and so ernormous in magnitude that it can be destined to be remembered by the world forever. and may have appalled the very beings of heaven.

When the war was young there were notable warnings given by the enemy, that they could start surprising disasters. As the war progressed, the vigor of the horror and conflicts, and all kinds of war disturbances increased, the noise of the war and battles became more and more violent, some battles were audible ten miles distant,, even t e twenty and thiery miles distant, and still battles raged fiercer and waxed louder. and the great thunders of the battles of medernine and Evangeline St clairs astonished the inhabitants that dwelt over an area for a hundred miles from the scene. And the forest fires have for months caused this pall of darkness that continually hang over the skies. Now has occured this supposed frightful convulc convulsion, which tore away a large part of the country, destroyed Abbi ann and otherwrities, and started an ernormous flood. In this this final effort all records of explosions ever known to man, even of volcances have been completely broken.

The noise was plainly heard at Calverine, two hundred and fifty miles away. where weaker houses crashed, windows all went out of every building, houses of all kinds trembled, and the windows rattled as if heavy artillery was being discharged in the streets of the city. It certainly startled the inhabitants of Angelinia Agathia, and shook a number of the buildings there to ruin. The ears of dwellers in the neighboring states recieved a considerable shock. The sonorous waves rolled over the two coasts of Calverinia, the they were heard and feltbon the shores of Angelinia. Angeline wine was not too far south, nor was Abyssinkile too far northward.

Evidence of the great explosion were seen in the country and elsewhere, the air waves spreading all over the world. It also taught lessons that the enemy can do this and worse. Before the occurance no one had the slightest a idea that such a catastrophe could occur. And because of forest fires, the newspapers in Abbieannia and her other states were full of accounts of strange appearance in the heavens probably produced by the smoke. These came from Mic-Hollester in Abbieannia, Concentinia, southern Angelinia, Domdobia Tripodgonlia and other places. All had the same tale to tell. All thesec these phenomena were due to the smoke of forest fires.

There was strange glories of the ordinary sunsets which was enchanced by the splendor which has dwelt in the memory of all those who might have been permitted to see it. while calverinia lay in twe twilight darkness for months. The smoke of the awful firs produced this.

combantilable substance was destroyed.... I was told that even bodies of animals such as horsen, mules and the like full of mi moisture glowed for a while and then remained charred and melencholy wrocks. Every other combastible thing beined to ashes. Therefore for all this time since the horror broke out bodies of all victims is amid the heave of once smouldering ruins. That was all. That Abbleann and the strips of river country north and northwest were devastated in an instant, was due even the to even the first outbreak of the explosions, though the direction of the winds, and the forest lines raging where the explosions occured had quite a good deal to do with it all. In on way therefore it is probably sure how one can understand, the extreme sustern part of Abbleann, where the other people were also in bed, escaped annihilation though it too must have suffered, pocks and dust and all kinds of ground debris and and water fell upon that section, do b do no doubt g doing a rest deal of harm but, did not destroy it, for it was too far off from the main blasts. Il the windows went out, from the concussion and only the tallest buildings were thrown down. For many days after this most awful of blasts, floods occured that were never heurd of before. Tet I heard that the erupted matericals thrown by the series of terrific explosions, filled the ravines, and was hursed down upon river courses, also doing great destruction later man right-out in even a few seconds.... where the floods had not touched all

the ravines, and was hurled down upon river courses, also doing great destruction the ravines, and was natised over the ravines and some chance at least to escape.

Oreat crowness produced by the awful concusion opened in the hills. They said
the earth undulated like waves. Pivers were thrown out of their courses by the land of
land levels caused by the blasts. In some places they submerged the land and formed lukes or added to the flood. Constant rumblings after the explosions, and terrific five and other horrid storms made the surroundings of territe that many w persons were said to have actually died of fright."

"That seems stranger yet." said the Scientist. "I am almost believed or forced to believe that volcanism had something to do with it." I cannot quality to save my life "Evidence so far seems that" admitted starring. "I cannot quality to save my life over a plotting could be so ernormous, and if so what caused it. Those who believe the disaster was caused by explosions believe the forest fires exploded ernormous. munition galleries placed to hide the muntion stores from the enemy. Tet the many Abbiesnn ian and other news papers printed just the w few weeks after the great calamity, and Iam and other news papers printed just the w few weeks after the great calamity, and recieved in other parts of the country a month after the catastrophe, had served to rive a graphic picture of the situation in calverinia as it was after the horror before the outer world knew anything of the dangerous occurence. o many in our country and the thousands upon thousands of letters written and mailed tomoor correspondents after after those fatal days, and the printings in magazines and all other books and so forth wo ow the clear idea of what had been going on. I read the papers of the Pandora Times two weeks after the disaster, and it had this story on Jume the 5th of the days of flood hereor proceeding the destruction of Abbieum by the crushing explosions; Therefore, and the answers of the disaster, and the answers floods, and fires "Because of the repeated news of the disaster, and the ensueing floods, and fires ruging, the whole of western and norther n calverinia, and the whole of abbisantia in reneral is showing signs of the greatest unsaginess. Calverinia is desoluted. It is blumed on landelinia whether however the disasters were of natural occurances

is to be investigated."

While they were thus talking, dense volumes of smoke appeared in the straight north and new flames could be seen the strange rumpling noises, gome of grarings followers were thrown into great consternation by these sights, and the strange sounds, and were thrown into great consternation by these sights, and the strange sounds, and especially again by the darkening of the day by volumes of thicker smoke. There was an exodus from all over the district. The starring whenever the smoke which is issued as if in a fog, and all the newer country side was we wrapped in the smoke which is issued from the configration. The greatest anxiety prevailed among the explorers, and they all were tempted to abandon the city altogether. The control was morning was passed thanks however to a sudden springing up of a westerly wind, and the situation appeared better at ten thiry thirty oclock, but as the presses died away at about moon, the fog began to come back again, and the whole ruins of the city presented a most dismal spect acusing Starring much alarm, and he wondered whether he should retreat from the city or remain through the night as he had planned.

Tward evening however although everything was not quite ise good the aspect was decidedly encouraging, the wind again freehened, and less excitement was visible among Starrings followers.

About seven colock one of the correspondents came back and reported that at noon that day a stream of fire had suddenly rushed up the southwestern slope of a ridge west of Abbieum north, and following the course of the River Esther, overwho med everything and boru burned overything in its path. Estates and buildings were destroyed by this fiery wave, which according to this reporter appeared to rise in seething flames to a height of the sloping mountains themselves. when the conflag in sections it mees to a neight of the stoping mountains themselves, when the conflags at the stoping mountains themselves, which is the stoping and had passed on it was found that the town of Bernies five mises from the ridge, and four fourty eight straight north e west of Abricann was wiped out by fire. The burning conflagration had only taken thirty with the first percieved it to reach this town, fifteen miles five minutes from the start. Along the left of the conflagration however a remarkable phenomenous from the start. Along the left of the conflagration however a remarkable phenomenous occured before the charges of wind. The sea of fire, was checked all along the front of its left wing for a system of three miles, but retransed its programs in smother occured before the changes of wind. The sea of fire, was checked all along the front of its left wing for a extent of three miles, but retraced its progress in another direction, and reached two other towns, creating a general panci panic, and the people there had made for the ravines was open spaces and for lakes for safty. Though the conflagration changed course again, without great damage done to the main forests in these localities, the panic continued intensified by terrible detonations from somewhere, accompanied by dense emissions of smoke and lurid flashescof flame, and starring wondered what it could make starring wondered what it could mean.

starring wondered what it could mean.
"I'm going there to see" said Starring."
"No, no, no not now don't " said the opprespondent. "It is too dangerous."
"No, no, no not now don't " said the opprespondent. The was at the runge enough
But Starring would not be daunted and in two hours he was at the runge enough
to witness the whole scene. It might have been awful in daylight when the reporter saw
to witness the whole scene. It might have been awful in daylight when the reporter saw
to those same of the flames Starring saw on hill slopes near lakes and streams hundreds
in the glare of the flames Starring saw on hill slopes near lakes and streams hundreds
the control control of the same of the sa of people, carrying children, running northward or straight westward, walling and acreming, and running aimlessly up and about the slopes. Starring believed among these refugees the mental strain was becoming unendureable, and he wished he could help them but by his own side, the way was unapproachable. . He at first decided to

nont a wireless telegram to Pandora and near by places imploring that atcumers be chartered to bring away the terrified people from this region, but an there could be no means of boats coming here those who had agree to accompanied him, suggested to have the reference brought to north Abbleann where they would be sheltered for the time being. Btarring however feared the city itself was in danger, and not then wishing to give many details of events immediately following the diseater, he decided to try this if it was possible to get to them. The whole ruined city as far as possible was lit up by the flames from this new paer part of the conflagration, everything covered with smoke and he said to the head scientist.

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"My corn calimates astonishes me, and yet we all have to await the event tranquility.

So far their only suffering is from the heat and smoke that penetrates everywhere, but

"My concluder must be calm. Some of your own followers are not a bit anxious. You alone
seem trightered, it we secure them there will be a numerous company to be refuged in
those rules. Will they escape or will they not? Can we reach them, satily and bring them
here! It will be that God alone wills. We will have our last thoughts on the support. The Scientist whose name was Paul murner reshot off to orey.

of logor the wind the art sire to tent the was printed which the part of the control of the towns the control of the control of the control of the towns the control of the control o at first would not obey his commands. The scene before him indica ted impending disaster and the whole region presented an aspect unknown to the scientists. The region was a terrific inform, a real hell on earth. Robert Camp hailoed out to them;

terrific interno, a real hell on earth. Pobert Camp halloed out to them;
"Now your people, the ruins of northern Abbiemen is your only refuge. pollow me and
my company and we, il get you out of the this, in a hurry."

For a time they did noteems to heed him, and the air being pressing, pobert Camp
begun to grow nerviews, but finally they harkened to him and he brought at lemast the
cost of them into the city.

In the meantime all of Starvings intentions of making an expedition for Pastern
Abbiecan had been preposed, as a starving intentions of making an expedition for pastern
and the billates and forcet like plains there were many large and itminuous sections, end
commatimes there accured a terrible section of air which seemed to try and drag him and
his followers irrestibly twend the danger zone in spite of all their resistance,
symmtimes terrific sheets of flows, could be seen sweeping up, and then to disappear
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by the dense volumes of smore, and the entire country adds around Abbicann was being

In the clords of smoke. The following morning there was still complete darkness, caused by the dense volumes of smoke, and the entire country side around Abelenan was being turned into a chaotic waste. All the trees of the forests were coing, with the approach of light however, he saw that the outlines of the caction of the city he new was in importectly remained. Indeed the streng tends of deorie, was such that the ourse of streets could not be followed. Yetbin Yet in spite of the horrible surroundings, and the universal wave of fire that threatened what remained of the city, tarring decided to examine the content of the remaining houses if there were any. As soon so it was possible, he first in coming across some of them examined the bodies of some of the victims burned to a crisp. Ethrain along the river shore others of his followers would watch for an opening, then land end start their own explorations, so Starring surripe he exactly come across the tower and clock, which has stopped at the exact hour of the disaster.

The clock had stopped at exactly one minutes after one. Starring said to one of the ment.

"It is now known by this that at one minute, there is y this hoge and beautiful city smiling in the late earling night, that in another it was a sea of crashing rimbling run and a mass of swiring figures and waters, with every soul of the eight million writhing in the throse of douth. The evening before no doubt all its church balls were ringing joyful chimes in the cars of Abblesanius twenty million people, the Che wait of nightly breezes flower expensions a horrible requiem for eight million dead...

Che wait of nightly breezes flower expensions a partie and dones, over facades suches and rects, and engles and through the streets of a populous and light hearted city, the L next swept a lone mang of either white hot ruins or upon a sea of water city, the Linext empt a lone mane of either white hot ruins or upon a sea or water there the city had atood. The sun trying to shine through a smoke haze, first glistened one moment on sparkling fountains, on elevated railroads, green parks, and beautiful forcets, its next dim type chose on graing metal, blistered flows wrecked sw squares and tremendous forcet first, and avril floods.

One day the and the city was all light and color, all gayety and grave, the next its ruins locked as though they had been crusted over with a hundred centuries of solitice and allence."

on indeed Anotecn is a yest charmed house. Its surviving portions skirting on the southwestern end for nearly three or four leagues the rotton dirty wreckage strewn waters of what still remains of the fleed, and of Lake Angeline too, its smoking rules had become the smoking and dreadful funeral tyre of no one knows how many, not one who lived long snowsh to tell a story that will stand prime arrive, unfortened as that of other dreadful out mittee. Abolesann was as dead as formed it tells out the flood lay fathoms deep in a tomb made in the twink line of an eye by the collaspe of their homes, and sealed forever under tons of explosion thrown wrackage, m.d., availables of sand rock dirt, and a harricane of all other debris.

And near the entombod city, the forest fires as from a world of volumoes poured its ctinking smokes in long walls of curling wreaths and funtastic rolls, that mounted thousands of feet aloft. uch was the disaster onlich burst upon the hapless people of pengal state, while almost at the same moment a sister State, Angelinia, was suffering from a kindred fate. These two states underwent the chock of natures assault and sank in grid before a begree retials a world.

in grief before a horror stricken world.

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Look at this once word re-clad hillside about fourty miles yonder, in the shade of whose sheltering trees, people had built even their summer resorts, or found their innocent pleasures Now this shadowing hill looks like a fiery vent, and the whole world seems aflame. If we do not succeed in our work, what will Clandelinia do next, for I KNOWnhe is responsible."

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"It is hard to tell" said one of the scientists. "Since the war started Calycrinia is no strangers to destructive effects of the contest. Many other cities are threatened with destruction. A part of Calyerine was practically destroyed over two years ago by a great hur icame of fire that swept whole blocks away. If we do not succeed why not beg help of God on bended knees."

This they did.

This they did.

"DOESA any one know for positive what time the explosions really occured.fffff""

aked one of the scientist,

"Ucculd not tell for sure." declared starring. "I know I was not there at that dreadful time. But Ameline, these told me, too bud she is not with me just now, having left
her on the beat that at about two minutes after one the explosives bunds their bounds
and bors the terrible destruction to the ill fated city, she told me the first ten
minutes of the shocks were not hardly bud at all, only tumbling down the highest build
sections of the city was completely reduced into a hear of ruin, all that section
being leveled to the ground, while the extreme sastern section u further seath, on
the shore of lake angeline, sauk into the very lake, with a deatriction of they, on
million people who were literally drowned in thi their beds. In the thore witnesses and that
in the northern section within even a few seconds four million there were killed either
in the wreak of the houses or singed by clouds of flume, and the ruins and streats of
northern Abbleson were heaped with dead bodies, soon to be inconented in the coni
conflagrations that were to follow, within ten minutes the northern section of the
burning forests by the explosions, though for many hours the influench a portions of burning forests by the explosions, though for many hours the influence nortions of the city continued to burn untill all was consumed that gould be while litter the lower sections in the west and south west was overwhelmed in the ernormous flood that resulted four hours afterwards...

That part of the city was no more. The dikes of Lake inselline was invoiced by the concussion, and the openings let loose a discharge or widers, which rolled we not the city angul line everything before it. This city as we see here was desired, not by forest fires, and not by showers of red hot rocks and java as many believed, but by the concussions of d explosions, and by one all consuming plant of suffacuting, heat and clouds of flame hurled from forest fires upon the northern end by the explosions.

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Death, came to the inhabitants instantly even before they could get out of their beds, and it was not a matter of hours or minutes. It was a matter of seconds, and they did not even burn to death. The buildings crashed into sudden ruin while they were anleep, and those who did have a change to awaken and leap not of their beds, died by breathing flame, and their bodies were buried under wreckage or burned afterwards. It is not merely true that no person who did escape from their beds us the houses begun to crash anish into ruin lived long appush to either asgree the buildings gut into the streets, or lived long enough to steps there ascape in any kind, and those who may have succeeded in escaping into the streets perioned there. This fact air will go on record as the most actualing of all estaets perioned there. This fact eit will go on record as the most actualing of all estaets perioned there. This fact the feeling of a man lost on a dead world like the moon-the con. "The manner of the annihilation of this immense city or at least three quarters of it is more unique in the history of all worlds great disasters then any catastrophe known. What I wish to know why it is that the date measure section which we have not gone to yet has

in the history of all worlds great disasters than any actastrophe known, what I wish to know why it is that the satreme eastern section which we have not gone to yet has been said to extirely e escape. I don't believe it. Pompeli, and Linbon, and sarthquake horrors of other cities has no parallel, and cities not destroyed by floods or blasts are viped out by the demoniac Red Plague, and other cities are buried. But where the extreme southeastern part of Abbieann once stood, Lake Angeline covers now. That part of the city has gone out of sight forever. The half dead yielms brought says by boats from 111 fated shipping in the harbor of the city, talked of a hartigape of flame that had come non them, bud it is my opi opinion that the northern part of Abbieann almost recieved a visitation something like t at Pierre on Martinquie but of a hundred times

greater volume.

I can't understand this general, and it seems a dreadful miragle for a dissater of this time. The phrases of witnesses and though who escapee escaped with their lives was no figure of speech, but a literal statement of what had necessary the wholes to be lying in the streets, or rather on the ground where streets once were, for refore they arrived it was impossible in all places to trace the line between streets and building sites, they were surprised to see nothing of Abbieum, but togs of smoke, large stretches or swiftly moving waters, and forest lires in the east. The only place them that could be approached was northeastern Abbieum and worthern parts too which were on too high an elsystion to be reached by the torrents. Heavy of the victims were killed so suddenly that the expressions on their faces did not die by burning, though to the lines of agony or of fear. That surely proves they did not die by burning, though greater volume. were killed so suddenly that the expressions on their fuces did not have time to change to the lines of agony or of fear. That surely proves they did not die by burning, though scores of thousands of the bodies had been found charred, and half consumed, and they sure were not sufficiently for suffocition is slow and miserable. It can only mean that they were killed in the wreckage of their homes while saleep, or those who did scrape out into the stream means for them that the bath of burning fumes into which the northern parts of the city was plunged affected the victims like a terribly virulent posion when the first whiff of the heatened fire gases entered their lungs...

"Your statement seems strupse" said Starring."I have you see the that that wo the victims were found and at the vine in the streets who had died, with their hands to their noses and mouths. Yet it might be probable that that one motion of the arm was probably the only one that they made pefore death took them. Others were found who had fallen on their faces, and died with their noises noges and dies pressed into the

noses and ips pressed into the outoith.

There was even no time for any one to rum, perhaps they did not have a single moments time to even any our, or to even breathe a prayer. It was as if northern Abbleaun had been just dipped into hell and then set out to cool. Despite the ravaging explosions, and resultant floods the for a forest fire in the east went burning on ... but that no longer made any difference... In the three quarters of the western section of the city all

and the heat and smoke was reduced sufficiently to encourage a second and closer examination of the neurest explosion crater itself, or the area immediately surrounding it. Even after a few days of apparent retreating, another change in the direction direction of the wind might follow, so that an approach to the crater surrounded by andangered woods was attended with the watmost pril peril. Nevertheless Starring accompanied this time by only two daring scientists risked their lives to visit the place of greatest interest, and greatest horror to Abbiesam. It was about fourty miles from Abbiesam a little east by north, and going on horseback it took about nearly a day to get there. But he reached there and locked down into the huge crater. Here he spent three hours taking some observations of the wreckage of ground and stone all around it. He never saw a volcanic crater as big as this one. The opening of the cruter itself wan is a wast quir queerly shaped hole about five thousand yards wide, and nearly twice as long. This time there was nothing exciting to happen except that once in a while when a little brease sprang p smoke came down from some of the fires as to threaten his vison and make it hard for breathing, one particularly thick cloud away by no that he could not see his hand before his face. This finally caused him again to give up his study and observations, but he learned as he had suspected that this was no volcanic crater, it had no such formation, the debris was only of ground and abone, and no lavas of any kind. He also made the important discovery that about twelve miles northwest, was the crater he had examined first, and though smaller was nonenly of the same formation, and that the blast had hurled the same debris, and also of a nw phenomenon. Materials seen in caverus was scattered over the ground.

My also had been thrown up in high coordines, and the sends of a quick sand bog had been accettered over the territtry territory.

Sharring however waited within the smoke would be dispersed, and then again stood on the edge of the crater, and looked down on the appearance of and then again stood on the edge of the crater, and looked down on the appearance of and looked by a black bottomless chaem or crevises with perpondicular waits disappearing into the darkness below. They could not see bottom and wondered if it went down into a cavern or one of the explosion galleries. A part of the chaem opened out tward Abbieann but the ennounce column of smoke cut off the view in that direction. There were hundreds of large cracks in the pround all about then each about a foot or sometimes three feet wide. There were crusts of mulbogs all about, but they saw no debris that would tell of a volcamic cruption. The whole cast field of debris consisted of dirt, mud, hule piles of gigantic rook fragments and every footstep dislodged mud and stones, and their footing was most inxecure. Insecure. There were also clouds of sulphurlous smoke, though which the wind tore at intervals. The scene was the most terrifying of all, and gave an idea to Btarring of the force of one of the explosions. And yet he knew he had not seen the craters of the most violent of the explosions.

The trip to this crater was ever a long and rough passage, covered with all kinds of debris, tangled fore forests, and even bogs. Even in the forests were were there were hundreds of small holes and cracks all about the travelers and they had to step or k jump over many of them. And as they proceeded there were terrifying gorges full of hot burned forest debris on each side of them. Alls they proceeded there were terrifying gorges full of hot burned forest debris on each side of them. Alls they remained a few days near the explosion crater, they went to what was left of Velto Plantation, ten miles away and their position there too was dangerous. They followed an old surviving road to the point where the forest fire tornado had swept across it, and from there they followed down the track of the tornado.

The spectacle was tryely appalling here. There were number ease sucking tree tranks on every side, and the bround debris was still here in many places. Il around were masses of yellow mud colored smoke, Starring knew now that this was a part of the the passage of the forest fire horror. Fe far away he heard many fearful detonations and saw hage columns of black so smoke, alive with all kinds of flashes rise into the the air to the heigh of a mile and three quarters. Starring soon abandoned the region for fear of he or his followers becoming overcome by the heat, and on the return had a wonderful view into the awful smoking granier valley, which though only amouldering now wan like a tromendous seething gorge of awful volcanic activity. They tried to take a good look at this valley but it was lake looking down into a white hot smoking furnace, and they noarly lost each other in the dende smoke clouds, nowever they planted a record stake at the highest point they reached hear the edge of this valley on which they inor inscribed their names. Later Starring first returned to the northern subburb of the fragment of Abbleaun, and later in the evening some of the scientists came back from their splendid trip to reach the rim of the explosion crater. One of them said he and his companions had been enveloped in smoke clouds, and that they therefore by the heat, and enother by the smoke, and the others became exhausted and suffered immonsely from thirst. They had not reached the crater. On them was almost prostated to mean the return of black and white smoke rose from the forest to a height estimated at twenty miles in big puffs and immense rolls, finally spreading rapidly into a big mushroom shaped cloud, which under all the others became exhausted and suffered at twenty miles and fourty miles. It was fourty miles away, and seemed as near as five

The new spectacle indeed was most impressive, and the region was now shrouded in intense gloom, like that which posselly accompanies a total solispe of the sun. The cause of such a spread and increase of the forest fired was imexplicable. Thus it was that the efforts of starring so far, because of the continued threat of danger, seemed to offer no promish of success or conclusion...

"A thrail of the blackest despair is cast over this whole unhappy country" said starring. This whole region of Chiverinia is one whole vast tomb. Of Abbievanias best people millions are slain, and the Angel of Death int enticed by "Lundelinia has spread his pall over this section of calverinia, a flery sea is smithing her forests and the entire countryside is falling like stubble before the sweep of flame. Scores of big and beautiful cities are deed. A land is desolate, A world is grief stricken and angry. And I cannot yet make a single discovery. For the love of make what was the cause of the awful power of evil that robbed of life over fifty mill on people in this great disaster, in cities, and neighboring towns and villiages by explosion fire and flood.

Calverinia and the whole, of Abbieannia. It cannot however be proved as yet whe her whether the fires had been responsible for the great explosion disaster us many said, nowe however near east of Abbieann the horizon line had been wearing its strange smake cap for weeks before the great horror came, but there was nothing untill the last of hay to indicate that there was even the slightest danger. On that day a stream of fire burst from the slopes of some distant hills—and roared up the valley overwhelming towns and hamlets. A commission was appointed by the governer to investigate the outbreak, and it returned a reasona reasonable report on the afternoon of the 29th of May. But yet no one prooves that the explosions came from the fire sweeping over anything explosive. Of source many ere eye withnesses did report that they awe a cloud of fire rushing down on Adeleheidi and across the Arronburgs hum, striking the town of Ilall which had a population of seven thousand, and thence to Palos which had a population of 10,000 burning everything it in its pah path. But the explosions occured far from the fires.

Throughout the next day however for starring, the heat in the vinicity of the city of Adeleheid which he now was approaching was so intense, and the distant flames so carremitting that it was impossible vto approach the town during the early part of the day. As evening approach starring, and members of his men after a heroic battle with the heat, suffocation and smoke fumes, succeeded in making a dash for the town nearing the land close enough to enable him to see that the town was wiped out by fire and no one was there. Ade lehe id i now was an absolute smoking wasts, all the ruins being consumed. The surviving inhabitants of this city had been panic stricken, the morning the forest fire came up, when the sky suddenly blackened at first, and it became as dark as a thunderstorms approach. The people had been recued by river boats, and taken off just as the fire came up, and yet the rescuers seemed almost surrounded by raging fires as they worked, they were nearly roasted to death in their efforts, and expected momentarily to be engulfed before they saved all. The scene before starring was that the seas of flames still continued to pour up the sides of the distant hills,, slowly engulfing the whole north side within his view, while fresh and new fires were starting elsewhere....

What really had starring worried, was that though even now this is August, and it has been nearly three months sin on the disaster occured, no full word had reached the me main ational Headquarters, or Emperor Vivian regarding full conditions in the unful disaster zone. Even in many places underground cable communications had been interrupted and that accounts for the fact that maperor Vivian has not even heard from his brother, or any news whatever of the progress of the war and out the battles were turning out... Therefore the situation throughout the nation was astounding.

That the whole region through which _tarring was now traveling down the river had or was falling a victim to the direful visitation of forest fires, that desolated so much country was evidenced by his i night seeing tour. Ernormous columns of smoke rose majestically many miles high and expanded into wonderful shapes, resembling e emormous cauliflowers, gigantic wheels, and beautiful flower forms, all stronked lower down with with vivid flashes of fire, aweing the beholder, and im ressing the mind with fear noises that made starring suspect blasting by ran rangers grew louder continually, and the thunderous noises were heard a long distance. A toud explosion from somewhere occured, and a great cloud ascended, and bust apart..It seemed cas if the conflagration labored to burn the country up in no time, and greater noise following united in one continuous roar, all that time accompanied now with fog, and darkness, creating a feeling of fear and ans anxious suspense. He came to z a spot where the ejection of explosion debris covered the ground in some places two feet deep. The force of the explosion destroyed several districta in this region. All the people had fied, the smaller streams were dried up, and there was no one around to talk to or que question. Great physicalchanges have taken place in the neighborhood of Adeleheidi. Several districts have not yet been heard from, and the scene of the nearest explosion area was still unapproachable. Starring knew the situation here, and how every hour had brought sadder and sadder news, and how doctors and nurses had been overworked. Even now the public mind ras still unsettled fearing further disaster. Among the deaths in deleheld were many whole families. Starring heard that when the first relief parties ventured into the streets of deleheidi they found many corspes still lying unburied. The dead w r were to be interred in trenches. After the crash it was not expected even here that any survivors would be found, and hardly there had been no disappintment of the mournful reports that had been given out. All the earlier stories of the greatness of the disaster w r worked by the explosions have been verified. Not a building remained standing, and much of the ruins were consumed by fire. wen along the way from Adel wheidi during the slow trip the desolation baffles all description. go far piles of dend in the vinicity of big churches and Cathedrals told a likely story of the attempt to find safty and refugevin the great structures of worship. Men women and children panic stricken at the first crack of the cataclysm rushed from their falling houses and turned in their moment of depair even for open spaces and were overcome before they could even reach the streets. Bo far Starrings search among the ruins had been hindered by the fires that were still raging, and he for a time had been in great danger. In this city eve y form of life had been destroyed.

through a forest fire, and rescued eighteen fire refugees saved from a burning vessel. .The captian attempted to force his bay down further but was compelled to give up the attempt owing to the ints intensechear and smoke which n hing over the scene in a dense cloud. He did get close enough to see that the fire was branching off here. Numerous half burned bodies were observed by the river shored by gtarring, but nos were picked

Nothing new concerning the original disaster has even nowcyet been learned because of all the communications that were and still were desteoyed and not repaired. It is known that twenty eight b vessels were in the harbo o harbor of little Heldi h when destruction descended upon that city. These included fourteen for ign vessels. All were destroyed simuntaneously being swift swept by the "great explosion horror and the cloud of flamk dflaming nowder smoke and sank at anchor. One ship would have escaped had the explosion come only a few minutes later. The ships anchor had been lifted. and the engine ulready was going when the vessel was overwhelmed. The waters of the very flood resulted was transerred or transformed into a steaming cauldron by the heat of the forest fires into which the sailors sprang crazed by their sufferings. All on board the ships were said to have lost their lives......

From St John have been recieved meagre reports of the disaster in that thty city. First varning of dangerous forests fires had been give on May the Io Ioth. All that day disaster seemed to fill the air. Because of the smoke of the fires the skies were heavily overcast for two months deep strange thunder at a distance was almost incessent, while at night the region was lighted up by the red glare of the conflagration. From the fires came mutterings that sent panic to the hearts of all the inhabitants of that city. Wrarer Nearer came the conflagration and the smoke rose in hige columns and rolled up walls, and darkness and smoke fog prevaded the air... Two days after it was as dark as midnight.

The towns of sichmondi and parklin Grove were destroyed. St john seemed to be threatened and fear was mon all, the The fires did not cease to threaten the town of St .ohn untill near the end of May. The smoke continued to shroud the cityband the people had to keep wet cloths about their mouths, and the heat had been almost unbearable. platinct reports like those of great cannons were continually heard from the direction of the forest fires. The sky continued to lower, untill darkness was absolute absolute. The heat and smoke fog made it almost impossible to live out in the open. Then came the distant crash of horror and St john seemed to have fallen into the earth. No one survivorssurvived.

Starring soon reached the hilly portion of the region where he could see with the help of his classes were still covered with refugees, to the number of many thousands, who were being taken care of gradually. Some were preparing to move away for fear the fires would come there also. Starring learned provisions were being conveyed to them daily.. Of many persons rescued from the fires the mahority were fearfully burned, and a hundred had died on their way to the hospital. The captian in looking on the scene said to gtarring who was standing alongeide-

"We have believed from the information recieved here from the region of Abbieann that the disaster has surpassed all that imagination can ever concieve. All the country is laid to waste us you see with your own syes, when we reach Abbieann we can look about a bit and see if we can find traces of the city."

Statt starring soon reached the city of St John, and conducted a conducted a search there. He came back reporting to the captian that the town was a heap of charred ruins, under which the victims may still lie buried. Starring was able to take some of the evidence on the sto ship but he could not proceed far inside the cit city on account of the stench of dead bodies. The forest fires near by still had a threatening aspect, for flashes of flame frequently were observed through the distant smoke clouds, and he was afraid to proceed much further. Here Starring learned from some dispatches that the Mayor of this city, and his whole family were dead. The citys post office was burned to ashes, and there was no trace of the citys banks. nd the .And the waves of fire were still reported to be moving nortward. Th y They extended now even to La Calso. As the ship proceeded on, they encountered five small boats loaded with refugees from El Torrio, who came up within eight and were in a pitable condition. They reported that seven other boats left the region of a fire at the same time but it is not known what had become of them . They reported that many persons were drowned while crossing the Mic-Hollester Rum from the path of the fires, where some of the towns were overwhelmed. The fires continued, and was progressing northward, and the whole region was being a waste of desolation being denuded of vegetation. These also told the captian and starring that over two hundred deathe had occured owing to the numbers trapped in the fire. Definite news however was lacking. Yet many osatestates were destroyed, and the fire was visible for a long distunce, and huge smoke clouds were blown westward. Great districe prevailed throughout the country, and at St Album where there were many injured persons. It was believed that about from five to six hundred persons had lost their lives at rittle St wincent. This number was greatly increased afterwards. The majority of the corpses were will still umburied. Therefore great tension prevailed everywhere throughout elverima.

STARRING FINDS THAT WICKEY LAUSIN HIS FIRST STOP HEAREST THE EXPLOSION SCENE, HAD BEEDLA HEAP OF SMOKING RUINS.. HE HEARS HOW THE STREETS WERE FILLED WITH CHARRED BODIES LARGE PORTIONS OF THE CITY WAS ENGULFED WITH FLOOD WATERS. HE SEES THAT THE CITY OF ST VINCENT DE PAIL WAS ALSO DEVASTATED..... STILL STRIVING FOR HELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS.

The outbreak of so many disasters in the state of Calverinia, and other places, had been as gtarring knew preceded by strange and sudden earthquakes particualrly o in the southern part of calverinia, for a period of many months or nearly a year before the great abbisann horror... Yet for weeks and months before this in all parts of southern and southeastern Calverinia record breaking forest fires had been raging throwing up dense clouds of smoke of over a surface of land for hundreds of miles followed at night by flames that lighted the sky and could bee seen at a distance of three hundred miles.. This was succeeded by windstorms of poculiar type hot and strong, which covered the desky over nearly the whole country as thick as with thunder clouds with ke smoke and shut out thesun from view. and kept the whole country for days and day s in continual twilight darkness.

On the fourt gunday of the month of May 1913, date not stated here, as stated a an ernormous stream of wildly racing fire nearles across the grouburgs run with incredible rapidity, reaching the main forests, according to one report, and speeding a distance of fourty miles in less than fifteen minutes, some say in three minutes. This fire then swept away forest plantations, towns, cattle and residents, and covered the whole section in a sea of flames. The flames were forced onward by gale in a great wave, and this had caused a great panic among the inhabatiants of many towns in its path many fleeing to open spaces to the lakes, or to the shores of big and wide rivers. Therefore at the time the fire was speeding oust of Abbieann, the climax of all disasters was reached on the early morning of June the First, when the explosions occured destroying everything in its way. A loud explosion in the direction of Adele-HeidI occured simultaeously, and a dense rain of debris of all kinds fell which covered the country side. Then there camea fresh outbreak of floods, and no one yet knows the real loss of lives of r or of property. During the trip the ship soon reached the city of Wickey Lansin. Here Starring and Angeline miches went alone to investigate, and were told by the survivors they met how searching parties had found dead persons in the attitude of life.

About a hundred thousand lost their lives here. And there was not a building that had not been destroyed, and the ruins had burned for days. Heart rending scenes had followed the announcementds of the bodies recognized. The fires had continued for three weeks even though the greater part of it had been affected badly by the flood. Calverine, Pandora, Francis Atlanta, and other places had been full of refugees from all over the northern district of the disaster zone. The city was hardly even repaired and even now the survivors were too discouraged, too disheartened to rebuild their ruins for fear the enemy may start some other disaster and shakecdown everything again. Most of the surviving inhabitants were mwomen, and when Starring asked the reason, he recieved the answer " most of the men folk have gone to join the army."

The most ergent appeals had been sent to neighboring places but it took a long time before these appeals were answered. Heavy hearted Starring continued on and soon reached Bt Vincent De Paul city. Here he had a close up view of the gigantic forest fires once again. The scene before him was as if a long line of volcances many miles in extent were in full eruption. Columns of dense clouds rolled high into the sky going many miles high in fantastic rolls with immense sheets and tongues of flame.

The city of Altrone was reported safe as long as the conflagration continues northeastward, but a large area of forests north of St Vincent was in flames, and it

was impossible to estimate the ammount of dd destruction.

The city of St Vincent as Starring observed was both shocked by the explosion and badly ravaged by the floods. A great area around her had been desolated. Famine even now continued to add its horrors to the situation. And day by day sin ce the disaster occured the inhabitants were continuing to flock into northern cities, and all are still panic stricken-rood from rations recieved was becoming scarce, and supply depots are under military guard. Atarring saw that nothing could avery the terrible suffering not even the arival of more provision ships. The situation was made far worse because Abbieann had ever served as the storehouse of the entire state. All kinds of reserve supplies had been kept there, and with the complete destf destruction of that city starvation sure became an immediate menance for all in the disaster area.

Ever since the disaster Pandora had been little more that a great military post, so that it was now mable to fi give more than shelter to the refugees. The fury of the distant forest fires, the dread of more explosion disasters and floods, have served to keep those in Calverine and pandora in constant terror, though no actual damagechad been known to have been done in the former. Thee steamer with Starring and his followers again on board, carried them safe down the river and

stories being recieved from Heidi Janction, but when the news came of Abbieann and her fate, and then the dreadful flood, the nation was appalled.

In no land h wherever found, during all historical times no comvulsion of nature in reality comparable to the Calverinia catyolysm has occured, never to compare with the series of explosive and seismic disturbances which ended in June 1913 in the destruction of one qua ter of calverinia by flood, when an unknown number of lives were lost. Never before in calverinia had there been any violent commotion in any part of the Abbieann land, and the disaster thus described was the most appalling because of the sixideness of which it came. Indeed the awful suddeness of the overwhelming catastrophe throughout southern and Middle Calverinia gives it a fair overwhelming pre-eminence among the great catastrophes of the war, and all history too to compare with. The tremendous convulsion of nature produced by the explosions, and that produced the ruin with such marvelous swiftness, proves that the enemy is dangerous beyond compare. The destruction of Abbieann and her neighbors came without prec premonition, as to make escape impossible for the millions of inhabitants of the city, and other cities and towns.

Of course, what made Starving laugh at the first reports of the disaster, is because he knows the earliest reports of great calamities are often greatly exaggerated, but in this instance it does not appear as yet even now, though Its late in August that the first estimate of the believed loss of life was overdrawn nor the total destruction to property either, nor the fiercess of explosions an and shock. Therefore he kno s knows 1 it iscertain that nothing that appeals to human pity was lacking in this most apalling crisis. The immeasureable tragedy, had aroused the sure sympathy of the world, and effaced national boundaries for nothing that afficts humanity thus so aswfully

and grieviously and lamentably can be foriegn to any part of the world.

Starring said; Danger always hovers over the cities that lie in the path of the enemys destructive hands . Those who live in these cities must either face the perils or flee for pafty. Yet local attatchment is so strong with most men that they will p brave great perils from so dangerous an enemy like Glandelinia rather than flee to a safer location. The surviving people were working hard to restore as far as possible the city of Heidi Junction a ter the first flood ravages it suffered and were still living in it a few month; months after before it was finally overwhelmed by this great disaster, No comment o can color inmore sombre hues the frequent news disputches portraying the awful scenes and incidents that accompanied the destfu destruction of Abbieann, and that laid waste a large portion of Calverinia, The flood was also a serious event. All vegetation for hundreds of miles have been destrayed, that still now hundreds of thousands are said to be perishing from o want of water and food, and famine and plagues exist. Towns and villiages every day now even are engulfed in flames from the forest fires. The destruction according to the news recieved was of most amazing completeness over a quarter of Calverinia. G reat suffering still ensues even though aid is now reaching many and most of them are abandoning the region for safer locations and going where they can recieve aid. It will be necessary to supply them with foce for a long time and assist them to have new homes. In the face of such an unusually urgent call we should now give wings to our efforts since the flood has abated. If aid can reach them all it is best. We are helping the starving people of the other past difficulties and disasters, and we have now to aid these.

When news can be recieved from the interior of Calverinia it would probably be loarned how far extent the disaster might have been. Of course acording what Starring said to the Captian, it did appear to the whole world at first that whole ranges of volcances had blown up, and great eruptions came from the leveler surface of the country, because the disaster was so immense that it seemed impossible for it to come from unusual explosions. During the continuation of the trip the ship reached a p spot where in the distance according to people of a town by the river that in a valley a great avalanch of earth rocks and debris of all kinds came down a mountain side during the concussions of the explosions and overwhelmed over fifty nine villiages and one large town No one has been able to determine how many lives were actually lost by this slide but the total ran into the thousands. The concussion it is said sent 987,000,000 yards of rock and earth into the valley beneath. The aglanch travaled at the rate of one hundred miles an hour and was a hundred feet thick or deep Its widthwas from ten to fifty miles. The flames from the eruptions as we may call them had been seen for a distance of more than a hundred and fifty miles.

The noise of the loudest of these explosions was heard at Angelinia Agathia, 9,100 miles , distant. It was felt in Abbieannia 10,678 miles distant, and at many other place places , also throughout the whole states of Angelinia, Abyssinkile, Concentinia, Domdobia, and Angeline Vine . The loudest expl s explosions were said to have been heard over a sound zone covering one quarter of the earths surface. Even as Starring learned, sea waves were created by the ex: explosion along the sea shores of east and Western Calverinia, which was said to have destroyed all the towns and villiages on these shores, an all vessels and shipping there, and over a hundred thousand lives, raised a tidal wave at Angeline Junction, a hundred and eighty five feet high, covering a thousand square miles of land with a terrificflood, submerged into the bigger river a section of Abbieann the size of New York, submerged six river islands to a depth of fifty feet, sunk a whole country side, split thousands of miles of land into a million small and big fissures, and created the most ernormous fires and floods on record. Starring asked the Captian ;

"Is it likely as long as this war rages on, that are will be fur future disasters

like this, ?" "It is almost certain there are sir."

"Some o in Calverinia?"

"Many in Calverinia." "Some in other Abbieannian states?"

"Undoubtedly."

The Gemini Leader Hendro Dargar's prediction that intelligence would sconer or later be recieved of the extent of the disaster; its results and so forth was fully verified as Starring in his sight seeing observed. Calverinia had been shaken badly from end to end by the supposed earthquakes produced by the explosions. The Captian said the shock had been felt aboard his ship, but it was not untill he made an exped ition to try and reach Abbieann that any one in cities and towns surviving had any idea of the seriousness of the situation in the stricken region. Acf According to Cablegrams recieved at Pandora, the first to know of the disaster, and reports heard elsewhere the dame was damage was indeed most immeasureably terrific and the loss equally as terrible. Even the nearest point qh which could be reached, and which was Little Heidi there was enough evidence of the frightful convulsion that had swept the land and left death and destruction in its path. The land all around Little Heid Heidi as Starring observed when he reached the place had been converted by the explos ion shocks into a chaoticcondition.

Trees were uprooted, and in the city not a single house was left standing. The river banks are se squeezed together, and the streets are fourty feet nearer than before. Even the bed of the biggest river gave up all kinds of junk. The railroad bridges across the river was telescoped by the contraction of the banks as Starring and all those with him saw, and the river wharf which was little Heidis Heidi's pride now stands as a sad monument to the explosion concussions ruthless strength, a mis mishapen mass of badly tangled wreck and angles. Further news of the concussion then reached Calverine further north, by a river cruiser which was at Heidi Junction at the time and left for Calverine barely in time to escape the flood . The officers of the ship had said that Little Heidi City was completely destroyed. Starring was told that at Heidi Junction the shocks were felt for about sixteen minutes, and houses of weaker construction were cracked and destroyed. Hundreds of persons had been buried innthe ruins and strick by the falling timbers and the stones. The loss of life was variously estimated at from four to six thousand in the city of Heidi Junction according to some reports published in Calverine, but some of the merchants engaged in business there said they had advices from the wrecked districts which placed the loss of life at from fifteen to thirty thousand. Since the first flood horror Heidi Junction had a population of one million five hundred thousand, and after only about seventy five thousand before this shock, which cout ravines in the fields and shock many of the houses to wreck. According to the stories in Calverine after

confirmed the reports of the total destruction of Abbieunn and its environs and all shipping first by the rain of fire hurled by explosions, and then by flood, and gaid it was believed even up to this day that the whole population had been annihilated, with the exception of a few injured people rescued a few days later in the extreme southeastern section. Immediately advafter the recepit reciept of the above dispatch es, ctarring was surprised by recieving another disputch, from the town of Calverine sent by probably the Mayor, announcing that after the news of the catastrophe he had tried to reach Abbieann, but found the whole countryside covered with flowing waters. and the sky enveloped in smoky fog, and could not get nowhere near. He wrote that at the time the greatest construction prevailed in all localities in conse-q quences of supposed earthquakes and volcanic activity of the most violent kind burst ing from the ground itself. Loud noises were heard continuously for fifteen minutes early that morning which at first were believed to be severe and unusual volcanic action. 'e of course could get no real news for days because all telegraphic and telephone communication had been broken with all the disaster area. He was informed however two weeks after by some who came in a boat that the city of Abbieann had disappeared with all the people in it. Telegraphic communications with Angelinia Agathia was broken in every direction.

E He was informed that the disaster had extended that far, and that many thousands of people had been killed in Angelinia Agathia also. Starring felt almost discouraged. He realized now he was on a desperate undertaking. What worried him most was the still continued anxiety throughout the nation, of people in cities and towns who had friends and relatives in every one of the stricken sections, who for weeks and weeks passed in an agony of suspense and even now gar gave up hope as they did not hear whether their relatives were dead or alive. On One of these was a dear friend of Starrings who had been in the army for the beginning of the war. This was general Roswell Buster Johnston. This general was born in Abbisann, and lived there untill he entered the army. His mother, and two sisters, and his wife and four children continued to live in Abbieann, where Roswell only twice in the war was able to visit them. From one such visit he had just recently returned. That their fate has been the general could only imagine. wholly unfitted now for his allitary duties for a time he sat at his headquarters eagerly scanning the cable dispatches in the newspapers day in day out for weeks and weeks, trying to find a ray of hope from the doomed city. In the absence of dea details he found little encouragement.

"If the ruin was caused chid chiefly by a storm" said general Poswell "My family and all the others in the city would not have perished, and many would only have a thrill. My parents and even my wife and children and two sisters lived at almost the extreme southeastern section of the city beside the Arronburgs Run River, which is twenty miles north of take Selicia and Heidi Junction, which is known ad the as the Catholic City, and nicknamed Mt Zion for the unusually righteous conditions of every one in the i city. This section of the city lies about two hundred feet above the lowest level of the country. On the highest slopes of the northern town cluster seas of the most attractive buildings of the well to do residents of the city. If the greatest danger had been that of a windstorm which is a frequent visitation, all would have had a fair chance of escape as the buildings are windproof only a tornado being able to injure them, but I see that all of the dispatches describe the calamity as the shock from explosions like severest earthquakes, accompanied by the descent of a great mass of flaming debris, hot fumes and burning clouds hurled by the explosions which were mistaken for volcanic erupt o eruptions. The fact that all kinds of shipping lying anchored in the river parts of the city and on the suburbs were smothered and seared under the fiery showers thrown by the explosions leaves me little ground to hope that even those on the higher slopes could have saved their lives. Indeed as they were surely more nearer to the worst explosion their peril was tenfold greater. If the enemy is responsible I'll give no fee armies opposed to me quarter."

As Starring heard the present outburst of the horror around Abbieann, was at first believed to be apparently the cum culmination of a number of volcunic disturbances which have been unusually severe. So e some believed this to have happened, A giantic Giantic explosion of steam, gas and molten lave accompanied by a shower of red hot stones, and ashes erupted from the counts country side, which falling upon the city and shipping burned and buried them and that a large part of Abbieann was swallowed up by the earth opening up under it, and then the eruption caused the floods that followed. They said me eruption alone that night vomited such vast clouds of dust which darkened the sky for a whole night and day, and spread over the whole country side the darkness for a whole morning. They also stated that for z an eruption it has been the most peculiar and serious on e and the me most destru ctive the world had ever seen. Some claimed the Volcano called Mt Calverine which is south of Heidi Junction atabout a hundred miles, exploded like Krakatoa. The eruption was indeed a most fatal one in that countrys history even Krakatoa not equaling it. Investigations of that mountain showed proofs there had not been the slightest trace of activity.

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Even now sir though it is August the whole nation is still in ignorance of the efect effect of the disaster upon other sections of the country, because of the ruined communications. Because of that further disasters of such nature are apprehended, and fears are entertained that the whole nation yet may be affected."

"This is the way I heard of the disactor Captian" said Starring. "It was that beginning from one after twelve till nearly fifteen minutes after, a storm of fire, flying debrie, and a posionous cloud eveloped the city, and all country side around Abbicann.destroying everycity and town for scores of also miles, and that only out of Adeleheid were there any survivors. Even at Adeleheid I heard that one hundred and sixteen ships were sunk or burned an or shattered with all on board, including fourteen foriogn steamers. I could not get good nows however because all communication had been destroyed by disastors of the past, and therefore could get no communications for this either. But I recieved the information that many hundreds of thousands of people had been killed either by the concussion and falling buildings, or by the heat of the falling materials and singing clouds..."

"It was something like that # said the captian. "While I was in Pandora after giving my reports I waited for a time to learn results, and appeals were received by the city department from persons living in Calverine, who had relatives and interests in Abbieann that all river ships be immediately despatched to the region to render assistance. But no action could be taken even though seemer for us in the north than expected the full extent of the disacter was known, because the flood barred all approaches to Abbieunn and a steamer could not live in the torrent not even a big battleship."

The captian ordered his ship to steam forth for the region of Abbieann down the Arronburgs Rum River. The captian was Martinas Pietre. He wanted at first to telegraph to Pandora city, to the Mayor there, that he had a good bunch of investigators on board, coming to inspect the ruins of Abbeann but Starring acti advised him not to as all must for the present be kept secret. Communications with the whole country and the flooded area was still as badly cut off as when the disaster started, and starring knew no one had been able to communicate with any purt of the stricken regions, and therefore wondered how the people took care of themselves, or whether a general exedus of calverinia was starting because of the horrors of the past. According to all information he had recived recieved from many sources since the beginning of his adventure, a great many people, in wholesale numbers rather, had perished from the plague, hunger and privation, prequent battles of great severity were adding to the great losses.

When Starring reached the river harbor of this city he saw the ruens or remains of all the shipping that had been destroyed by fire, or aground. Far in the distance a nearer view of ravaging forest fires could be seen and it was as dark as a rainy day with the smoke in the sky. Here the commander of one of the ships partly destroyed had been ordered to return to Abbieann with all the speed possible, and to forward details of the disaster to the City Government there, which he speedily made efforts to obey, and here was his detail to Starring when questioned;

made silores to obey, and here was his acceptant to Schwill state believed she had been "Gir all, can say is I never yet found Abbieanna! first believed she had been swallowed up by an ocean. The city must be still under the flood. I had first secured another ship from a town not ravaged, gone to Pandora for provisions and started for Abbieanna! traveled for adays and never found the city. I believe the Mayor of that city and four or five brave little child scout adventurers perished with the population. The concussion of the explosion sunk one part of the city into the riversoundings proved this to be true as many buildings are found under deep water. A forien A foriegn Ama Ambassador is said to have been at Abbieanna! I don't believe sir Starring, you will be able to locate Abbieanna! fear you and your investigators are making a wild goose chance. Might as well make a trip to the moi moon."

By this news Starring, sent respectfully some under river and ground cables messages to Pandora for hopeful vreports of whether there was anything left of Abbieann. He and the captian remained at Little Heidi while his crew worked to restore some communication with a cable to recieve answer fif possible. The earler report recieved notified gtarring that all wires were still broken down, between all points from Pandora to the Abbieann Territory, but it was gradually added that in view of reports that the cruption of the landscapes had wheel out all the city by shock fire and flood seemed to be a fact, and all boats available for the city which had been dispatched to the assistance of the place at the first news of the disaster, came back with the report that there was no such a thing as any location of Abbieann to be found only a sea of raging waters. The second dispatch Starring recieved,

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STARRING HEARS GRAPHIC ACCOUNTS OF THIS GREATEST OF DISASTERS, WHAT HE THINKS OF THE TRACEIV COMPLETED IN THE BRIEF SPACE OF FIFTEEN MINUTES. HE HEAPS OF THE PECENT CHOSET APPEALS FOR HELP.

" Starring said to Jennie Turmer as he continued to investigate the ruins of Warchann-"No such appalling disaster Jen, dis i distinguished by the suddeness of the tramendous blow, the number of the victims, the completeness of the desolation, the destruction of all communications, the wiping out of many cities and towns by fire. concussion and tremendous flood and landslides, has ever yet come to any part of the civilized world with such overwhelming and most harrowing force. Thy even the destruction of Pompeii is nothing compared to the ruin of this town here, and probably only by the flood. Look what is left of the abandoned town the refugees having mostly all left. Wreck of houses never belonging to the town. And here as I was told nearly fifty thousand souls sent to des ruction. Though all accounts agree that only a few minutes were required to everwhelm Abbieann and her neighborhood cities and towns with force and fiery cloudef explosion, consuming the entire population not of this city only but of a large section of the surrounding country, yet that is nothing com pared to the days and nights of unspeakable and immeasureable horror that the survivors of these flooded towns may have spent while the waters trapping them like rats rose high and higher every day. The first reports of the disaster were almost too incredible to be believed. That was why I laughed at it. But let's go on. Here's a ship. The sconer we can reach Abbieann or what is left of it the better."

The ship which was hailed by him and which stopped at a dock of Murchann was a Calverinian cruiser, which had left the city of Pandora the day before, for even nor relief work still continued, and on it were a large number of refugees. When Starring questioned the captian of the ship he confirmed the report that Abbieumn had been entirely destroyed that fatal night of June the First. Starring asked;

"Were they volcanic eruptions from the ground as is stated or had been stated?" "Yes VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS INDEED sir, produced by explosive powders set in thee the ground by our end i enemies. I saw the results of the disaster from a safe space and the entire section of Abbieann not touched by the flood was wrapped in flames. We endravored to save about fifty persons from the ruins, and of those mostly burned from so many vessels in the river harbor of the city. You must know my officers went ashore in small boats seeking for survivors, but were unable to penetrate the city. At the lower part of the city at that morning there was a trem indous sea of fiercely rushing water. We believe ourselves that not a single person in a Abbieann at the moment of the disaster escaped. If you desire to go to Abbieann sir, I'll gladly take you, but it won't be much of a scene. You'll find hardly nothing to make the place even in the part untouched by the flood. The flames consumed everything. The extent of the catastrophe sir cannot be imagined never will be. The captian who is a friend of mine on another shipwas seriously injured, and all of his crew, officers, engineers and passengers are dead. I passed the ship at sunup, and it was covered with debri, debris. We repeatedly had sent a boat in as near as possible to the doomed city, but not a sign of the lower city was seen, and not a living soul in the burning portion. Only flames were seen. One steamer was seen to explode and di disappear."

His ship had been near the scene of the explosion that fatal night but not near enough to be injured. The cruiser had first arived at the city of Dominica Rum at three oclock in the afternoon of May #ith 3Ith. The captian had reported that he had been obliged to turn his ship out of her course, and flee to the eastward, during the late morning of Mq May 3Ith in consequence of terrific heat and smothering clouds of smoke from a forest fire which was raging in the location of gandbed Creek. He tried to head the ship for the city of St Luca, but averse currents of hot air and terrific windstorms hurling clouds of flame and smoke before it, prevented him from doing so. He made a long detour, and finally far out of his course, arived opposite Abbieann, a little before Twelve colock near Midnight. while twenty miles off, the whole country for hundreds of miles seemed to blow itself to the stars, the explosion nearest Abbieann dest o destroying the city, and all the ship ing there. The cruiser after resuming her trip and while on the way to Pandora encountered afterwards the edge of a tremendous flood.

This caption then startled the inhabatiants of Pandora city by a report thay that all the people of Abbieann were supposed to have perished, during a terrific cruntive like explosions near the city, and all the shipping wiped out with all hands. None of the shipp had ever been recovered.

"Is sure appalled Pandora city those two days after I arived, when I reported of the cast catastrophe at Abbicann. If I had not been backed by my crew and some refugees I brought with me, and some evidence of it too I and my crew would have been in the insane asylum untill the facts of the disaster was confirmed by news and other reports. I only gaved fifty refugees from the effects of the disaster, and they were from Adeleheid city.... That was the first city to know it, The whole country yet was in ignorance of the effect of the disaster, as the news was not yet opread.

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The ship had passed through a tarrificedly hot fog the morning before, which had been succeeded by unusually dark weather thand evening, Starring was suspicious of indications on shore where the forest fires had not yet traveled, and where the forests were said to be so thick that no one could have hardly been able to even work their way between the trees.

botween the trees. "I think we are making a mistake to anchor here." he said to the captian. "I don't like the aspect of thinks here, and the shore soke dangerous."

"I don't think there is any danger" answered the captian. The wind is on the west, and we are sone some distance from the newly formed fires in the south."
"Yas, but wind changes direction unexpectedly" gaid Starring. "I'll bet we will sorry by an by. It's not safe I'm sure."

"Well Let's forget it not", said the caption. "You surgested anchoring here, and we are here. If you wish though I li send the ship oft out."
"Never ind" said Starring. "But again what do you think of the catastrophe we have witnessed!"

witnessed?"

"I have heard from wirnesses" said the captium" that there was for about twenty minutes or half an hour an awful noise of explosions, that clouded the air with flying debris and then right away which was mysterious a cyclone of smoke debris and fire, and the shock overthrew all the buildings in the city, killing everybody in their very beds. When people still out in the streets were struck they fell dead. The cyclone of explosion hurled fire tore the musts at of many ships, blew others up, and sunk all the rest. Some afterwards as they told me came waves of fire bigger than the smoke clouds of the fire."

"That cloud of the explosions" said Starring, was bigger it seemed then any observed from volumic sructions. The strange fire burned the city everywhere at once, and then from volumic sructions. The strange fire burned the city everywhere at once, and then followed the flood. I have heard some vitnesses testify of their experiences, and there said they saw men rushing back and forth in the wreckage strewn streets and the sanks and the smoke and then showe and the shows the same of the shows and the smoke and the shows the same street fring it happend after twelve ocloci, all occurred within twenty minutes, some testifying it happend after twelve ocloci, oclock. The concussions overthrown most to fit biggest buildings first in three oclock. The concussions overthrown most to fit biggest buildings first in three oclocks. The valid to be me that some men and women got to the chore from some of lifet left. They said to be me that some men and women got to the chore from some of lifet left. They said to be me that some men and women got to the chore from some of lifet left. They said to be me that some men and women got to the chore from some of lifet left. They said to be me that some men and women got to the chore from some of lifet left. They said to be me that some burned there, or caught in the flood thay that followed. What I wished to learn was the mystery of that part of the city that sank beneath the Lake of Angellinia. Three seamen belonging to a vessel of which I inew knew of related to me that when the wave of flood waters struck the bark, it inew knew of related to me that when the wave of flood waters struck the bark, it into and hurled them down the obliterated river. The house rolled over and over in the flood nearly drowning the three men inside, inally they managed to cla ber on toy of the house which by this time had ceased rolling, and from this point will evitaesed the dir destruction of the southern part of the city by the flood.

I'e was also taken to the hospital at pandora, where he afterwards died ... The third one a little girl was also consciou for a short time under the care of the best doctors. the could not relate much of her experiences, yet che told me that on the ay day of the terrible director, she heard a loud report in the alteration of Lake Ce Solicia, and that something hit her on the head from the cooling colling, and knocked her out.... and when she regained her senses, a number of hours later, she four she was horribly formed, and glancing around, saw that she was floating on a wreckage jum and that she was surrounded by a sea of water, she died a few hours after she was rescued. "An Starring observed from his high" host of observation, the path of the explosion every bloom to Partern Abbiscom. close to Eastern Abbieann, which swept over also all parts of Northern Abbieann was indees indeed murked out in the strungest nammer unything contray than he had expected

The vinicity of the River shore, where during good times hendreds of vessels had gone to anchor, seemed as if swept by a whirlwind of flame and hot winds which like a tor---nudo ripped, tore, and shattered, everything in its pre passage, and set all the houses, on fire, and ret left few traces of smouldering ruins behind. On the other hand the extreme assetern section or the city, and udjoining parts of this section, were baried under a thick bed of explosion thrown rubbien, and where the force of the cyclone of explosion tossed fire and heatened wind was the greatest strong houses of b i brick and atone and concrete were leveled like pastboard. Some or many of these had stood against stones for over a century, and thectremendous force of the nearest explosions had swept all before it...

Etarring after this finally returned with his helpers to the boat... goat...

"Well what is it like?"?"?????"asked the caption.

"It is ike a glimpse of hell." said in epitomizeding the scene."If the mountain tops around us would have blown off their heads, and let a rain of molten fire comin come down upon us it could not do half what the explosions have here. It looks to me as if the very riverwaters rocks in sp sympathy, with the trembling earth, and Death was upon the face of the whole earth."

"But did you see much of what is left of the river harbor of Eastern Abbieunn?" asked

"Planty and I do not wish to see any more." answered Starring. "Whatever it was it was like a whirlwind of steam, hot rocks and boiling liquid that burst in fury from the mouths of a hundred volcanoes, and enveloped to the whole city of ableaun, swept the River norts clear of any inanimate and living thing, and not a sincle ship escaped, and I bolieve if there were any survivors among the burned and scorched crews, they must have died on bord the ship in agony."

"pid you have a good look at the ships."!
"ges, and every one of them are unrecognizable hulke, with dismantled and torn rinning riveing, and charred sheets, and to my horror; I had observed dead men lying havers they fellamong the black wreckage of their decks t showing no one approached

hwhere they fellamong the black wreckage of their decks t showling no one upproached or were abl to approach Abbleen even now except us since the awful disaster..."

"now many vessels were lying in the harbor did you observe?"

"Now hadred and sighteen, and it seems us if the explains mysteriously wrapped these ships in masses and sheets of ilame. In disaster is far too big to concleve.!, I am ulmost sorry I came here. I fell lke I m lost on the dead moon."

"I cannot account for the explosions and the reports of it." said the chief scients of selectist." have looked over the whole scene of the explosion craters, and they are surrounded by a sea of smouldering and burned trees and seas of deep smoking ashes.

For three hundred feet from the biggest crater, the fire had been swept back and but he explosion craters further on the surrounded that the same of the same of deep smoking ashes. the explosion seemingly tward the vortex of a whirlpool of wind torn fires further on, and I believe the second blast hurled this upon porthern Abbieans. I have traced the scene and from the shore of the river in that locality, a flood of burning trees, set fire to everything in its path like a fearful tidal wave sweeping tward the shore, and engla engulfed everything, save one little angle of trees that stood through all the pall of smoke and fire, because it was cut off from the fire by an intervening portion of the stream, whether this fire set off the explosions or not I'd like to know. It

"I don't believe so." said Starring. "I have recorded facts that no fires burned there before the explosions but afterwards. That is also evident because the vaters of the river harbors are thick with unburned wreckage of shore and hill and in the midet of it all sallors and passengers from the sunken ships and s term terror stricken human beings had no chance for a struggle for life."

"That is a hard question to a strange to keep affect until picked up by ships until all the roaring flood," ast anked the scientist."
"That is a hard question to answer." said Starring, "where could you find a heroic cuptian immediately after the catastrophe that would brave the terrors of the catamity and hodily enter the harbors of the ruined and flood swept city upon the work of rescue!

"Il don't think so" said the captian. "I heard some of the captians the next morning came with their ships and ployed their way through floating trimks of trees and masses of houses, and debris which filled the waters of tye rivor harbor, and had made several attempts to land sailors in small boats, and rescue what surviving people they could

find In the flaming shores."

If a lawing shores are the first state of the range of the world have been sucide to enter the disaster zone at the time. I wan told there wan one vessel in southern Abbieann that escaped destruction in the harbor, and that was the ship artivors among her crew that the details of the creatrophe in the harbor it was the saylvors among her crew that the details of the creatrophe in the harbor in the saylvors are the creatrophe in the harbor. was learned. Rescue could be effected there, but not up here. That would be impossible

While Starring and all his followers were waiting for more favorable times so they could work or the inspection of the city better, he was to have a surprise which probably he would never desire to have again. The ship steamed up further tward the northeast so as to get to that portion of the city, and then cust off anchor at that section have a the north end, having reached a that portion on the evening of the 28th of section of the control of the contro

in opice of the threatening appearance of the distint forest fires, Starring was determined to discover some kind of glues ind to make the attent at all costs while ever. The searching parties were divided into three columns, thirty men in each. The main one was led by starring, the other by a ranger and the third by the caption. Starring secured the limestone me materials, and all kinds of debrie that looked very much different in appearance to building ruin. This was placed inside a sack very men antherent in appearance to building run. This was placed there a sack and starring being strong should red it and spatice for other party that is the second to the butts it of the city, about a had, mile to whose Starring and his men were, fortunately this was in full view of the great forest horror. The cupitan had secured just that he had been directed to find, when he saw a large column of smoke and fire b lon upward from the edge of the forest surrounded crater, and along the edge of the firest a great stream of fire surged, pirecting his men to make all haste back to the lower section of the city, the caption turned aside to give quick warning to the party under grans, and the other as well.

It took fifteen minute a to arive where Starring and his rang was.

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For Code cake boys, get to the lower section if you would save your lives. The

fire has spread to us of the explosion cruters, and I discovered some emexploded

materials there if we don't get away destruction will be upon us."

At that instant there was a terrific druck apparently as it seemed in the sky and

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At that instant there was a terrific trush apparently as it seemed in the sky and so loud that it seemed as if a million thunderbolts had clapped at once, and as it died easy there was a terrific hiss of fire among the trees of the forests, and a vast column of smoke rolled upward durkening the sky. The fire came racing on tward that part of the city, and every one of the party started a race to see who could be the first. The nen of the second party became pants stricken, but starring rushed up to them and led them also on. As rapidly as possible every one made their way over the debris to the lower section. Very often one or the other would stumble, but his comrades would wait untill he recovered, then wh all would go forward again.

Two miles was covered in this manner, and each minute the sky derkened, and the heat was beyond comprehension.

The snoke came rolling in fogging the ck city end they could hardly breathe. Finally the snoke came rolling in fogging the ck city end they could hardly breathe. Finally the distance was covered, but heavy seas of fire were sweeping shoreward twend the city c side of the river. It was with great difficulty that may of the parties reached the safer side of the city but it was accomplished just in time. From behind the ruins every one watched the conflagration, which to granting was indeed a grand and yetm cet mat all a upralling sight. There was rushing forward with great speed a perfect wallil wall of fire, and occuenionally about it were columns of smoke. Several new fires also seemed to be instantly formed, and they seemed to be spreading in different directions... As many of the berning trees fell into the river great clouds of steam were raised, and they could easily hear the minister hissing plainly amid the roar and hiss of the

Being sure they were now beyond the danger zone Starring decided to make an obser vation. They left their hiding place went down to the river shore, being of course now very close to the column and sea of det hdeath. Yet they went as near as they dered without with ut court courting death and destruction,, and all about them the water it was what we call re boiling, and the stoam that came up and tward the adventuerers was so dense as to make it all but appossible to see through it. through it... perrible as was the fovest fire at this time, it was surely mild in comparison with that which was witnessed several hours later. Home of gtarrings more timid men were continually in a state of panic, and justly. Starring did not feel so good himself. even the captian was nervous and so were the beab brave girl and boy scouts, and some of the orders others. It was deemed just now too dangerous a task to make for a direction to return to the

the very earth seemed to have turned back into a molten fire on the opposite side. Everywhere in the woods the fire sarged, the trees snappedcand roared in the dir destruction, and when ever an explosion somewhere occured the earth seemed to have Let its foundating foundation. Even across the River the conflagration tried to pour a great storm of death. The culmination came at an early hour in the evening, when there occurred an explosion so terrible that the still standing standing wall of some of the buildings in the ruined city were shaken down, and the sky itself seemed to turn

all of fire, and the heat became unsupportable. Thick heavy clouds lit up by the glare beneath rose from other sections of the firest forests, and some of gturrings men became at once punic stricken, and would have fled but Starring restrained them, telling them it was more dangerous cut in the open. Stones hurled by one of the explosions foll in the streets, and showers of blazing fragments of irees and blizzards of leaves. Manybof Biarrings followers hurriedly shielded themsolves and the taller ruine to keep off some of that bleating heat. The scene was worse than they had ever observed it before, and the entire aspect of the country on the opposite side had chan ed into a seething heal. Smoke filled the air thicker and thicker the durkering the sky, and blizzards of burning leaves were flying through the air. When the heavens were filled with the secthing flames, as free untly happened, it could be seen that the main forests along the shore had now caught, and everything within sight and ablaze. It was even streaming like a wild hell sea of fire over to North pend and a branch line had already struck. There was a perfect calm in the air in the city but over across on the openatte shore the burning forest as lached to a fury, indicating that a fire horosome was sweeping on. Fords were inadequate to describe the nefund condition, and disanter to the ship was expected at any moment, and starring knew the fe five he had raced with to reach worth nend had caught up at lest. The

fury of the fire horricane was viclent in the extreme. Coll Cologeal columns of treas were torn up by the roots while alf aflame and couried into the air or harled to eath, the whole flaming forest was in a dreadful metion and the fury of the winds covered the sky with b raing fragments of everything torn loose by the terrific gale. The wind indeed raged with fearful velocity, and the flaming clouds advanced with great rapidity, but no wind was blowing in the ruined

This gave evidence that the winds was raging only in the path of the big blaze. Even great columns of burning leaves c and bunches and sparks was hurled upward and

f formund, and an explain to Flavrings caprise horded noward a storm of red hot rocks and toulders many feet in size, showing the translation best of the first in terming big stones red hot. The wind sweet commend twend both pend with the inspect of reada tornudo. The spectacle was apalling beyond description. Every one of gravings party ven thrown into a greater paric, for four that the fire harricane scald finally cross the river and strike their ant of the city, while it even see at that from evented the fiery clouds rained down burning branches, clods of red hat earth, and even whole trees at timess. Then partly cross the river came a swirling clo d of white hat anher and burning branches.

Starring took the ne nerve to climb to the highest rain he could find and finally

returning said;

The entire stretch of the river within our vi view is a running wild wind tossed sea of fire, and it is sweeping North pend and beyond, but it is fortunately not touching near our anchored ship. The whole forest is in awild convulsions from the wind, and the tail end of the fire hurricane is carrying all before us. We can get to her but we had better wait, and also continue our explorations obly when the fires have passed the city. If we do wait this will be our last exper! noe with the fire and we

will have a better chance."

Then one of the men said—
"I see the wind is stopping, and the smoke is rising up. The worse I elieve is over.
But sir you might be mistaken. You know if it co crosses north Fend it will sconer
or later give us a performance if the wind turns northeast or northwest."
"You are a Calamity Jane " said gtarring."You think of the worse things at the wrong

"But I'm ""
"I'ld fon't want to hear anything more" growled gtarring.
"I'd don't want to hear anything more taken from the ruine at such a risk was to be taken to the boat when they could get there.

Before returning to the boat, there was brief services in one of the streets of the city! led by a priest who had accompanied Starring, a Mass for all the dead of the city of Abbieann. About the priest, stood officers, surviving sailors, and the rangers and the four b child scouts, while Starring served as Alter boy and so did Penrad. and the four b child scouts, while Starring served as After boy and so did Penrad.

The gloom was made more in ense by the knoweldge held by each one present that his or her her own life was in great danger. Salute was citen fired by explosions produced by the forest fire that had brought destruction upon so vast a column of forests.

While the Mass was being sung there was a cuccession of deep sullen detonations that sounded like the thundering of volcanic sruptions, and as the Mass was being concluded a cloud of smoke swept into the streets and again a darkness as of night followed only broken partly by the glure of flames.

This scene was fittingly dramatic another of those cin climateric situations which in succession characterized the whi whole series of events in this stirring

adventure. It was a trugic detail which only a good novelist could make out in using his literary art to depict for the world the destruction of Abbieum and half of Culverinia, as others did of other great historic culumities of the world. It can be such details in which the luman touch ray unite with the awful sulfit, if cruel and unrelenting nature that makes the whole story of the results of this greatest of were category hies one of most enthralling interest, and then the inventing committies under graring in their adventure under peril and difficulties to discover real clues first as to what the disaster eally was, and then which and who were responsible.

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Chapter 30

TRIBUGH THEY FLERY ORDEAL.

ATOME SERVE CRUEL, AND THE FOREST FIRES CONTINUE TO FOREST HAGE OWARD. THE APACIONING OF APBIEAUS BY THE SATION CONTEMPLATED. GLASSINGS SPECIAL DAVER IGATION OF THE BUNIED CITY, AND ITS CONDITIONS.

Even while the explorations of the ruine of Abbicann by daring starring and his followers bent on in spire spite of their recent dreadful experience on the ship, while the suddened and sympathic world was continually harrying relief to those, who has suffered but had not died,,, while the halpless people throughout Calvevinia were trying to c llect their thoughts, and face the stern fact that they had lost all that they held most dear, nature goaded on by the enemy no doubt remained as unkind as the fee himself. The forest fires continued to threaten the ruins of the city, hinders its exploration and hid everything away in its dreadful smoke mantle, and the warmpth was remarkably unusual and the scene of subdarkness and glare i of the fire almost supernatural.

Starring hopend that the ship ship now was at the Borth and the fires would not endanger it so much, wen though constant streamers of fire fushed up the hill slopes near the vini vinicity burning all that remained in their way. Exploring parties belonging to Frame bend were driven in flight from the vinicity of the city, by one laghte of the Red Plague daily. Even when they were not terrified into flight, the work of investigating the ruins to find evidences of what the so called eruptions really were, and that of provining them was trying in the extreme on strength of nerve and will, mind and muscle alike. One of Starring as istants who was a correspondent

said to gtarring;

"I have sir just returned from the ruins of Abbieann at this extreme north end unable longer to withstad withstand the terrible hardships and encounter the terrible sights that were with a every winute of the fourty eight hours of my stay there. hen I entered Abbieann at your orders I was surprised that more of the evidence were not in eight, and only what could be soon wan whole or half skeletons, not more than 10,000 skeletons were strewn along what has been left of the streets, the others being at least partly borned under the mangle of debrie of the burned rains, evely moment of my stay in Abbleaun I feared that the forest fires would again come too hear and belch forth its billows of draudful fireheat and smoke. The Red Plague continues to rage to the south, and some hills resemble volcamoes vomiting lava, but the fires sarge up the slopes, changing the condition of the forested region every hour.

I have imagined that all the while I have died and been in the reaches of the bottomless pit. The stench and danger of postilence in this city causes it to be a greater horror than was caused by the catastrophe, but it is believed all of the bodies not buried too deer in the wreckage have been burned by the smouldering fires in the ruins, but none of those in the interior of the runs have been dug out. If any laborers ever do come sir it will require months maybe years to restore what is left or clear the wreckage, even if a very great force of men and prisoners are emeployed, and when the work of disposing of the dead starts they'll only find skeletons of women and children. In the harbor of the city sir voir bouts are in constant readiness to take away the workers if the forest fires becomes more threatening. A watch as you commanded is constantly maintained ready to give warning, and if a wave wave of the Red Plague turns in the direction of North Bend the place will be immediately deserted. As ide from those working in the rains sir, there is not a human being, except the skulking Glandelinian buttinskie in this part of the region. All who have not been killed but m st have fled north."

"It has been more than a a week since we arrived here, appecting that the smealdering fires in the buildings would have exhausted themselves, and allowing the approach to the city to become easier" said Starring. "I had never expected the forest fires to be raging up here and at this rate. Yet we have vecieved more of the harrowing details of the catastrophe than we expected. I have sent some of my members to dig in the debris of houses and stores in search for ducuments and valuables."

"I have made the discovery sir" said the correspondent," that the number of victime was no great in places that in the great heaps of compingled dead identifications of individuals was and is most difficult. The deadly odor of still decaying bodies makes the work of investigating in the rains not only hereibly offensive but dangerous to the searchers as well, got that sir do you think caused the disaster. Was it eraptions

"It evroly most have been explosions." answered Starring." "Fut that wan it that destroyed and set all these northern sections of buildings afire and blasted it so terribly making it resemble a hundred per cent larger St mierre

or the explosions?"

"It is supposed that the explosions occured near the verge of one of the forest fires, and the terrific flash, the crash of the eruption, and the fires must have produced a great flame and atmo, atmospheric pressure. The formation of any sulphurered hydrogen gas produced by they these sufficient combinations, and the positionus fixes of expleded materials doubt doubteless caused handreds of the mands to die in their beds of sheer sufficiation before the fire itself reach them or before they were buried under the ruins. This would explain the condition of the many bodies found to be covered with especial swellings, and strange special burns caused by the great and strange cloud of fire which followed the first crash of the explosions. After this there cause the tremendous showers of atones, debris of all kinds water, and and so forth from the oray ed earth property. Samy bodies not entirely covered in bed had the marks of wounds produced by this awf it hail of rocks. All the dead in rooms almost torn loose from buildings were covered by a lajer of this debris, ranging in depth from a few inches to a foot or more..."" inches to a foot or more

"But ain't there a mystery in the explosion fire" asked the Correspondent.

"In what vay!! "maked Starring......."

"Well in one discovery I made." unawered the correspondent...
"and what was the discovery out with it." the general denamed.
"Al came across a forest of trees, which was still a making showin; that the wave of the forest fire stopped about two hundred and fifty yands from the about of Alca.

term. And yet the houses were all dentroyed in that place."
"By II relieve; you dround that,"
"By II relieve; you dround that,"
"For int across unusual" said. Starring. Il heard that that place had been untouched."
"For sir, but I don't mean they were burned. They were wrecked by the concussion of the explosion. Put a few buildings sir were untoched. I looked into me of the buildings and discovered skeletons which proved that those who had been in them were killed.
They may have been suffected by the powder smoke, and the identification of each one of them by a strictor found in their clething was easily made out. Two of them were urisets. They may have been our occased by the power smoke, and the identification of each one of them by at articles found in their clothing was easily made out. Teo of them wore priests. Near the town the body of an old woman was found lying by a street car, to which a another car was attationed. The old woman was helding the hand of a mail skeleton which no doubt had been her granded child, as though about to get into the car when stricken down. A half skeleton, that of another little boy lay by her side. Inside the streetear was the skeletons of the passengers, nigh passinght passengers no doubt. I found in the streets of northern Abbieum eir, heaps of melted copper and iron, and los of silver. In the neighborhood of a telegraph office, I found the very instruments which mysteriously had been hurled a distance of a hundred rands. The metal of the "hat I am condering" said graving, "Is what our government will do with the ruins of Abbieum, and the hundreds of thousands of half skeletons lying within view or under the thick layers of debris." instruments was somewhat melted but the instruments were recognizable ...

"I do not know, but it will be the most serious problem which the aurthorities of our pational Government will have to solve, even during the war, and after the outer world and our unsuffering states have given assurances that the curvivors would recieve

food through their benevolence ..

The investigation committee who were to come to aid no said graring, never showed up vet. I believe they are atterly inadequate to the situation, or either they are atraid of the forest fires, the nature of the disaster, and the enemy, and it is evident that the stench a week or before had been so horrible that the danger of planu plague was great, added by the heat of the forest fires. I do not think we can accomplish anything much untill sometiming turns out for the better. We are continually graying for rain. There was talk among the arthorities of the Entional Government of abandoning the ait of the city altographer, and placing armies of saldiers around it by the landedde the si's of the city altogether, and placing armies of soldiers around it by the landside and a naval guard in the river and flood sections, to make sure it could not be approach ed by the enoping enemy. If this were done as plummed, it might help to pr. serve this city as a sud momulment for the nations good, a historic scene forever of the greatest disaster ever comprehended, and it was said as much quik quicklime as possible could then be scattered over the ruins, and if this were done, it can be realized that a year or two after this axful war is over the ruins of the town can then be entered year or two after this arful war is ever the ruins of the town can then be entered with safty to visitors and tourists, who would come to see what a disaster like this really did. Another proposal was to have wurships bombard the ruins with the purpose file the first the still standing walls down upon the bodies and giving them thus wholesale burial, which however frightful to mere thoughts, would not be unfitting after the death they met. That poor Abbieann might never be b rebuilt became probable. Certainly the object of the spot for many decades, even if the wars whushal devastation did couse as the entire sorroundings and portions of calverinia were more terribly devastated."

puring a merning when it was a little less smoky and not quite so hot, attempts were made bir by Starring, and some of his followersto get a vew of the ain explosion crater extremely north of Abb eann, and see what really was the outburst. It was a perile to task however, how perileus can best be understood, when it is related that the forest fires were closer than a sal to this region, and that the fires had exploded something that one detonation shook even rulned deleheld, forty miles away.

Starring and his fellow officers, and the child scouts with him were driven back several times by the fiefe fiorce heat, and chocking smoke, but they reported that

several times by the field flower hear, and chocking smooth, but they reported that they had all the appearance of the others, cometimes dense smoke hid the view, but it was certain that this was the explosion that did most of the dumage to Abbleaun and for that reason Abbleaun was no lonior a longer a city. All evidences seemed to confirm Starrings reports for near the crater the ground mysteriously gaped a thousand feet wide, and two miles long, an awf & crevice indeed. This day however was dealite the peril of the adventure a day of of partial freedom from the threat of the dangerous forest fires, and that then in the evening on september 25th near by a terrific column of tylek thick smoke burst forth, and as a result fear and terror were again among those who were exploring the city.

The renewed danger from the forest fire came suddenly between nine and ten oclock and great flashes of brilliant and sheens of light vere seen from the forests, and the clare illuminated all the sky, accompanied by r thick glowing red clouds, inters persed with glares and undulating rolls of flams. Tremendous uprushing showers and blizzards of sparks and great brac branches of blazing lmbs limbs ruse unward and fell

among the unburned portions of the fores s starting new blazes.

Everywhere it second rose huge relling red clouds, and vivid flushes of light, and seven smaller now firms which appeared on the lopes slopes of a high and long ridge the day before multiplied in number and size. The steamer to set a better view passed North mend for about two miles. Evidently a new and big fire had broken out to the north of the main fire. In following the unusual steambout course, from both Bend to Herdridge Junction, they could see the long ridge enveloped in fire and large clouds of dense smoke. This seemed to mean a serious est atton. As the ship approached nearer, the land was hidden by the dencest smoke through which a deep red glow the that extended to the waters edge could be seen. A shower of sparks and ashes

4. 3.32 and a sulphoric a small and deeme smake caused the caption to change the course of the stu steamer, and the boat want ten miles to avoid the heat and smoke. The captian atill suffering from his burns, and the remained on seek during the passage of this barrage of smeke complained of violent faintness. After the ship ran out of the smoke and heat and changed the course, they retraced the direction and again spreached northern Athlean, The sprearance of the country here was changed to what it had been weeks before the catastrophe and starring was flabbergasted. Old ravines of the region thickly forested, locked like open mouths of smoking hills, and the desolation and furnace scenery was indescribble, and on a near view of Abbieum, when a west wnd clear wind cleared away most of the smoke Starring found the view of the city wire ghastly than he thought t before.

In the face of this increasing danger, gtarring to further his hopes for success in his unusual undertaking for his cause decided to make a careful investigation of th situation in the river districts northwest of Abbieann. The ship therefore left d for that direction on the following afternoon September v26th, to determine whether d for that direction on the following afternoon September v26th, to determine whether there was danger in parmitting the continued examination of the rulins to continue, inso much as the distant forest fires was creating so much heat as to make life almost unvearable in the city even though it was nearly thirty miles from the "Hell"

As Starring was about to rebourd the ship a large b laze of fire, brightening up the scene like a volcanic laws flow came .p tward his right, accompanied by an ernor mous cloud of smot smoke, and made it appear doubtful whether it would be prossible to examine even the nir northern country because of the danger danger of being lost in the forests and of being in the path of the conflagration.

Therefore the trip for the time helies was progressed, and the ship steamed on buck to

Therefore the trip for the time being was posponed, and the ship steamed on buck to North Fend. In that direction the appearance of the Red Plague was not so terrific. The ground here was covered with a thick layer of explosion debris, and the limbs of the trees were weigh ted down with it. After the ship passed a little north of North Bend, the debris on shore seemed less thick, and gradually decreased as the vessel approach sonalon Point. Here the steamer anchored, and to Starrings surprise a small bout came out from the shore, bearing persons who were surprised to see the steamer and the begged for food.

Starring learned they were forest fire refugees, about six hundred in number, all old men women and children who had fled from their burning villiages and towns, being forced to leave all their property behind. The river at Kohola Point was filled with floating and charred debris of tree trunks and limbs and, the bridge there had been comp com letely destroyed by the fire. The river water was boiling hot, and full of dead fishes, which the fleeing people had secured as food. At Kol Kohola Point many persons even little children swam out to the Mary Jane and asked to be taken across to the other and safer side, and this was complied with when the captian got Starrings permission. Provisions were distributed to them.

They ordered that all the refugeen should cross on the ship to the other side, and they were only too willing to do so.

Upon reaching the extreme northeastern section of Abbieann, the highest point of the city, Starring and all the members of the ship this time, except those to remain and guard it landed. There was a strong odor of burned flesh in this part of the city and access to the city here was difficult. The town was a rounded by dense forests not at touched by fire, and smoke sometimes came in in fogs so thick that it was impossible to see less than six feet. Fire orands were also falling near the unburned portions, and Starring became alarmed. Breathing was equited difficult, and the heat was terrific.

... owever the next day Starring traveled across a good portion of the northern end of the city. Starring was surprised indeed to realize he and his followers were the first persons to visit this region since the catastrophe. He came upon St Marie Street about fifteen mines north of southern Abbieann. The distance measures twice that by road. The streets through which the party traveled, was dangerous because bands of road. The streets through which the party traveled, was dangerous occause cames or hidden Clandelinian snipers terrorized his band, but all had gone armed, for the Clandelinians had made numerous assaults and had no fear of the adventuerers. A number of them had been killed in several places. Starring and his adventuerers also must hundreds of refugees hasteneing through the region for chelter, fearing the fore fire would overwhelm the entire country and are hurryingto sufty, everyons even expecting a repetion of the outburst of last week. In sections of the extreme northern parts of the city Starring saw more evidences of the torrible ruin, and here the wave of explosion fire was so sharply defined that a house on the edge of the blast was torn

apart on one side, and not a section was ruined on the other side. Btarring walked then on foot for half a mile through the ruins of Abbicann, and saw not less than 22,000 skeletons o in bed in half wrocked houses with bedroom and other sections exposed to view. One building was torn u open, and which showed to be an op op orphan asylum. The victims in the beds in the domor domotory plainy showed the effects of the explosion shock, and also that the bedding showed that the vkc victims had been burned mystericusly as if surrounded by strange cas flames, here fragments of other buildings were found sticking in the walls of half crushed wooden houses, all scenes left as if a compade of wind had passed through. The cyclonic fury of the heated air blasts caused by the combination of explosion and near forest fire and explosion formed gases was shown by the uprooting of trees, many of which were turned upside down. Buildings looked like omaha, or umphysbure at after the As American mornadoes. A whole line of street electric light, and telephote poles extending for miles were stunding bottom upward. The same scene was observed with wooden houses for whole districts. Standing on their roofs and in line, and yet remaining on their own sides of the street. At one place four houses were seen standing on top of one another

Starring had witnessed the cyclones that devasta devasted quiverinian coast cities and no where did he observe effects of the wind greater than he found in Abbieann. In many pae parts he observed where many wooden houses had actually acted the beautiful known por-corn dence. The concussion of the explosions was extraordinary.

During his exploration of h this section, he was surprised by the renewed fury of to the distance forest fires, and he ordered his followers, and the two girl and boy scouts to keep close together, to be able to make a run for the ship if necessary.

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"Hold keep galm everybody" shouted gtarring. "Don't act like i lls."
"It there'll be enother big explosion." cried one of the men. "Cun't you mear that
tereithe thunder. My beavens, let's get out of here." and just as he spoke a shower od
of dust end flying atones fell about them, and the next moment there was a ten fold oranhalt seemed as if a volcano was active, but it was evident that the fires had setruck some gangers cants in the forests filled with explosives for blasting, and that was the reason for the detonations, so ally the panic Starring started to sing, and he finally calmed them, but angeline litches in looking east said it was safer to remain in this section of the City than going near the river just then, for to do so would be as dangerous as to venture too near a dangerously erunting volcanc.

One explosion was so terrific that the smoke and debrie shorting were visible for the entire distance from Ad-lchoid, to the ruined city. There was now a tremendous scene, and Starring and his party returned with all possible speed to the inner portion of the city to avoid the terrific heat, but saw nown by about fifty refugees coming through fleeling f for dear life. The wind dying down for a time, Starring and several of his followers came closer to the shore with the object of bring the sur refugees across. Indeed the sight of the forest fire was now a most terrible one. At Starrings

warning gestures the steamer pary Jane; immediately put out down the river a ways, with some of her landing boats following her, the ship blowing its whistle continuously. A part of the party ran along the river shore, and a boat came ashore to jick thom up. Immense quantities of fire were rourig on tward the shore at this section, and the clouds of smoke were scores of miles in extent. Those on the shore lost sight of the pary Jane in the gloom and haze, but her whistle could be heard. Flames rose in great clouds from the horizon all this time, and another explosion occured somewhere more terrific than before and a black cloud as fierce as that seen from an exploding volcano and fill of fire and flanhes arose from the edge of the fire, accompanied by tremendous rumblings and a tremor of the earth, that tossed the river in waves lashing back and forth from shore to shore.

This column of smoke was caught by a current of air and carried southward, and finally it formed like an unbrella the base of which rested in a sea of flame, and a mantle of durkness was swept southwestward across a portion of the city, enveloping it. Then so heavy was the smoke that filled the air that respiration for the adventuerers became a labor, and a fear of suffication cause upon them all. They continued to be larmed for more than five hours and it was not untill the wind suddenly changed its direction and the cloud of smoke be blew eastward that confidence was restored.

Yet all night the whole horizon line had the appearance of a great crevice of the glowing Internal Regions at which great hellish forces were working to burn up the world. lames shot skyward at times in sheets that I ghted up the entire view of the city, and continued with increasing brightness. The atmosphere was full of smoke, and the heat was most terrific.

These flames could be seen streaming along at times at the actern edge, and another explosion occured and roared terribly. Sometimes it seemed to Starring and his followers that life in this portion of the city was unbearable, and the suffering of the four child scouts was extreme, and their clothing was wet from sweating. It was during such scenes as this that Starring and his reallewscarchers in working theore in working the rains up here f fought their way among the debris in their effort to find some other class as to the wreckage thrown by the explosions. Sturring, who whose work and service in the army from the very first dayof his arival in the ranks up to now, and which won him priase from all was now most strenucus in his desperate efforts to find clues as to the real nature of the explosion.. At the same time of course he was hoping to discover whether it really had been the cause of eruptions or real explosions.....

It can be writtenww written with feeling that appears now almost like a greatet propressionation of disaster, hat Starring and his followers had come to situation entertain a strange repugnance for his duty. for the firs, time in his life. In this feeling his followers and the four child scouts fared.. Starring ad Angeline wichees he, she, had actually discussed periously, a cossible exchange of cositions in the rulned city, as Angoline hickes thought content if the southern extremelty of the city than did the others.

"We had better het at of this." Angeline colled to starring. "We had better be getting out and getting out an fact an we can."

"Oh you are just got ing only fittle scared." Starring replied. "There is no need of any one going away from here now."

"It is much better that be sufe than to be sorry." continued Ameline Riches."If the fires a cut o to off from the lost we will be trapped in the city..."

Yet as soon as the air was clear en ugh, Starring a tended by one of the rangers, genet rated to a half torn down building which looked to be former court. In the rains of the structure between what was formely a ladges bench and the approximent jaced soid as a lary lep Pebatement room were uncovered what was believed to be run ration not belonging to the buildings of the city. It was out though of the constant the belonging to the buildings of the city. It was out though of the constant the belonging to current, and Starring cursfully no of the location, and then constalted with the caption of the steamer who had accompanied him. Two metallic like stones were also dus up.

Another section at Stannings indicated direction the other officers and some of the tangers : ade a similar effort to locate some class as to the real nature of the that. The the reither substance were susceptible of positive identification, the position in a thich such was found left little doubt as to their set all identify.

This was added indeed a most daring and misking to say the least,, and the narrow encape of these brays parties was suggest.....

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> It was wrecked just as any other section not covered or swept off by the flood. The streets are as completely buried out of sight by the fall of so many of the tall houses as were those of Pompell. Along the river water front Starving Observed there were a few malls station was found. Curiously enough he saw the clock mentioned that survivied the disaster. It was the clock of a big church tower which still stood. The face and hands of the clock were not destroyed The face and hands of the clock were not destroyed though its works inside were injured, and these hands indeed furnishes for Starring a real proof of what he had been informed. The hands of the clock had stopped at precise outly ten minutes to one, which wascto his surprise, showing that it was at that moment the first shock commenced, that finally overwhelmed the city at this part and destroyed the lives of all within it and its environs.
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> The work of saylowing the ruins of this section of Abbleann for some of the treasure approach to be buried beneath them was begin by Starring, but no such traces could

> be found. The valits of the ruined banks of Abbisann were buried beneath the ruins of the building, and no means could be found to set to them under all the rubbish. All the securities cash, notes and so forth of many banks buried beneath the ruins may aumount to billions of collers, this exploring the rules of Abbieum, steamers louded with half crazed women and children from imperiled districts in the neighborhood of the forest fires were constantly passing within his view,,, and were halled by those remaining on board his own shippp.

Starring said when the search for the treasure was futile,

"The forest fire itself did not give the slightest waring of the destruction that was
to come. That I wonder is whether some ernormous imes mines on the ground had exploded,
by means of battery charges set by the enemy ,or is it so what many believed that if
it was not of eruptions then the fires may have struck some ernormous muti munition
stores and set it off. But I can relate an experience of my own which can lay to some

I was a witness or al, ost a rae partak r of the Lake Selicia horror...... I was o t scouting with a number of officers and soldiers at the time, with a great little girl scout called Alace Gracedelinia accompanying me, when the ground trembled so as to throw our horses off their feet and we were dismounted in a way that would do credic credict to a cirsu curcus stunt that would have made us a fortune had it been done in a cahow. It did not tremble as an earthquake does, but as though a terrible sirucile was going on somewhere near the lake. As we rose to our feet, the whole levee or big wall of dikes keeping in the waters of the lake seemed to shudder, and a mouning sound second to issue from the water. Then there was a rending crash, followed by a grinding noise. It was perfectly dearening though so far away as we were from it, and the flash of light that accompanied it was perfectly blinding. Then there was a noise like that of a terrible hurricane, and where a fraction of a second before there had been a perfect calm I and those with me sebmed to be drawn into some sort of a vortex. The myse mysterious forve leveled a number of trees close by to my left, as if a tornuc had attack them from cehind, leaving bare a large a space of ground, a hundred parts square, and more then two thousand yards longs..._ransfied I stood not knowing ha what direction to flee, as gracedelinia almost screamed, and and the others threw themselves flat.

I looked tward the Lake Selician Dike, and above and around it formed a great black cloud which reached high in the air as if a volumni c eruption was breaking out. I t literally seemed to full apon the city of Schloeder town, and to envelope Sperryville simultaneously. It formed and spread out and moved with a rapiditythat made it impossible for anything to escapecfrom it, and I shouted;
"Volcano is erunting at Lake Selicia."

"Go on " said a commanion officer"It's no eruption. It's a tornado."
But from the direction of that cloud came explosions that sounded worse than any of But from the direction of that cloud came explosions that sounded worse than any of our greatest cannonades in a battle put into a few shorts singly, and a simultaneous rour came elsewhere that sounded as though all the navies of the world were in a tremendous artillery conflict. Lishes played in and out of the cloud in broad sheets to nguess and forks, the result blao being that for a moment or two intense darkness apread over us, followed by a stringe light that seemed to be of imagnifying powers. That the cities of speriyille and Schloedertown were doomed knew, but we were at that t m time prevented from seeing the dearf destruction by a spur of the hill that shift off the wive from the cities. It is immediated to tail how, and they shed there

shut off the view from the cities. It is impossible to tell how , and they stood there so long inert without trying to escape, but probably it was only a few moments, but so vivid were m. impressions that it how seems as though I stood as a spectator for many minutes. When I recovered presence of my sensos I heard a new treemendous roar and saw a torrent of water fiercer than even the magara Falls pouring from the caps in the dike, then with a new roling thundering sound, the whole dike gradually crumbled and melted away into a torrent of water the full length, and believe me we sure tried to see whose horse could reach the highest spur of the hill fu first.

I knew there was so fi no flaming flash in the first wave of cloud that was sent down upon the cities. It was a heavy black cloud, like fire damp, then came the flashes. It was the most tremendous explosion I had ever seen, had ever been a witness to. As we draw out or up to the top of that rise of ground the lake seemed in the thross of a terrible convulsion. New gaps seemed to be opening in other levees of the lake, and water us flowing in broad streams in every direction and a terrific flood was result water us flowing in broad streams in every direction and a terrific flood was resulting. The two cities were ruledwhile we were still in sight of it, the torrent carrying all before it living the inhabiants no time to even escape. Andmany of have lived in those cities and who had escaped are homeless, and without and loved ones left. This was the first destructive disaster in my career that I witnessed with my own every earthware children survived the a day of this destruction itself, only to dis inter after after feartful fearful agony. One of them was an orphum, whome name I did not learn. The us rescued in the atticor in floating house, two days after the explosion, and when the flood was at its worses. I though far carrfully carred from heat to foot, she was, problem in the action of the destruction in galacta a few days later after she was browned there. The second child all a little boy whose a name only was known at clatter,

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dead in bed just as they were when sleeping. All bodies not buried in wreckage were curbonized or rousted. Even great trees with roots upward and also scorched by fire were stream in the city in every direction. "Uge ruins of solid buildings, and still hot and gacking wreckage piles were also observed. Starring elieved the reports now that the completeness of the catastrophe is evident when it was stated that as was known for the present time now no one save the new handful of survivors picked p from the wrecked ships in the river harbor that futal saidright hor hour, escaped. And even then, they too were enable to tell what had not all the peak of the passed through that they could not hardly say a word. Starring believed it is certain however that the disaster case

Sturring himself remembered that at the time of the great disaster he himself had bee been in the city of Pandora, and the people of that city had awakened to hear for ever twenty minutes load detonations, when which had been so load that the reverberations exhead from calverine fur north of pundora on the north to Crowley city, on the southern boundary of Angelinia gtate. The fr fearful crashing seemd cease at about twenty minutes to one, and in the morthing the city of pandora had great closues overhead. The inhabitants were alarmed, but the Mayor of Pandora, did everything posible to ally allay the panic. We partly succeeded, but scarcely had the feares of the people been allawed, when there came the news that in an instant Abbleun. Its proving its

been allayed, when there came the news that in an instant Abbleaun, its people, its houses had seen plo blotted out of existence.

After a search of four hours in the ruins, starring found no trace of anything sue picous that he was looking for. And from everything he saw he felt more confident than ever that even 10,000,000 was not too great an estimate of the loss of life, veryone in the active event the real named to most be real and and which the track of the form o In the city except the men population must have perished, and surbub suburban Towns and cities added hundreds of thousands to the number of victims.

That he was quofounded about was how was the Calverinian and other government again.

to care for all the flood and forest fire refugees, whose number was kn increasing every day. The entire eastern section t of Calverinia as far up as Abbleann has been or is being devastated. All plantations for scores of miles, and small villiages have been destroyed by the forest fires, and tall the refugees have either taken to the hills horing to be away from the danger of the advancing conflagration, but who are still menunced by the seas of fire.

As they could not be relieved, taken to places of safty, fed and clothed the situation was becoming very alarming. Werk must be done quickly or the disaster will become ten hundred fold worse. Hundred of thousands it seems must perish as it is before help can reach them. piver ships alone cannot suffice. Abbieannia can do nothing as all communications is cut off. It seems the whole world met help.

Starving indeed had not looked for what he observed in cestern Abbienn according to reports hourd that the city was lett intact. As said before the or what is supposed to be called streets and all the neighborhood around what a few months before was the largest and most properous city in all Abbienn were found encumbered with heups upon heaps of ruins covering dead bodies beneath. Herever buildings stood still with all the interior exposed to view, all the dead sere seen in the beas, or lying outside stark nuked, their clothing having been burned off from their bodies by a hot strenge singe of flame, this they themselves were pertly rousted. In the wast materity of instance, not fire but shock or fumes seem to have been the sole cause of death.

Even in one exceed interior of a house Starving say great number of bodies hunt

Ever in one exposed interior of a house Starring saw great number of bodies burst as under by some kind of terrific heat, and either lie in bed or on the floor or unid the wreckage disembouled. In many instances however he saw that the faces of the victims were quite calm as if killad before they were even avened, as if they were stylcken with death instantly just where they lay without a moments wurning or awakening or if awakened without time to imagine for an instant the deadly is peril hey they were in. Only a few every now and then were found, that had stamped upon their faces on in expression of indescriable terror.

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The entire city and the neighborhood, still recked with a horrible or odor of burned flesh. o one had come to see the ruins untill he arived, and that accounts why bodies could be found as thick as seen on a battlefield. He came across one place where he saw an entire family of women and children in ten houses, all laying amid the reckage and the bodies in a horrible state of decomposition or already mere skylentons.

Starring believed, for there is no one living apparently, to tell the exact facts. that the explosions may have occured in an area of burning forests, and that there That the explosions may have occursed in an area of burning lorests, and that the torus was coddenly shot from that region a great sheet of flaming materials of the forests by the explosions accompanied by a great thirlwind of flame and heat, precisiously as is reported at the headways of such fires, and that the explosions of such fore force three all this month north end of the city. The entire quarters of Lastern Abblesina are completely leveled with the ground, fruming nothing but heaps upon heaps of ruins covered thickly over with explicat I sion explosion o debrie or mingled with it and every other sort of wreckage commingled ...

. That horrible revelations of the havor wrought to human life which these grim mounds the city not even a trance trace of the streams that existed there also could be seen. The great city archouses and immense factories and mills, along the river frontt, are smached in on the side fushiong facing the direction of the incoming flood waters enroofted, and gutted throughout their entire length, their contents either piled in heaps or along the streets, or floating in the water.. small tugs and hundreds of river sallboats and steamers, rowboats and launchos have jummed the selves i to buildings, or floated way down the streets, where they were landed by the incoming flood waters, and left by the receding floods. On the north side of the city of Dorothy Gale thousands and left by the receding floods. On the north side of the city of botthy where thousands of houses not wholly demanded and jammed in great confusing masses against one another as if they were an immense junk pile thrown away. I have seen great piles of human bodies, dead animals, rotting vegetation, household furniture, and fragments of the housen themselves piled in confused heaps right in the wain streets of the city. In the river itself h m human bodies had been floating around like cordwood."

"I seen one section of the flood except Abbisenn that terrible morning" said one of the Rangors. Asctime passed on however, the terrible truth was pressed home throughout the nation on the minds of the people that the mortality by the flood and explosion in the Abbieann region had possibly reached eight mill ion, or nearly the entire population, and what the less from the disaster was throughout the rest of the zone of herror could n never be estimated.... As I said throughout the whole flood area, the exact flood dead innumbers will never be known, not even in bbisann, and as no list of the dead was never accurately made out, as no one could make any list out, and there was no one there to do sit, and it and more so the terrible flood waters, may have curried down the rivers and into the sea also, and washed on distant and lonely shores many of the bodies that mover were recovered. The unknown dead of the Abbleann horror sir, will for forever surpass far the number of those who are believed to have perished in that awful flood throughout other portions of the country, when the tempes of flood waters ruged and the waters devastated so many thousands of to ms towns and villiages and cities,

"Well he whatever has pened" said starring looking again on the ruins of Abbieann with a feeling of great removuse remourse," "whatever happened one of the greatest catas rowhes ever known to mankind, was this flood that devastated so much of Calverinia and Morthern Angelinia State, following immediately after one of the biggest explosion crushes ever known to happen. Though the ammount of proper y destroyed may runs into the tens of thrillions of dollars when it is ever finally checked up this was never theless the slightest loss. That which makes our flood horror so exceptional is the terrible fact that it swept away half as many lives as did many of the battles we have seen in this war so far, or destroyed so many lives as were killed wounded and captured in the recent battle of Headrick Junction or Gedernine Creek, and trunsformed a most rich and preper prosperous country and valley for more than ten to thirty miles to the thirty thousand mile into a vast hell and charnal house. By Heavene Captium if it can be rightly proved, without any bogus about it that glandelinia did this, I cannot even concieve what the resy recult will be. Abbiemmia, is mobelizating it is true, but when the real facts of the disaster comes out, a hell of a new kind will

swelp swelf ue uo upon clandelinia."
"Yes, and Abbieann was supposed to be located on the main line of the MicHollester and Pandora Railroad, and was at the time a city of more than eight million inhabitants twenty eight thousand of whom were foriegners, mostly Itilans. It was the most important commercial city of Culverinia, annihilated, and such as will give the popular title by which the disaster will be known. Even the Mic-Hollester Run Valley has long been famous for the beauty of its scenery and its dense forests.

where the flood waters came from is a mystery. Far north of Abbieann there is a lake reservior of very immense size owned and used by the flatinal government for the winter and summer reserv of the imperial ramilies and government for the winter as about six hundred feet below the Abbisano Level, and it is about sixteen miles long and six miles broad in its greatest width. In many places it is nearly a thousand feet deep, and it holds a lurier volume of water than any dam in this whole country. The dum that ret restained restricted the waters is nearly six miles long, two hundred feet in height, one hundred and ninty foot thick at the buse, and as tyl thick at the top which is used as a railway. It has may immense spill and sluceways, and had stood for a century and never broke. This dam was never believed to be a standing menance to any section of the Abbieum district, even in time ofsevers freshets, and was fully equal to all ordinary emergencies. And the dam has been proven structurally strong beyond conception with the evidence that strangely the a awful vibrations of the explosion effected it not in the least and is still in the same condition. It also has more than a sufficient means of discharging a surplus volume of water to i irrigate the farms during our long summer dry spells, and never was it feared that such a reservoir situated in a region even noro notorious for its freshets would ever yeild to the ernormous pressire pre pressure and send down its resist ristless irrestible waters like an a valanch to devastate the valley. The fact that such a dam withstood the concussion as flabborgasting . But where in the world did all the water come from. Supposing this dam had done it, it would not have made one third that much flood, orests of tress and rocks, where were harled high into the air by the chock f the if-estible flood which rushed down the country side and the valley like a haricane aped. From where ever it started, it is said it took about three or four hours to reach Abbieann, and with the procession of the deluge, forests of trees,

logs, debris of toms and villiages swept away by hondreds, rocks, railroad iron, and indescriable masses of drift were more and more compacted for buttering buttering power and what the advance torrent of the fierce floodepared, the sea of debrie in the

wake of the ilcod made up of mountains of buttering rams, destroyed.
Even one | quarter of Mildred greenburg looked like an immense Galveston because of this, and so did Angelinia Agathia, Dorothy Gale and other big cities. It issaid that the distance rom Abbieann to Dorothy Gale, something over eighteen hundred miles

vere build beneath the streams of buildings and wricking term from apper towns and cilies that reached from the irritatest, described the incident of blooms, and carrying the amfort mute incidents to the their deaths, it of all readers know of the horrors of Jayeston warricans of 1900, well the people of for the Jake west three while borrors similar to that with all the accessinging terrors of that itseater, hericans winds too produced by beats of distant forest fires, and of dangers from fire, and all this not in a day but for my fee than twenty dur and highly together. Facility, each all this from drowning thirst from lick of the factor, and all other horors. The forest fire dwing from drowning thirst from lack of the factor, and all other horors. The forest fire attentions of piled to high on the houses to picess, and they the dobris in all directions of piled to hill find its from the houses to picess, and they the dobris in all directions of piled to hill the little from the twenty feet high, but tone means of the blacking embers of the distant houses starting big fires here and there that spread rapitly. One big long ridge of reckage was curried down from other cities and howes, internised with hindred of men women and children of every describens, and all this was harbed into the northern streets of Porothy Gale. and piled together inone confused mans. streets of Porothy Gale. and iled together inone confused mass.

The principal work of destruction was completed in sixteen short hours in the worst dumaged parts of the city, and jet in all that brief time the accumulation of many a life time were swept away, thousands of lives went out, and the du dismal day following found a population, stricken and paralyzed, and helpless still before the contucontinued ravages of the worst flood on record. How how, and each day, the situation changed for the worst, and the mid became dazed midet the greveous scenes. t s continued fury of the flood, of seeing houses going to pieces. The bodies of human beings, the cara carcasses of animals of all kinds, were strewn on every hand, and there had been so many bodies that at first it did look as if the whole population of the of the city was being annihilated. The flood was filled with them coming down from the north. Starring who witnessed the flood in norothy Gale, himself, saw the corpses w swept into the one chaning tides of the flood, and brought down the streets as thick

16 straws, and knew they were more from other towns than Dorothy Cale. He said of

his experiences at Dorothy Gale;

"I saw many faces, even of little children prod protruding above the water, there the foot of a child, here the long silking dresses of a young dress, there and here and nearly everywhere a tinty hand or foot, and just beneath the glassy surface of the water full outlines of bodies might be seen, such scenes drove men and somen to absolute desperation. When I not fied notified Violet and her sisters above the boation location of the floods down ow down there they would not hardly believe it. puring the flood, and afterwards a great deal of looting was done by Clandelinian vandals. Many stores had been closed, their owners being compelled to leave to look after their lamilies, and hol homes. The winds of distant is forest fires and the fire huricanes forced in the the windows and left the goods pray to the vur vultures. Ghoule striped the dead bodies of all kinds of jwe jewelry and articles of value to use for their wicked countrys cause. So extensive was the flood that no troops outside could render aid, and the city after the flood was placed under martial law by the surviving men citizens themselves, while the national Guard by wireless was asked for aid. One commander sent seventy thousand men, the remmant of a flood torn army to do police duty, but they could bot not get past the flood to the city. Three divisions were sent from the half flooded mobilization comps of Angelinia Agathia, but these too were barred by the flood ..

Hundreds of desperate Glandelinian vandals in disguise roumed the half floor to floode flooded streets crazed with liquor which many had drunk because nothing else could be obtained with which to stop their thirst while they went at their ghoulish work. Number less bottles and boxes and cases of intoxicating beverages were scattered about an

and easy to obtain.
Robbery and roiting from Glandelinian vandals continued for many days and nights and at night as the city was in durkness, the effort of the city aurthorities to control the lawless element was not at all successful. Big bonfires were built at many various places from heaps of rebbish to enable armed citizens to see better where real watchfulness was needed. I heard that more than six hundred looters and vandals in the city were slain in bloody combats with the citizens. The most rigid enforcement of martial city martial law was not able at all to supress the vandalism entirely. Thirty three Clandelinian vanida vanduls were surprised by a gang of a hundred men but fought it out successfully against overwhelming odds and after killing sixty of the hundred men escaped with their loot. I myself was going to take the train on the following morning of the beginning of the flood, and was at the main station when the worst of the flood came up. There were thousands of people in the big deept depot, and we all remained there for nearly fourteen days .

The back b part of the building fell in during the height of the flood, and I with many others were forced to seek shelter in the left wing. The streets then were literally filled with dead and dying p ople. A big orps orphan asylum near the station was a most terrible scene. I saw there over fifteen hundred dead children, and all the sisters cure believed to be dead. We took the gravest chances to breasting the flood by means of a strong river steamer, and as we went through we saw seas of water, float ing wreckage bodies and other horrors. I saw later during the recession of the flood

one thousand foot dray with countless numbers of bodies being drawn by four tugs to be buried in the waters.

indeed the situation at that beautiful city beggars description, I cannot tell all I saw there. But fortunately the whole city was not so terribly wrecked, but nover theless fully seventy per cent of the business pertion of the city was wrecked, and the same percentage of damage is to be found in the residence district. Along the river wharfs great str steamers, not river bad even ocean going ships, and big river warcraft and many other kinds of shi pping shipping have been bodily thrown by the flood on the big river piers or hurled into the city strects, and li there great masses of iron and wood, that even the resultant conflagrations could not destroy...... They observed that the total decolation beyond the crater, and the mighty mass thrown around by the explosion which covered the earth were almost incredible, even beyond believing Jennie marer said;

"I can't hardly believe my eye sight. It seems like a night mare to me. Thy beyond here, and down the slopes of the hills beyond, across the valley of the Mic-Hollester Run, chocking up a part of the river, and stretching beyond it to those foot hills and the nearest forests pointing) five or six miles arther away, has swept a vast billowy shoot of earth, m.d and debris of all kinds, broken trees, sliding hillsides and broken forests, oblitering obliterating eve y foot of the erstwhile smiling landscape. Thy even a volcanic er p eruption of the Krakatoa or the lift Pelee type put together in in one eruption could not accomplish half of this. It sure must have been some terrific mine that did this."

Here and there they observed huge disordered heaps of rocky t debris thickly intermingle intermingled with forest trees, the rocky debris, in the distance recembling nothing so much us the giant concrete, black gubstrucut substructure of an ernormous breakwater n shattered by the sea waves. It was also carious for them to see on the further side of Withe charp line of demarkation, between a brown sea of md and gray clay and the shattered to green forests on which it had engroached, or again the lakes formed in every tributary When of the Mic-Hollester Run by the massive dams no suddenly raised against the Manage of their stream maters. One ernormous lake was more conspicus among the rest... It was there that one of the main tributaries of the Mic-Hollester pun had been arrest at there that one of the main tributaries of the inte-Hollester per had been arrest ed at its issue from a wide pass by a monster barrier ad of debris thrown right across its course. And neither living thing, nor may sign of life of any kind could be discerned over the whole course and excurse. And indeed gave for the distant noise of the forest fire east of them, all was silen silent, dismut, and solitary.

nement it however Sturring knew, lay more than a score of humlets and some small and big towns, and mestimated corpses of men women and children, who no doubt had been overtaken by swift and painful deaths.

Although the city of Riverview was not severely injured, nearly all its abled bodied inhabitants lost their very lives in a manner which showed the extroardinary forst force with which the explosion had. Hen the "supposed cruction occurred here, and debris of all kinds began to rise and fall, the young and old fled panic stricken from their houses in panic, some scarrying across fields making for the opposite hills and deep mather with the position of the proposite will know he will know he will be a third and a third and ablance the made their houses in panic, some scarrying across listes making for the opposite miles and down paths well known by all. A minute later came thicker darkness than even made by the hour of midnight, plinded by this, and dazed by the falling debris, and other horrors of the scene, their steps, and ulso their senses failed them. And before another ten seconds had passed every soul was caught by a swift aval avalanche of debris which rushing down a hillside, and dislodged by the convesion overwhelmed them in a fate more horrible than if they all had been buried alive in a bed of quick sand, none oscaped except those who had been frightened to leave the city. Starring had heard of this. He realized that this one as well as some other supposed "eruptions" had convulsed Central Calverinia and the whole of pengall State onnthat on that fatal midnight how or just a few minutes of the beginning of June The First.

The wave of main disturbance produced by the explosions traversed fourty two provinces of Calverinia, o er which the earths crust was shaken most violently for fifteen minutes, in nearly over three hundred shocks of a seconds duration, while the same shocks were somewhat slighter at a distance of two thousand miles, but enough to do some ruin and cause unic and come commention, and was felt under the distant sons a like distance, making themselves felt on the neighboring contenent of

Starring knew that the shocks had been felt in Pandora Abbieunnia, though II miles from the center of disturbance, and yet it produced a conousein at that distance never noticed before, which broke windows, made people jump out of their beds, thinking it was thendering, and which according to their wording lasted over twenty minutes. Owing however to the character of the move a movement, and concussion and the distance, which was comparatively slight, the damage was confined to the wrecking of some roofs and chime chimneys and millions of windows, in glass. The worst or some roors and chime chimneys and millions of windows, in glass. The worst affacted was Bengall State, and Central Calverinia. To commence however at Pandora Calverinia, which is two hundred and fourty miles away from the scene of the disaster on June the Foist, one minute after twelve, the inhabitants were awakened and alarmed by a audden jolting of their houses, which contuned over two hundred times, and many sought refuge outside their doors. There was each time a nou noise like the firing of artillery, no underground mise which accompanies earthquake, but sounds at a distance. The people even claimed there were so shocks exactly like an earthquake but a jolting sensution, and many became dizzy and some were selzed with nausea.

These indications, together with the sudden jolting, and the stranger movements of the nelsmographs denoted a strange dis a disturbance, at a considerable distance from this second biggest Calverinian city, but the first surmise that it was located anderground with the exploding of Mt Joan, was incorrect. The scene of the catastrophe was indicated with only litidings from its outskirts, as all direct news was cut of for the interrupting of railroad and samy other communications by the shock and fload.

Starting did not know how far he would have to proceed to go to anyother explosion

hole but he believed he was about more than fourt, miles may from Abbleaun, and only on the attaile at a of the destriction area, beyond the city of Abbla Abbleaun. Here although the minor of shocks caused by the explosions had been an anally severe to destro; all the lindcape and towns within the district, to displace all the forests of trees nothing mas all except the appearance of the explosion hole was observed.

At one point owning to the lateral spreading of some embankment there had been a slight clakege of the line of round, and Sturring and his followers had to proceed with custion for fear of walking into an explosion or uter before the and it. rossing the entruce to a portion of the beautiful Luke Angeline they came to the farm fields or what had been farm fields, and pushed over a country of hills. Turther along their Further along their line of travel signs of more violent effects of the explosion became more numerous. Huge farm houses had been strange strangely turned around or event mined and hamaged, roofs were off, sinkage . In the madews and other ground

became more sightly, and although their was a large rock that ier between them and the plain of greater destriction, it was evident that they were still in the area where the vibrations of the explosion had been more vicient.

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The main deman of saminum maximum destruction,,,, was observed closer to the series of the explosion as well as father off, and expectely on a large plain, once dotted with small villiages, homeofeeds, furns, etectr, bomes and to no of large size and beautiful for ests, supporting under the garden file culture of the Calveriniums about sixteen thousand sight handred inhabitants to the square mile,, and containing two cities, ha Verse, and Rivertown with populations of about five handred thousand for one, and about three handred thousand for the latter, giving probably a round total of two million five handred thousand people. Within about twelve miles of livertown, a strange absideance of one west scale had taken place, trees were as prooted a structe sibeldance of on a vast scale had taken place, trees were up rooted or standing in all positions, even upside down while over lessor areas the soil in want places had slipped down carrying with it dwellings and their inmates. Rivertown

samp placed had alipped down carrying with it dwellings and their innates. Rivertown was a total wreck, not like a city rained by an earthquake, but as if torn up by a tornudo, as more wrockage was in the streets than where the konses stood, and a part of the city had been devasiated also by a conflagration, which caused the total destruction of hald of he injuses it the city of the little flower nineteen miles miles to the northeast, fored even what city of the only, il out of one militam million houses remained stunding, blisted also as if from a tornado, but fortunately only one fifth of the population of nearly six hundred thousand were killed or injured. In one cathedral, where a Midnight service had been held for a purpose of the poly Cause, only twenty two out of the entire congregation oscaped. In this Church was however the main loss of life. The damage at this place hadobeen produced by the big explicitly supposed to the the total conjusted the destruction. the very start, and other near explosions had completed the destruction.. The six viving inhabitings were driven to suck reflue in releasuretion.

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ithousands of injured to whom it was impossible to five any care for many dags
of or the disaster. In this town some estimates as Starring learned placed the figure
of the killed as high as twenty five thou and, and thirty thousand injured, and over
the remainder of the inhabitants were rendered homeless homeless.

Oring to the annual stuation produced by the cameias c concasions the st
of their effects, and causes has had a great deal of atrention attention there. Leed

the Calverinians have proved as energetic in this direction as they are in pirely material progress on the limes of all progress of civilization, and they too are to be recognized as the most advanced of all people in their own study of seismology and its accompanying thenomena.

FURTHER ETT. LIBICES IN THEST FICKED STRICKED CITY...

Starring though he a came + investigate the rains of Abbieann he had to also come String though he c came to investigate the ruins of Abbieann he had to also come there to "Play" the hero. Pear Abbieann south and north, but a considerable distance capt there were considerable town, which if affected in any degree by the explosions and the expedition more difficult for their inhabitants, and to make the scene more harrists, and to make the scene more harrists, and to make the scene more harrists, and to file and come to him to beg for help. Blarring was mad, not exactly mad, but that are not printed in the this column, and he said some things about the enemy. After the lirst shock of the overwhelming forest fire disactor, the few who escaped forther never into a state of apathy from which they were slow to rouse. Indeed such is often the fact after some surreme crief following a series of anatherophen, whis

is often the fact after nome supreme grief following a series of catastrophen. This of the little children was enough to melt hearts of iron. Starring redieved word of the score and the next day while trying to get the beat to go on the opposite side of the

river one of the hangers came and suid;
"From what , see here now I firmly believe that the enemy alone even was responsible for the great dimarter we are investigating. I was out beyond the forest fire zone petrolay looking for Great Crater No. Six, and saw hendreds of frightened refugees entering the region, many of them ever little girls and boys and old men without clothen, and not a single person carrying anything to be called belongings. The heat in that region was like a desert oven; the people were arranged duzed, and did not know what to do to care for themselves. gome on seeing me and my followers mistook us for Clandelinians and fled with screams. We were struck sir with the apparent arathy of there refugeor. Finally we not the nearest group of them to understand we were friends not members of the foe, and we fir furnished evidence of proof which reconciled them with us, or otherwise we would not be here to tell it, as they would have set upon

The calmness of these refugees while speaking of the forest fire catastrophe was smething remarkable, and when i asked them of the explosions that destroyed Abbieann I to see what they would say said to a woman;

s.mething nemarkable, and when I asked them of the explosions that destroyed Abbisann I to see what they would ask said to a woman; ill see there were great volcanic eruptions in this region. They leveled Abbisann and the mole country side."

"The looked at me and said;
"The sou mad sir? Volcanic eruptions. Buth. They were explosions."

"The looked at me and said;
"The source of theme being eruptions is a fuct of nothing else but enemy made that the reverse of theme being eruptions is a fuct of nothing else but enemy made explosions. At least that is the way it appears to these refugees. They saw one eruption and the land they saw Abbisann disappear."

"The did not find out a condition must be looked into firther "observed starring. "If we the enemy done it all, but I want absolute absolute evidence of it, so that are the shole nation, it is an exploding volcano. The volcano shall be known as Mount the enemy done it all, but I want absolute absolute evidence of it, so the reputing which disasterous effect upon Landelling. Be its affairs and belching camons, erupting the armines and belching camons, erupting that its disasterous effect upon Landelling. Be its affairs and belching camons, erupting that the clearings of the main branch of the Mic-Hollester woods, coming as it seemed from the surrounding country. The people were destricted and terrified. They wanted only one thing, and that was to be far away as possible from the "Ped Plague" which they said was burning up the world. Starring and his members were waylayed by soore of persons crazed with feur, and begying to be carried away on the ship to the safer shore. The people be lieve the whole of Calverinia was doomed to complete destruction, or iver of Lealing in droves.

At long is an effort was being made to discover hill clues us to what the disaster really was, and less of finding attorials as were could or could be found directly a the surface or not deeply burled, ther

the surface or not deeply buried, there was some attempt in the face of the heat and the surface or not deoply buried, there was some attempt in the face of the heat and so one to police the rules, and to prevent the entrance of undestrable visitors. Etarring only would take with him persons or followers only hardy and brave enough to dare the threatening of the lower slopes of a hill near the city, sholesaid, investigations took place to the lower slopes of a hill near the city, sholesaid, investigations took place to therefore at this section of Abbieum, and whenever Claudelinians appeared from hidden places and tried to frautrate the investigators they were hounded like rabbits and shot down on the spot. Starring brought with him a party of strong armed paggers and a number of the culverinisms and in three hours they captured eighty five of the interfering Claudelinians, who was grilled would not reveal any reason why they were there to frustrate the work.

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Leven of these landelinians were disguised as women. The pangers in fights shot many of the claudelinian suppers. Starting when seeing some of the captured men and finding their real purpose through paners found in their possession entenced fourty four of the rebels to face various firing squads, and also was one of the members od of the firing squad himself. some officers of the Vandals were released however when they confessed the real purpose of being there. Others were shot for refusing to tell. they confermed the real purpose of being there. Others were shot for refueing to tell. The Cuptien, and even Ameline piches and others did not the thightink these rentences severe enough, but there was no came here to appeal for higher justice, though the Abblecanian glittary trub Tribunal courts had jurisdiction overf andal Vandal and en pring soldiers of the enemy and the general penaltybis houghing. Booting was even in war time considered the highest rate of crime, which belonged to the Death condemning Hillary and Gival Courts, as well as for Argen, Argen and only measure and so forthe To slap a child in the streets especially a little girl, the offense caused a penetentary sentence from five to six years; even if it is your exe child. Stayring however choosed his ext judgement on the situation and looters and emigers captured faced the firing equad. There was generally one condition however he interposed, t and that was if they told out their purpose of being there, to frustrate his work, and they told the truth, he only held them as prisoners. Fut if they refused to tell they were gromptly executed. All his investigators were highly excited over the effects of the disasters and feeling All his investigators were highly excited over the effects of the disasters and feeling sare the enemy was reposit responsible were anxious that all snipers and alda Vandals

should be what with he a small trail. Ever since they landed in the city, and from North hend that he about returned to the beaut, and all that time an incinenant smaller go obscoved the city and ext, and at times total duringen prevailed. All the time gravings followers were merved, gometimes the during a little lighter, but the smole files continued, with an occannional fall of bunning embers and and aftiven through he the air by the winded, and continuous no rambeling a were heard from the direction of the fire. The feeling of anxiety continued but graving was beather to always go back and forth from and to the ship, when there was some charge of pathering up all kinds of debris in the city to see whether there had been a volcamic or uption or not, as the same debris was in the city thrown by the explosions. To a greath the explosion cruters was dangerous.

Thile they were waiting at about three oclock in the afternoon, for the air to

Thise they were waiting at about three colock in the afternoon, for the air to become more clearor, Starring noticed a singular phenomenon in the northeastern sky, the first time since he had been here, great clouds like gian gight gigantic white estrich planer, and also like monster and human shapes, and horrid globlar thandorheads, walls, bridges, and volcanic rolls, and number formations rose high in the however. They had strangely luminous linings, which were mistaken for flumes, though they were only caused by the glare of the flames below. The fire no doubt was spreading in a new direction.

by the glare of the flames below. The fire no doubt was spreading in new direction.
Starrings followers were thrown into constanation. A little later the wind began
to chiff from the scuthwest to the north, changing the shapes of the clouds to the
reverse, and a long rolling wave of smoke cloud thick and heavy as of a thundersturm
spread over the sky from the north and at the same time the heat became more intense
and a wind hot and smothering becan to blow. Starring could see more panic stricken
people fleeling in the open beyond the city, some made for the mountains far to the
north, and others scught to escape by getting across the stream. The scene indeed was
one of the wildest confusion, whole families assembled on the jettles near the river, and
and slong the river beach, nearly all falling on their knees, and screaming forth appeals
for stoats from the ship to take them to the quosite shore. The bats did so. The air
was so filled with smoke that it was barely possible to breathe, and at times it semed
as if suffocation must be the fatte of all who could not be take, on board the ship or
brought to the opposite side. For many hours strange and systericus explosions were
so frequent and heavy that it seemed as if the whole centrh would be shaken from its
axis. Thousands were througing the shores beyond north, sid, and many went into the
hills beyond to run the rink of starvation, jerils from the forests overtook
them. Others no doubt gent to the other further awa, towns, there to depend upon the
chairty of strangers. Every boat weed to take ref. gees across at Starring orders
was cro ded with those ready to flee. In clustered on the upposite shore were other
refugees, and hundreds finding it imposible to be taken aboard the boats quick enough
swam out risking their lives in the hot water in order to avoid the danger that filled
them with more tearthle derad.

swam out risking their lives in the hot water in order to avoid the danger that filled them with more terrible dread.

One refuges who took this mode of escape was a little boy, when the greater threatt of the fire came and fear atruck to the heart of every one of the refuges throughing the fire side of the shore, the little boy rushed to the edge of the shore, and then after glanding around for a few moments, before any one could restrain him plunged into the water. He succeeded in removing his shoes, and then kicked off his pants. Being then little weighted with his clothes, he swam out to the steamer Hary jame, which was nearly a mile off the shore in north end. The little lud creached the hip saftly but was much exhausted. He was then sent to the safer side of the shore. Indeed from all parts of the country not cut off by the forest fires, refugees were coming to the shore in dense crawds. The mountain reads were filled with ranic stricken and struwing fire fugitives, and even when ariving there their terrors did not decrease, and they were as anxious to press on to some safer place, as they were to get to the shore, starring heard that all the roads were dotted with dead, and many were recorted to be dying.

as anxious to press on to some safer place, as they were to get to the shore, guarring heard that all the roads were dotted with dead, and many were reported to be dying, having fallen from weakness on the way.

Starring offered rwards rewards to some of his men and removers if they would go out and assist types those who had been reported to have fallen by the way, but they were too full of fear to be tampted by any offer. The panic was greatest that evening when the glare of the flames rose. like a dazzling sheen, and the skies were filled with rolling and whirling clouds that seemed flery red, lkeny even believed that the flames were about to overwhelm them from the very heavens, and the terror that ensued was uncontrollable.

like lott souds striving to escape from the edge of the hellion lit. College were even seen mixing with the panic stricken people on shore all frightened wittens, and all structling to get to a place of earty, to be the first to get in the boats and to go maynifer they knew not where. In acted as if they believed they were already in the infernal regions. Many cursed in their frenz, no doubt thinking it was some prayers they were uttering. Many cursed in their frenz, no doubt thinking it was some prayers they were uttering. Many cursed in their knez, along the ghore, and pledded for protection from above. To one was able to refrain from terms, one of the ships boats picked a fifty persons mostly women and children who were structling in the water and took them across to the opposite shore. Scores and scores of others were taken to the boat first, and then transferred to the safer shore some distunce beyond the river. The scene was like rescueing lost souls from hell. The small boats of the and amid all this scene this was a work of much damper, as the river was rought, and almost chocked in places with floating debris.

The refusees some of them had supplies with them which were plenty for the time, but

The refugees some of them had supplies with them which were plenty for the time, but great suffering "as omesed by lack of ze water.

All putural water and supplies had been polluted by the heat of the forest fires and the refugees had be take the chances of the river water as it only was the only

kind obtainable.

It was evident to Starring that this whole section of Calverinia would have to been be abandoned by the population, in response to the classrough toward they the manifest threat of continued danger from the fires, when asked by the captian who was anxious for the poor refugees, Starring instructed him from his own side of the shore to keep up all possible arrangements for the embarkation by boat of the refugees on the opposite shore, and also to make known if the situation seemed to him to necessiate partial or total evacuation of the opposite shore the means at his disposal or those he may need. While this was to be done starring was to

remain on the other side to continue his investigations in the ruined city. All of the neighboring terms far to the northwest on the opposite side of the stress, from Ruckelen, to at Pater effected that hospitality, to the refusess. The torm of Probe been near Guadeloupe greek, was the farthest but the most favorite refuse for the fleeing people. Starring likewise considered the advisuality of transferring the forest fire refusees to the town of Beauty reek, many miles north forth nead where the forests was not so thick, and the danger if certain much less never theless. The exclusing the cross-starring likewise that authorities of the state advised an action also as to order the depopulation of that section of galvering wittle heavy rains came to

forests was not so thick, and the danger if certain much loss nover theless. The exodus he knew was continuous, but the main nurtherities of the state advised an action also as to order the depopulation of that section of calverinia until heavy rains came to make the dangers of the forest fires a thing of the past.

The people in their fright were convinced that volcanoes may be in bad cruptions somewhere and that these had nade the forest fire accurace, and therefore utter and un reasonable fear possessed all souls. Even the northern towns was believed to be unsafe. In the all this rescue work was going on gavering and his party on the other side in the city came up further north. With the greatest difficulty, they succeeded in reaching this section. The effects of the nearest explosions here were simply tremendous. The highest buildings known had been hurled flat to the earth. The bombardment of explosion thrown debris, was not sufficient to account for this, and neither the air blasts either for this and all other evidences pointed to the also passage of a furious blasting blast of fire and gases, traveling at ernormous speed from the direction of the explosions and with incalculable force. The denosit of boulders, and stones and debris of all kind has ernormous.

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The effect of the explosion at this section was more violent than that which effaced the other sections of Abbisum, and swept away its people from the carth, and here the adventurers were close to the fires. Vast columns of smoke and heated gases and flame still poured appared as from a world of active volcanic craters, and new forest fires were breaking out on mountain sides and summits, and some hills looked as if they were hurling ward whirling windw whirlwinds, which rushed intermittently upward upward now from one point, and now from another, and racing with one mother, poiling clouds fires had continued to menance the Extring was surprised even thugh for months the fires had continued to menance the existence of the whole Calvonian forested country. Already a sea of foreste had been destroyed, without cessation t the forest fires had raced onward, and now from the parent up one new fires were forming on the north side, and up the hills new conflagrations were traveling.

It had been known that there had been further loss of life, and what was more dist a distressing a large number of persons mostly women and children had been impresoned by the fired in a sort of clearing, and being surrounded by the seething hell; that been impossible for assistance to be rendered to them under any condition by any human beings, and it was believed these unfortunates who were at grande giver juda all periohed. The fire that seethed through this region, burned caroes all the trails and reade, filled the river channels with floating and smouldering debris, and reached the extremety of the outher half of porth pend on the east side, having spread through a sea of forest making a fire sea of it, and turning stones and boulders and all kinds of rocks so hot as to be almost incandescent.

By this terrific conflagration were the women and children at the clearing at niver grands surrounded. It was hoped that the clearing would be an extensive one. Starrligs members left on the ships hearing of this made desperate efforts to reach them, but it was impossible to get any nearer to the fire scene than two miles. To go any closer meant estain death from the heat. The Captian could see from a height that gradually and steadily the tidal waves of flames spread, and it was surely feared a wave of fire would soon sweep away the doomed victims. The towns they had fled from, though unknown by name had been destroyed, as was other places and many inhabitants of these villiages were believed to have been lost, but it was impossible to tell the number.

Starring know that throughout all of Calverinia the conditions were impossible to describe. Often thousands of gentlike reports every minute from the direction of the forcest were heard, followed at irregular intervals by louder crashes, and after each report the hills seemed to tremble. Believing that the whole territory of Abbigum was doomed the refugeog continually appearing on the shore continued in a state of patiell panic, just as fast as possible they wert leaving for the other side on boats. They appearedly did not care where they went, and all that they asked was a means of lauving the place they had come to regard as an country full of infernoes. Tak hundred refugeos and probably a thousand or more went to quadeloupe on foot in and state of poverty, many almost naked, ad among the homeless ones were many too old or too young to care for themselves. Many children were orphans, whose parents were victims to the rage of the lieres forest fires.

Starring in still further investigating came they unexpectedly to a small crater near the outskirts of the city, a crater that was about five hundred feet across. On the west it everlocked the culminating point of the forest, which seemed completely crumpled and mined at their bases as a result of the explosions, and might easily collaspe. cullaspe. The region had an incundescent aspect from smouldering forest fires. In order to make known his due presence at the point where he stood, gtarring waved a flushlight signal, which was replied by a corresponding signal from one of the pangers who signalled to starring in this manner. In order to show gtarring where he was.

Starring felt a number of strange cormotions, and his shows were damaged by the heat of the ground. Tree all about in this location were smouldering or burning like torches, smoke was dones, and an iron bridge crossing a creek which was completely dried up, and the sandy bottom hot, was melted into all kinds of strange shapes. Only the viaudact still stood, and the heat where they stood was intense, and the whole aspect appear of the scene most termitying, bluzing smbers fell around him, and he picked up a large blazing branch at the unburned portion, which however he was unable to retain. The whole spot was charged with a smothering heat, which became so violent that Starring was finallybobliged to retreat.

And his retreat from this region was more difficult than his arival. A wind sprang p up harling a blinding rain of ashes upon him and his during followers

the most descenses circumstances is inspection of the entire region north of North Pond and he declared that the entire north end of the chore in that location had sauk partly into the river because of the concussion of the employions. He enganted that a trochab established in this region to keep the refuses out of the dangerous district. Winds sometimes very strong was still blowing red hot ashes over the entire northern part of the city, and this extended for a distance of fourty miles. He had found other explosion made crownesses in the ground in that locality, adding to the terror of the scene.

He sure had a lot to write about to show to lolet, and her sleters when he would make his return. Starring could see that thousaids of poor refugees, prayed, stormed and pleaded in vain to be allowed to board the boats, and he forming a line of men on his side of the shore decided to from the ruins if possible to construct some sort of a poitoon pontoon bridge across the strea , for he wished to check the wide spread alurm and subdue the panic. He specially commissioned this work, and the strain to which these poor helpless refugees were constantly exposed was driving many to despair

which these poor nearless retained were consistently exposed was driving many to despite and even insufity. It is seven thousand of them, destiture and hungry had been brought across to the other side, and as an extra precaution gtarring ordered every one of the refugees to keep their clothing what they had on wet at all times for fear of attraxting attracting the flames from sparks. He feared that if the panie stricken were driven to extremes, they would all jump into the river and drown or parboil themselves.

Fresh terrors continuously shook the nervious refugees of the sorely stried country side. Even the paric of those in the warly morning had not subsided, and the multitude of the Semi crazed citizens were still rushing up and down the river shore, in a useless outlook for vessels to bear them away from this scene of devantation and genth when a bright glow appeared over the summit of some of the ridges in the northeast, while a new conflagration appeared in the east near north Bend.

Suddenly a new confingration appeared within their very yiew. An ernormous stretch of hime forest was split in twain by a mighty fire wall, and with an indescribbe and mighty sky rocket like hiseing and rour ing, an ernormous whirlwind of flames and smoke and forest fire gases, rose high into the sky.

The effect therefore of this new evidence, that this section of Calverinia was being my rapidly rendered unfit for human habitation upon the people weak with constant strain and mentally unblu unbalanced for the time being was extraordary. It also had some effect effect pon gtarring too. It was cutting off his further passage to the north effect effect non starring too. It was cutting oil his lutter passage to the southward and southwest was impassable. It was evident that he and his followers were prisoners in the ruins of abbleuns. mong the refugees many appeared to be driven insone by the scene of the new fire, and one man while innthis in this condition threw hims: It into the boiling waters of the Esther Creek, and the un fortunars creature was parboiled to death before he could be rescued. Other miserable beings threw themselves into the Mic-Hollester u River, while still others wandered about in utter distraction, muttering and mounting in a heart breaking monotone..... The new conflagration, which threw up clouds of smoke IO,000 feet high, and where the flames appeared to less three hundred, appeared to advance up the mountain sides in a long angular line, appearing to stretch nine hundred feet wide at once.

It formed and spread on the southern slopes of thesigh these ridges, and it was feared

this would completely overwhelming the di disparing inhabitants, who for some days had been cut off by forest fires from any hope of aid.

The conclusions of the Aven adventurers mission to Abbieann increased as the pressure brought to bear on Starring, in order to induce him for mercys sake to take decisive steps to aid the refuses in their evacuation of the forest fire zone. He gave instruct ions to the Captian of the Mary Jame ordering facilities to be placed at the disposal of persons desiring to leave the opposite shore, and seek refuse among the ruine of the city, a now special privilege, and yet these were insufficient to satisfy the advocate of evacuation, who insisted that Starring should forcibly remove every old man and all the women and the children, who refused to go, from a danger likely to end in terrible disaster at any moment.

Yet after this for more than Sixteen hours the slopes of these ridges appeared like ernormous volcanies volcances in violent eruption, and the situation grew constantly more threatening, increasing the panic, and the numbers of the terrified refugees. The boats of the Mary Jane was compelled to incessantly make trips back and forth to bring the refugees word of danger. Once an explosion occured somewhere during a rescue and a boat bad of refugees were showered with flaming brands, and and apparks and hot sand, and the concussion almost captized the boat. Outside in the main stretch of forest the conflagration and the wind produced by it was in a terrible fury, and the

feer of a tidal wave of flames was in the minds of all.

The exedus continued from the opposite shore, and it was feared that if the conflagration conflagration spewers this section it would come without giving warning of the convestation that it was preparing to work. The hills looked like volcances all but somionent, and explosions from different direct of directions were frequent. Once an explosion of terrible force occurred, and flames and I flaming debris shot skyward, and rolling smoke floated out in ernormous clouds. The outburst was accompanied by the greatest fire display ever seen since the trouble began.

povelopements in the conditions of the forests indicated fire harricanes to come pre-appearance in the conditions of the forests indicated the number of course destructive than ever yet, and another explosion occursed driving even the refugees in the outskirts of the city into the interior. It was only by good for tune that Starring and his followers were not Alled. Believeling that the forest fires were not touching the woods near the biggest crater of all plainly straight north of the other, he almost one addition that the forest of all plainly straight morth of the other hand one addition that the superior of catting photographs, and described the city has almost one addition that the superior of catting photographs, and described the city has almost one addition to the city and the superior of catting photographs. the city, he planned an expedition for the purpose of getting photographs, and descriptions of the conditions within and about the crater, and the nature of the forests there, and a shotograph also of the forest fire near thatblocality.

Forming the expedition, was a war correspondent and a chotographer, for the very Angelinia Acathia Times, and asserta of the Rangers, and Angeline Riches, the two boys

and Jennie Turmer. After a wearying march which took most of the day in the face of fierce heat and and terrific winds, and occasionally blinding fogs of smoke, and through amoudering fires, the region of Rander manually pur was reached by eight oclock in the evening. The correspondents and the rest of the party was also accompanied by a kindly disposed priest, who gave such information as was in his possension. He insisted on a pause being made for refreshments and a badly needed rest, and in a clearing of the forests a cump was pitched and a supper prepared. It was this generous courtesy of the creet, and starrings desire to delay till the following morning, that saved the expedition from destruction.

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expedition from destruction.

The original plan had at first been, that the visit and investigation and photograph
ing at the orator should be made as quick as possible, which a quick return to northern
Abbicann to avoid all danger. While the evening meal was being prepared, the priest who knew the region, pointed but the work of ruine that had been accomplished by the far reaching force of the tremendous "eruption. Starring engaged the priest in a short

convergation.

"Father, do you know this region well?"
"Yos general I do. I was born and raised in this locality."
"As you are a truthful man, as I hoped you are, I want you to be frank with me

Father "what way!"

"Answering my questions truthfully."
"I will as far as I am able."
"Father what is the real nature of this disaster?"

"The real nature sir, is a mystery."
"The real nature sir, is a mystery."
"And do you think it is, an eruption, or an explosion?"
"All appearances sir proves it is a series of "eruptions caused by dangerous mines placed in the ground. Though no one finds evidence so far sir, I'm fully convinced

placed in the ground. Though no one linds evidence so law sit, I make you say that Father!"

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"Because these explosions were not accidental, and no one had ever formed any ammunitio "mecause these explosions were not accidental, and no one had ever formed any ammunitio "ment did you do Father when the disaster occured."

"It remained the my post though I was certain this locality would be swept from existence as we so that the content of the content into the air, and rolling forward with express train speed. They watched the hot flames consuming whole block long stretches of trees in a breath, and they watched also the priest, and starring and even the four child soutte, calm and brave, giving encouragement to those whom they regarded as their follower followers.

Such a display of flames us was seen has not often been written in fire stoecs

stores of witnessed in stores, buildings, or forests, or even witnessed in any blaze of city fires as was here. It was terrific and awe inspiring. From the advance of the flames greater danger was apprehended than from the direct effect of the heat or the

fire hurricane that was expected. The fire partly encirled the clearing, then reversed, and the party had a chance to make a break before it retraced. When the start was made on the return trip to Abbitamn, the deserting followers were gone, some others were even left to find their war across the burned areas as bost as they could. For Starring, and the remainder of his followers is wa it was a weary, smothering, hot and a long journey. It looked like a sight seeing tour through the infernal regions. The distance was increased by the lack of knowledge of the path, because of the thick curtain of the smo oke the the smoke, the buffeting, pue punching blows of wind, the heat, and the durkness and the smoke, the buffeting, pue punching blows of wind, the heat, and the durkness and the strange black forms of every object caused by the glare in the sky. It was a and one high hill looked like a volcano belohing fire, ashes, smoke and sparks, the and one high hill looked like a volcano belohing fire, ashes, smoke and sparks, the free trend tremble. It seemed to the weary travelers as if the very flaming mountain tops swared above their heads. night of terrors. Behind the confingration was changing course, now following them

ground tremble. It seemed to the weary travelers as if the very flaming mountain tops swared above their heads.

To add to the horror of the situation, the travelers encountered every now and then a sort of ambueh formed by skilking glanded hisas, who in spite of the danger they too faced were so is triving to frustrate the investigators in their work. They had to fight their way through in the face of heavy gun fire, ass added by the other to fight their way through in the face of heavy gun fire, ass added by the other horrors, the enemy even used hand grenades, and scattered hordes of climicalism of the fire, and the undulating relations of in the region, were seen unid the glare of the fire, and the undulating relations of flames and the moke clouds everhead of the fire, and the undulating relations of flames and the moke clouds everhead of the fire, and the undulating relating form behind trees, and then behind trees, gliding and leaping over the rocks, durting from behind trees, and then behind trees, firing continually at every moving object of tarrings band throw a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment, killing and injuring some of glarrings followers without a single loss concentment.

As they reached the open country, another big clearing, great volumes of smoke as white as steam were leaving from a valley, and with that great danger hanging over the country side, it a was concievable that they must get back to the shelter of the ruing, which they finally reached, so it was to those that went to take photogrephs of this crater new nere forced to seek homes in theoretins as far from the

forest fire as pessible. From Abbisann the sight of flaming hills lanked as if them Turn covered with incumdescent matter. Starring in an interview with the cautian of the Mary Jane predicted that the forest firm would continue to frustrate his efforts for a work or more before it would pass north of Abbienn. With that throat of danger hanging over the site of Abbieann it was becoming inconclevable that glarring and all his followers, hundreds yet in number, should remain there, in the face of the fate that had befallen the city. The scientists remained, to study the terrifying phenomena and the conditions that followed the passage of the dream if fire in the hope that something might be added to the sum of knowledge, sufficient to justify thr the risk, and be of great value in averting such awful calamitics made by the enemy

Theorems were remained with starring, to perform their official duties. The claudelinians remained to pure remained to no do so in safty to enip starring and his bunds.

or many weeks the summer sun did not look down upon even this ruined city of silence and colitade, shadowed by the dense clouds of smoke from the forest fires, the towering burning summits of high hills, the walls of smoke from valleys and plains, that fire that had poured forward in a fuor fiery sea that destroyed such huge forests, adding to the horror of the other disasters, forming into a combined catal con that if it had been a true one would be told in long defail, and in many novels, magazines and story books as long as the world shull Inst.

"This condition condition " said tarring to the captian " is brought on by the aid of such a dry summer we are having. You know Cartian, we have not had a urop of rain anywhere, throughout caiverinia and other states since early pril. This seems as if Nature was aiding the enemy to do his dirty work. If this fire goes on the country will be devoid of all its forests. The drafting of the men citizens of towns and villiages a is not helping any If a whole army of soldiers cannot step these flames how can the drafted men do it. Nothing but rain will help."
"Yes but it seems a dry summer follows a stormy showy winter." said the Captium.
"I never saw so much it snow as we had last winter. Now there is no rain. We cunnot

hip ourselves we have to resort to the Almighty."
"Well" said gturing, after a few moments silence" I'm going to stick in these rules of the city now until the forest lives are burned out or naws passes us. There is no use in trying to go near to any of the explosion creaters, for it seems every time we make a decision to do su, the forest lites dome and trustrate our purpose. It is porter for us to explore more of these rules, look for reports on the disaster, lind witnesses it possible, and then when lavorable circumstances allow, then we, if go to the orders, and they down the disaster, "That's a go" he answered, and thet shook hands on it.

STARRING OBSERVES AWFUL SCRIES IN PARTS OF HEIDI JUNCTION WHICH HE REACHES HEXT..... WHOLE COUNTRY SIDE APPEARED TO BLOW UP SHIPS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SWALLOWED BY AN EMOUNOUS WAVE. HARPOWING TALES BY EYE WITNESSES OF THE DESTROYED CITY, RUINED BY EXPLOSION SHOCK. FIRE AND FLOOD ..

As the captian also told Starring, when the Abbicannian Government Relief Expedition was th first to penetrate the ager sections of the devastated districts, and had sent back messengers asking for more men and provisions, these gave detailed description descriptions of the terrible scenes, and said they were never able to find where the city of Abbieann had stood ... The captian remained at the spot untill it would be more favorable for a landing at the ruined city of Adeleishid or Adeleheid. Thon after waiting three days, they made a forced landing near the city ... hoping the heat of the debris left by the conflagration had cooled enough to allow an investigation. After a terrible experience in crossing fil gie fields of hot smouldering ashes, and blasing blazing fragments of trees, and rubbish, the more daring ones of the party, the little girls remaining on the ships, succeeded in reaching what had been the streetd of the city ...

In gtarrings party this time, were detatchments of his Calverinians, and a number of mangers, and Penrod and Radoliffe. The two girl scouts were invited to come but this time they declined fearing it was too hot for them. The few survivors who had been rescued were at Painer, and casy Know, suburban villiages, to which they had fled when the ex forest fire struck the explosion torn city. Nore than a thousand of them had died of starvation and exposure to the fierce heat, s n since the desti destruction of abbieann. The heat from the smoking ruins of Adeleheid was suffocating, and the stench from the charred bodies which filled the smouldering streets was almost unbear able. Only a few walls of buildings were standing. A house clock was found intact with its hands stopped at One minute after twelve, the exact hour a of the first earth tearing explosion

The offices of the Adeleich Adeleheid River and land underground cable company was partly standing but its left wing had disappeared. Not a drop of water could be obtained, and the still remaining darkness caused by the clouds of smoke from the forest fires raging elsewhere but close by shrouded the city, and continuous flashes of flame added to the horror of the scene. All the town was razed, and the smouldering ruins glared fearfully, and sent a pall of smoke high in the sky. Starring or any of his followers could not trace any of the strate, or by ways, and all he observed on ever every every side was huge heaps of smoking ruins and smouldering ashes.. At the landing place of the city Starring observed some burned and ruined walls, which he believed indicated the spot where a large factory had stood, and also slight traces of much larger places could be seen . One of the guides pointed to the spot w where hundreds of bodies had been found by the rescue workers lying in all attitudes, showing indeed that the victims had b met death as if overwhelmed by a sheet of fire. and the guide said that every vestige of clothing had been b rned away from them, and also also grim piles of bodies had been stacked everywhere, showing that death suddenly had stricken them while the crowds were vainly seeking escape from the strange and monsterous fiery deluge hurled upon the city by some of the nearest of the supposed, eruptions.....The guide indicated unother spot,,, where a group of nineteen hundred children were found in a mass of wreckage. wery one were locked in one anothers arms. This may have been the wreck of an orphan asylum. The anks of the city also were totally destroyed, and the money boxes fortunately were found intact. They contained in all over four hundred million dollars if it is be to be counted in American money, and also including other securites, which was sent on to Pandoraffor safe

Many of the parties with starring were overcome by the terrible heat and stench of the burned bodies, and the surgeons accompanying them were kept busy. Starring decided to report that there was no trace of anything of which he was looking for. The country around the city for as far as eye could see was covered with the smouldering flaring wreckage of the fire swept forests, and along the rivers banks only a few small trees half burned, all bent riverward by the force of the explosion blast, were only left standing. Starring wished to view the explosion crater near Adeleheid but was told it was dangerous because of the fires. The whole town indeed was a mass of smoking ruins under which many of the victims as he believed still li lay buried. Starring was told it was impossible to advance to the north of the city owing to the heat of the fire which was most intense. The nearest prtion of the unusual conflagration still presented a menancing appearance. Starring wrote on a piece of paper;

"I have inspected the city of Adeleheid first. I could not approach Adeleheidi as the heat is so intense a person cannot land on shore. I was able in the former to find the securit securities in the rained banks safe, buried under the rains of the banks, but could find no trace of any other important buildings, or even of the rubbish thrown into the city as would indicate lava. The town is strum strewn with barned corpses left hastily there by the survivors who fled when the forest fire

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struck the ruined city, the cremation of which the conflagration did of good work. Mothing is left of the villiages on the north section close to the city. The list of dead cannot be set mated."

However if he wanted to Starring could not have given a description of the horror of the scene to save his life. Hever since the world began, has human eye witnessed the real horrors of the greatest disasters and gruesome scenes of real calamities without a shudder and yet this was worse. As the guide said to gtarring;

"Before the forest fire struck the city, there were many hundreds of immense flaring funeral fires on which the bodies of the dead were hustily thrown thrown and these sent up their flames to mock the still flaring forests fires work of destruction beyond. It was estimated sir that over twenty thousand bodies of the dead had already been burned before the conflagration hit the city. Calverinian soldiers and surviving men citizens formed the cremation parties. They told me the work on which they had been engaged was the most terrible they had ever known, and the many bodies w many of which were already charred and scared by burns, and crushed by failing debris were souked with coal tar and gasoline to make them burn the faster. These awful funeral pyres were emormous heapacof wood and branches of trees, and one of these made as much flame and smoke as a house on fire. Upon these the bodies were hurled and what was left of them consumed. This was a precautionary measure to prevent the outbreak of disease and palgues. They were only about helf through with only a quarter of the number of bodies when the forest fire came on the town and the workers and the remaining inhabitants had barely time to escape with their lives, and a terrific glae suddenly arising scattered the embers of the funeral fires and started conflagrations in the city. The forest fire surrounded the city, and then it was totally doomed. """"

How long starring remained in his efforts to explore the ruins of Adeleheid he himself did notknow, but nevertheless the work of exploring the wreckage of the annihilated cityhas continued yet. Yet what was left by the fire, s there was enough already revealed to him to indicate that the very worst anticipations as to the result results of the explosions can be realised. All the streets and all the neighborhoods around, what had been before the disaster the best and most presperous cities of its size are now covered with heaps of ruins in all directions concealed no one knows how many dead bodies still below. As the guide suid, all the dead that he had seen were stark naked, their clothing having been burned from their bodies like so much tinder while they themselves were burned to death. In the vast majority of instances the greatest numbers died under the fallen ruins, but also fire also seemed to have been the sole cause of death to many. Twen as the guide had said, great numbers of the bodies had been burst asunder by the terrific heat and lie disemboweled. Yet in many instances the faces of the victims had been quite calm, for so many of them had been stricken down instantly in their beds while asleep without a moments warning, or with hardly any time to know of the deadly peril they were in. Others however who might have been awakened by the first uproar and tried to escape have on their faces un expression of indescriable terror. The entire city and the neighborhood while Starring was there reek with a horrible oror odor of burned flesh. The total number of dead Starring declared could be estimated at about fourty thousandd thousand, but as the disaster toi took place within fifteen minutes, and in that quarter of an hour the vast mahority of all these people were killed, it could not be fully estimated unless the number of survivors of the town could be known. It can be supposed so far however for Abbieann itself that there was nobody living apparently to tell the exact facts that there was suddenly shot upon the city by a most terrific explosion a terrific sheet of flame and hot clouds of debris, accompanied by a terrible gaseous whirl wind of other explosions to say, and horrible flashes in all directions, over the land andacross the sky, precisely such as are now reported as been seen by others.

Starring now believed this for in Adelcheid he came upon heap upon heaps of terrible smouldering ruins, covered thickly over where fires did not touch by the debris thrown by the explosion, earth rocks, gravel, dirt, and mud and all kinds of vegetation intermingled. That horrible revelations of the havoc wrought to human life which these grim mounds might—yet reveal can hardly be imagined. In all quarters of the city not a trace of even the streets that had existed can be seen.

Along the river front there were a few walls standing, and the ruins of the marf Companies could be seen. One of the most curious sights in Adeleheid was the faces and hands of many clocks of all sizes and even watches, which were not destroyed, and and they all furnished an important record in the story of this terrible catastrophe.

The hands of all these c.cl clocks and watches found had stopped at exactly one minute after twelve, showing that it was at that moment that the city was overwhomed overwhelmed by the explosion, and all those thousands of persons who did not escape on time were destroyed. Sturring then visited the camps where the refugees were, and finally heard this thrilling and painful story from the captian of a pansanger steamer a story of horror and pain, sorrow and terror. It is as follows, the captian being Francis St Pierre;

"The steamer Evening Bell of which I am captian, left Calverine on May 6th, and after a very long trip down the river was off Abbisann at six oclock in the morning of May the 3₁th. I noticed that not any too far away to the east a great forest fire

was raging, and the whole horizon line there was walled up in the greatest check of rolling smoke I had over imagined of seeing. I told my mate it put me in mind of being on a river, running alonside the bettemless pit of hell with its smokes rising high into sternity. Having business in one of the southwestern wharfs of Abbienna I allowed the ship to creep slowly in tward the docks, finding there among others a score of other big ships, river ru r tugs, burges, pleasure crattand the like. I went to anchorage between seven or eight am A.N and got my passengers loaded on for the nr northward bound trip for Calverine at about pleven P.M. At night.

We remained waiting our turn to pull out as a number of ships were with us, and therefore we did not get a start untill about Twelve colock. We had hardly pulled our anchor when it seemed as if the country north of Abbicannia or Abbicann had opened out and was hurled into the air by a most terrible explosion. The shock hurled me down the stairs into the cabin. The great boom sounded as if all the navies of the world had blown themselves to pieces at once, and staggering to my feet, I rushed on dock and there came another such crash but much closer this time, the city appeared to disappear in a cloud of dust, there was the continuous awful roar of falling bu ldings and simultaneously a strange wall of fiery smoke and embors swept over the crumbling city and country side. The shock of the crash to the ship was terrible, and it nearly captelied her.

The steamer Evening Bell was struck broadside by the strange burning mass, and hearing the roar of a score of such explosions at once, and sooing the great wall of heavy smoke approaching the steamer accompanied by rolling and shooting flashes of fmale flame, all the the passengers on deck in panic and screaming wildly sought shelter wherever it was possible, jumping into the cubicoabins, the forecartle, and even into the hold. The flashes became terrific as if the whole country near Abbieann was being blown into the air, and the noise was earsplitting.

I was thrown by the second shock into the chart room, but the burning embers were borne by so swift a movement of the air that they were suddenly ewept in through the door and port holes, suffocating and sourching me most badly. These embors burned me terribly about the face and hands, but after the wroar seased I managed to reach the deck. I could not see anything of the city, it seemed to have sunk into the bowels of the earth, for it was obscured in a thick whitesh gray cloud. As soon as it was possible, when I reached the c decks, I musted the few survivors of the crew, who seemed able to move, ordered them to slip the anchor, leaped for the bridge, and rang the engineer for full speed astern. The second and third engineers and the two firemen were on watch below, and so had escaped ininjury. They did their part in their attempt to escape but some how or other the men on deck could not work the steering gear because it was jammed by the debris from the eruptions.

We accordingly went ahead and astern untill the gear was feee free, but in this running backwards and forwards, it was two hours after the first shock before we were clear of the wharfs. One of the most terrifying conditions I observed was that that the atmosphere being heavily charged with dust from the fallen bul buildings of the city, and the smoke of the explosions it wastotally dark like a closed room. The moon and stars were completely obscured and the air was only illuminated from the flames of the burning buildings of the city, and the shipping. It seemed small to declare declare that the scene was most terrifying in the extreme. As we backed out we passed closed to the burning ships, every one of which were a mass of flames. The steam was rushing from the engine rooms of a number of ships, and the screams and shrieks of those on board and the panics . I observed were terrible to hear and see. The cries for help were all in vain, for we could do nothing but save my own ship. when I last saw these vesnels a number were settling down. That was about two colock in the moring. morning. When the grening Bell was safe out of the River harbor of Abbieann and its horrors and desolation, I made swiftly for Pandora. Ariving here and when the ship was finally safe, I therefore mustered the survivors of my crew as well as I was able and searched for the dead and injured.

Many women and children I found in the saloon, where they had vainly sought for safty but the cabins were full of burning embersh ad been blown in through the port holes. Through these the fire of the explosions had swept as through funnels, and burned the victime were they lay or stood or cringed, leaving on some a circlar circular imprint of scorched and burned flesh. T and others brought a score on dock who were thus burned. Six of them were dead, the others wived survived although they were in a dreadful state of torture from their severe burns. Their screams of agony were heart rending.

Out of a total of fifteen hundred passengers on board the Evening Bell a hundred and fifty are dead, and the rest are in the Pandora Hospitals. And out of a total of fifty six of my crew on board, including myself, and the two mates, twenty are dead, and fifteen in the hospital. My first and second mates, my chief engineer, and others were killed also. The ship was covered from stem to stern with tons of earth debris. It was two cays after that I was able to briging completely to clear and search the ship for any damage done by this explosion rain, and to see if there were any corpses in the out of the way places. Then I searched I found some men women and children in the forecastle. Their bodies were horribly burned, and they had died in agony. And on the arival of the ship at Pandora it presented an appülling appsarance. Dead and calcined bodies lay about the deec deck which was also crowded with injured

helpless and suffering passengers. At the sight of our ship immense crowds came throughing the river docks of the city. Prompt assistance was rendered to the injured by the aurthorities here, and the poor tortured survivors including my men were tak n to the hospitals and the news spread abroad that my ship had been caught in a volcanic erupi eruption. At first , thought it was that myself. The doud were buried and , had omitted to mention that out of twenty nine orphan children I had also on board, cix only survived. To make it worst for me most of the others had thrown themseles themsolves overboard to escape a dreadful death, but , believe they might have met a far worse one for it is the actual fact that the water was which was around the ship was literally at boiling heat, because that section of the river was flowing down from the part of the country where the hottest of the forest fires were raging on both sides. of the stream.

Indeed I will have to say that to many the escape of my big steamer was a miracle, the woodwork on the cabins, and the bridge itself, and everything that could burn on deck were constantly igniting, during the escape from the explosion zone, and it was with great difficulty that we fow survivors managed to keepthe flames down. The ropes, awnings and tarpulins were completelty burned up.

I witnessed as far as darkness would permit the entire destruction of the city of Abbiecan. The flames of the explosions envoloped the northern part of the city... with such rapidity that it was impossible that any person could be saved even if they had been awake and got out of the houses in time. Other sections of the city seemed to turn into white clouds and a terrible roar told me buildings crashed before the concussion of the explosions. The darkness of midnight was suddenly increased to that of crebus, but , could d distinguish by the light of the burning city, some people who got out on time at the first shocks running about distractedly in the streets closer to the dockes. The nearest of the burning buildings stood out from the surrounding darkness like black shadows. All this time the strange cruptions were rearing and the whole country side seemed to be shaking like the severest earthquikes. and in the intervals between these terrifying sounds. I could hear the tumultious cries of despair and agony from the hundreds of thousands who were perisheing.

And these horrid cries added to the terrot of the scene, but it is impossible for any one to describe its unspeakable horror or the dreadful sensations it happened to produce on me and , y survivors .. It was like witnessing the end of the world, and you were about to go on the left side of heaven, nd I can add that after the first shock was ever, the survivers of the crew rendered willing help to navigate the ship to the docks of Pandora, I do not know even to this day whether it is true that all the inhibatents of Abbieann perished or not, but there is no trace hardly of the city, and where it was at the lower sections a great lake is there now...It was about daylight fourteen days after the rawages of the vilcod that , made another trip to the location. We had rim through a forest fire shead for the site of abbieann, and at six fifteen oclock were at what we could then call our anchorage of the place called Heidi Magnolia's Landing .. We avigated some of the flood, for I could not tell which was or had been a river. When the agent with more men mostly investigators came aboard they told us that the flood had been acting ugly since its beggining and that the city of Abbieann was a thing of the past.

There were about eighteen other steamers and coasting craft moving up and down nub navigating the shoreard a shoreward part of the flood as near as they dared one of them being a River war Cruiser. Then there were six other large vessels and two revenue boats. The Abbieannian investigation boat put into the v berth next to ours and let drop her anchor. We however could see nothing of Abbieann and even soundings found no buildings under the water. But to go back to our horrible experience and telling of the first crash. There was first a terrific shaking of the air, as if some one had jostled me. I was looking tward what appeared to be a sudden and most terrifying eruption, and every soul then awake on board looked too. .I can describe however what we had observed of course, neither the awful thunder that followed but my thoughts were that if the end of the world would not exactly appear like that then what would it be like. It was just as if all the country side north of Abbieann had been blown up by a volcanic eruption ten times worse than the explosion of grakatoa. The concussion made it appear to me that the ship ji jumped up from the water and then down again, and immediately amid the crash as if of all the cunnon of the world being c discharged at one shot. a most immense pillar of flushing flame hurled straight up into the air, then it opened out wider than the huge black cloud itself, and came rearing down out of the sky upon the city und us. Some of us with my second officer Hendro Heid rushed to the forecastle to heave the anchor, I shouting orders frantically, and the chief engineer tried to get down below. As we reached the ships head, there was a crazy, wild earsplitting thunder of crashes that shook the ship like a frightful convulsion, and the fiery cloud was upon us. Fragments of stones and earth, flaming branches and wreckage, scalding water and real spinshes or flashes of flame dropped and clattered like heilfire all over the ship just as we got underway. There was another roar with redoubled fury, and with it all the water in the river harbor seemed to suddenly gather up and rush among the shipping. Every craft neeled over suddenly to the strunge tidal wave, and seemed to careen and sink. When the wave struck us it flooded us fore and aft, sweeping away the masts, smokestacks and all the boats and all the raffle on the deck and many persons who did not get away on time. I got into the cubin by that .:

that time, and was nearly killed thereby by the heatened flashes coming through the portholes, and being hurled about the cabin by the rocking of the ship before the force of the wave... I remained there for a few minutes before rushing back on deck and now and then I saw a charred and shricking sailor of a passenger rolling down the hatchway, and died as he went, so that quite a pile of corpses formed. I clambored to the deck, and began turning a hand to saving the injured who were lying all about though even then more debris were failing. As I was about this work, I went forward. I saw one sailor whose face was scorched beyond recognition. I o so saw no more of this man after that, though I had known him by his clothes, but I was told by one of the survivors that he had jumped overboard, and got on a raft that had been hurriedly put together. All this time the sea was r sea like expanse of suddenly forming waters was rolling like the heaviest kind of sea swell during a cyclone, more distant eruptions were still rouring, and the air was full of strange shocks. When I looked at Abbieunn while de p desperately pulling away for safty our ship, the sight was terrifying. One whole section of the city seemed to have disappeared under the waters,, the other part of the town was either gone of disappeared into intense blackness and in its place was a long wall of gray black smoking or rising clouds of dust. All about us all the ships were sunk or aflame and between us and them and the shore dead bodies floated singly or in groups. We escaped, but we do not know what happened to all those on the other vessels. I was taken care of also in the hospital of Pandora."

The guide himself told starring, and those with heem that an examination of the bodies of Adeleheid City indicared that one of the fiery storms hurled by the exp lis explosion nearest, and which which had burst over the town must have been comrosed of some strange posionous gases or chemeicals, for all the victime had their hands over their mouths and noses, or were in attitides showing that they made des --perate efforts to escape suffocation, and the like. Also all of the bodies not within the ruins were roasted. And the latest reports from the regions north of Adeleneid were to the effect that the land was in a strange position and that all of the country west of Abbieann had sunk, .. The refugees from Adeleheid had arived at Calverine, and one Calverinian cable steamer in trying to repair one of the river cables reported to have found the cable sunk in sixty feet of water, where only formerly it was only five feet below the surface . Also Starring was fully informed of the horrible situation at Wickey Lansin, where it was believed fully more than thirty five or fourty thousand lost their lives as a result of the concussion of the explosions, and that all r the reports were proove proven to be true. A good part of the city of wickey Lansin however was flooded.

Some time before some one had told at Starring that the whole of Abbieann had disappeared within ten -inutes into the bottom of the earth,, that all the inhabitants were instantly and horritly killed, and every place was desolated, and that the volcano near Abbieann called the Bottomless , had suddenly first du dischaged discharged a torrent of flery lava which rolled down its base engulfing everything before it and then blown itself up bury the city of Abbieann under its debris. There was no such volcano any where near Abbieann.

The guide then told this story about the destruction of Adeleie Adeleheid "The fear first began with the near approach of a dangerous forest fire, which headed northwestward tward the city he said. "He said." I don't live here, but I was

visiting a friend at the time. On that morning of May 31th the inhibatants of the city awoke to find heavier clouds than usual covering the sky and shrouding the whole country side. Far away somewhere to the east horrid detonations were heard, being as they said echoed from Calverine far northward, to Francis Atlant southwest. The Strange c cannonading ceased before night, and a heavy strong smelling fog came upon the city hidding objects even as far as acrosss the streets. Then the inhabitanti were alarmed, but the mayor did everything possible to allay the vpanic, believing the forest fire would not touch the city. Who thought of an explosion coming.! I was on a river steamer that reached Adeleheid at about four minutes to twelve with sixty other passengers. We were watching the terrific glare of the forest fires in the far distunce, when with a most frightful roar, and terrific fire works lke like discharge, something similiar to a cyclone of flashes, debris and water and torrents of rocks swept down upon the city and river, sweeping all before it, and destroying a large fleet of small vessels at anchor.off the docks . There the accounts of the catastrophe so far obtainable for me caased. por twenty minutes all was smoke. I couldn't see a thing. Hot untill morning could we learned what had happened, and then heard that fourty thousand corpses were in the wreckage of this city. I and the sailors brought sixty eight half charred half dead homan beings on board the ship but eighteen of them died before noon, and only one of the whole number were even expected to recover. That awful morning the whole sky from horizon to horizon was hidden hidden behind a huge veil of violent and leaden colored haze...... Ernormous quanities of the wreckage of large and small shipping, and houses strew the surface of the river, which to my surprise seemed to be increasing in depth rapidly and beginns b minning to overflow the shore. Huge tress trees , and too often bodies were coming down the river. I feared a flood and then decided to leave for the hills but the Captian told me not to fewar we were too high to risk a real torrent .

That morning, boats, and larger shipping were edging off from the devastated city with women and children frantic to get away, and some begged for even a passage on the steamer. The whole country side around and north of the city was covered with broken trees of the forests, and furious seas of fire from the straight south, and southeast, were roaring on tward what remained of the city. The city here stretched nearly sixteen miles along the river water front. The smoking forest fires made a horrible background for the ruins which were burning in many places, and a frightful odor of burned flesh filled the air.

With greatl difficulty, I and a manber in a boat effected a landing. Not ae of not one of the weaker houses were left intact, and heups of earth, stones, gravel and all kinds of vegetation intermingled with clay and dried mud were seen on every side, and even then as now the streets could not be traced. Here and there amid the ruins were heaps of corpses, with all of their faces downward downward. In one corner of a ruined house, a hundred and fourty two bodies of men women and children were to my horror minglod in one awful mass,, arms and legs protruding, as the hapless beings fell amid the crashing houses in the last struggles of deathscagony.

Great trees with roots upward and scorched by fire and plastered with mud and gravel were strewn in every direction bilings blocks of granite stones were scattered abouid, and from under some of them the arms of a woman man or child could be seen protruding. And most nit notiable wasche utter silence and the awful overpowering stench from the many thousands of dead, and also sir the careful inspection showed that the fiety cloud of the nearest explise explosion what had overwhelmed the city must have been composed of psionous gases, which instantly sufficated every one who inhaled them, and of other yeases burning furiously, for nearly all of the victims as , and others had observed, had their hands covering their mouths, or were in other various attitudes, showing they had desperately sought relief from suffocation, and all the bodies appeared to have been rousted from the heat in the cloud itself

I found a horse and buggy and a man in a deard group in front of a ruined church. Every farm and plantation around Adeleheid had been destroyed. Stones and debris of all kinds fell further south than Adeleie Adeleheid and at Jemtorn. Many persons here were wounded, and about five hundred were killed. Calverine which is in a great distance from Abbieann and also Pandora was in darkness for a time bef because of the smoke of forest fires. poats and canoes and other ships crowded with refugees were said to have arived at Pandora, and their occupants had been recieved most kindly .. I was also on a ship heading for Adeleheid which had on board, a number of Governmental delegates,, a number of soldiers,, a detatchment of regular infantry, and fourteen priests bent to do what they could for the survivors. The vessel also carried a quanity of fire wood, petroleum, and quicklime, for use in the cremation of the bodies of the victims of the terrible explosion horror. Also on board were a large quanity of disinfectants, and stocks of clothing and provisions for the refugees. The refugee women and children of this city, Adelheid had assembled on the hills some distance from the city, and it was reported over a thousand of them had died, because of injuries, or overcome by the terrific ha heat caused by the fierceness of the forest fires razing in the distance. As we approached Adeleheld the country for miles around was covered with slowly moving water and with wreckage of houses, but when we arived near the city we came to higher ground all rolling forested hills and so steamed out of the flood zone. Then while nearing Adelahid Adeleheid the ship came up with a number of tugs, towing barges f covered with refugees.

Every one was crying. The heat from the distant forest fires, was almost suffoc ating, and we feared we e would not reach the city on time as the conflagration was heading for the city. Only a few good houses were still standing, or all of the stronger ones. When we got there we saw on all sides portions of corpses, which se were gathered up by the soldiers, and burned on one of the big open squares. Not a drop of water was procurable on the shore unless we chance drinking the dirty muddy river water, and the darkness caused by the clouds of smoke from the forest fire shrouded the town, and the terrible noise of the flames added to the horror of the scene. The buildings on the quays, and all qeaker buildings on the northward side of the city were razed to the ground. There was no trace of the streets. At the place we landed we came upon some ruined wall, indicating the spot where one of the big cathedrals had lately stood, and here in this locality hundreds of corpses were found lying in all kinds of attitudes, showing that the victims had died

from singing and suffocation.

Every body I came across did not have a piece of clothing on them, and in many cases their abdomens had burst open by the intense heat. Curiously enough the feat ures of the dead were generally calm and peaceful, though mostly on the faces of children children terrible fright and agony were depicted. Indeed I observed grim piles of bodies stacked everywhere sowing that death had stricken many of them, while the crowds who had escaped from the buildings after the first shock had vainly tried to seek refuge from the fiery deluge. Before the conflagration hit the city we boarded in trips back and forth nearly five thousand refuzees and took them from the vinixity vinicity of Adeleieh Adeleheid, and brought them to Pandora. Yet at that time the dearth of provisons was beginning to be felt throughout the region. Numerous families were completely ruined, and all shelterless, while the means at the disposal disposal

of the aurthorities were much too far beyond means to cope with the situation. To make it worse communications were cut off from all the surrounding cities and towns by river, railroad, wires and so forth, except by vessels daring the perils of the flood, which were seized upon by the inhibatants to flee from the hell they were in. The stories I heard from the survivors at Adoleheid added to the awful details of the particularly harrowing account of the Abbieannian Passenger steamer called the St ann. Their chief engineer Reese Whilliams, who was then at the hospital at Pandora suid to me that the vessel loaded with women and children arived at Abbieann near midnight prepatory to land. Two minutes after twelve bells was struck, there was a damable crash and roar, and frightful eruptions near and close, far or scattered but scores at once was heard almost simultaneously, raging for fit fifteen minutes, causing concussions that threw down the buildings in the city, followed by four such frightful explosions as no mind can concieve.. Clouds of fire, smoke dust and debris mud and water, and vegetation of all sorts, toppling and roaring swept with lightning speed over the city and river. The St Ann was nearly sunk, and caught fire at once.

The concussion shook the air, and the boat was tossed by big waves. The Engineer said that he could never forget the horrid, fiery chocking cloud of horror which enveloped him from the sky. He said he rushed below, that he was not badly burned, not so bad as most of them. Most of the children being down below escaped when the unusual explosions came the engineer was going to his post to cast anchor. when he came up he found the ship all afire aft, and fought it forward untill morning, when some other ships which were said to have arived a little later came to the rescue. At the time the captian ordered me to up anchor. I got to the windlass, I noticed the captian was badly burned. He had inhaled flames, and wanted to jump into the water of the river, but we prevented him. The first mate was so frightfully burned that he died, having inhaled flame. From my own ship a good number were saved but they were in a frightful state, except the captian . Although on deck and unprotected, he was little burned. He said there was an awful noise of explosion, and then at once a cyclome of smoke fire and all kinds of debris, but such was the awful posionous checking nature of the smoke that it burned worse than fire.

Whom it struck people they fell dead. The cyclone of gas tore the mast at of the s hips, blew others up, and sunk many of them. Soon afterwards came a wave of fire

bigger than the smoke cloud."

ADDITIONAL D'TAILS OF THE TERRIBLE CALAMITY.
STARRING OBSERVES SCENES THAT BAFFLE ALL DESCRIPTION.

STARRING realized now he was witnessing the aftermath of one of the greatest disast disasters that had ever happened. The disaster even at Adelheid was almost as complete as at Abbieann, even this city had x ceased to exist, and that half the population had perished. All the survivors were homeless and facing starvation and perils from forest fires, and were still in urgent need of all kinds of provisions, and that the visit of vessels that could come could come for the work of supply and rescue was imperatively required.

Even the Government had requested that for the purpose of rescueing the people who still are in such deadly peril and threatened with starvation, any one man may send as soon as possible the means of transportating all refugees found from the stricken zones, and convey them from the path of forest fires. The Secretary of war has also been directed, as well as the Navy to take such measures for the rollef of these stricken people as lie within the executive discretion, and they earnestly commended this case of unexampled disaster to the generous consideration of all the people of Abbieannia, Starring how that the profound impression made upon the people of Abbieannia by the terrible calamity was manifested by the action of the proport when he succeeded in raising great contributions as well as the nation also in mobolizations by the wholesale and so forth, to crush Glandellinia. Others had been sent to report the extensive character of the catastrophe.

Flags in cities and other parts of the country, and in fortifications, and within christian armies, and all other places as well as in all priviate residences were flying every day at half mant because of the disaster throughout calverinia, and the loss of Abbieann. Members of sixteen hundred families in Calverine were lost in the Abbieann disaster.

Starring made a statement in regard to the unusual explosions around Abbieann which he declared was very much similar in effects as the St, Pierre dia disaster when a volcano there exploded from its side but of a hundred times a greater violence than Krakatoa, and was probably caused by some unknown high explosives of some high of an most immeasureable quanity. Starring said to the captian, as he had spent some time in the study of explosions, and is considered an authority on the subject;

Thin is what he waid:

"All the evidence gleamed from the newspaper accounts and from a magazines and other writing, and story books is all contradictory, and inconclusive. The blasts were of the explosive type similiar to those which made our big floods before, but different in the nature of the destruction, and thesize of the flood. In the case of this great disaster the explod explosion was great enough to powder most of the debris-ro this the still white hot flashes of the immense quantities of powders can be ascribed the destructive fire in the city of abbieann with a ten billion dollar loss, and among the shipping in the river harbors and docks. The report of a terrific rain of fire, was simply this white hot flashes of still unburned powder. Gases probably were present and did burn, but any fire from this source would have ascended, owing to the lighter weight of the gas. The sudd on hurling of clouds of water and mud in another explanation worthy on theypresent evidence of the depth the explosions dug. The explosions are peculiar for they had enough force to powder most of the debris ejected."

Starring still heard other evidences of experiences from persons in the great disaster. This was from a passenger on a ship. He had left Francis Atlanta for Abbieann at midnight on the 20th of May and arived at the latter at about eleven oclock of May the 30th. For the captian and his crew the greatest difficulty was experienced in getting near the city, the air being thick with smoke of distant forest fires, and the night darkness intense. The ship had to group its way to the anchorage.

Appalling sounds were issuing from some distant places, and clouds of of smoke for a moment conveloped the steamers deck where the passengers and the others were gathered gazing at the glow of the fires, some being engaged in trying to take night photographs of the scene. Rearing a most tremendous report as if a million bombs going off simultaneously, and seeing a roll of smokewisi smoke rise high into the sky, the passenger dived into the room, dragging with him another men, and shutting the door tightly shortly after the first immense crashes had ceased, he heard a voice which he recognized as that of one of the Captians crew. Opening the door with great caution, he drew him in. The nose of this man was burned by the intense heat. And this passenger was the only one on board out of a number of one hundred and eighty nine that escaped uninjured. The heat being unbearable, he ermorged a few moments and the scene that baffled his eyes or greeted his eyes baffled all description.

All around on the deck were dead and dying, covered with mud, roxrocks and gravel, There they law little children, as well as men and women, and indeed the appa appeals of the children for water was heartrending, and even when water was giving to them they could not swallow a group for their throats were filled with the burned powder, or burned with the heated air. On the aft section the ship was burning,, and he finally jumped overboard, and stranger still found the water.

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of the river intensely hot. He declared he was sweptat on ce by a wave in the river, which washed him against an upturned river motor boat to which he desperately clungs-finally he was h joined by a man so dreadfully burned and terribly disfigured that he could not be recognized. Afterwards I found he was the caption of the ship, and he was in dreadful agony, and begged piteously to be put on board the ship. Securing some wreckage which contained some bedding and a tool chest, hewith the help of ten others who joined him on on the wreck, constructed a rude raft, and placed the caption on it. Then seeing two upturned rowboats, he asked asked one of the men men to swim and fotch it. He did so picked up two of his country men, and returned to the raft. Secing a ship which had escaped the effects of the eruptions, he paddled the raft twurd it waving a white flag. They beere rescued and taken to rrancis Anna. Three of these did do before reaching the port. A number of others have since died.

None on board the s hip were ever known to recover. The one who had saved himself said the scene on the burning ship was awful beyond description. The grouns and cries of the dying, forv which nothing could be done at all was horrible beyond all comprehension. He described even if a woman as being burned to death with a living baby girl in her arms, and that it seemed as if the whole world was after.

The infinal inflamable material in the forepart of the ship that would have ignited that part of the vescel, had been thrown overboard by him and some others.One other ship disappeared as if blown up by a submarine explosion whatever he hadcheard made Starring now realize that the Bengall state catastrophe was even more terrible than at first reported. Refugees streaming past even now declared that their homes were wiped out by forest fires, that streams of water are turning boiling hot, and that large areas are still submerged.Other districts are also xr crowded with refugees. Almost half night darkness still continues.

After more investigations further on, starring we wrote this note,-

"To general Robertsonia ...iviani .----

All river villiages near Abbicann including the city of deleichid and Adeleheid, were destroyed simultaneously with the bigger city. The entire Aegion is covered with explosion debris, and great forest fires is making our work painfully slow. Smaller streams have dried up, ad and still thousands of persons are flocking to the hills not knowing where to go persued by fires. I do not believe untill connumi cations are restored that our country can relief relieve the stupendous distress, famine is said to be raging, and plagues also, and there is more urgent need of ofor the services of the Abbieann Red Cross. The terrible supposed eruptions, is not yet discovered. The central and eastern parts of Adeleheid struck recently by the forest fires are still burning, wery body among the refuggees is mourning the loss of relatives and friends. Eusiness in other cities not touched by the disaster is at acomplete standstill. Abbieann was the financial and provisioning city of Calverinia. Elsewhere the forest fires are still raging more violent and disasterous explosions may follow. That I have seen tends now to confirm and emphasize the horrors of the terrible blow that has fallen upon Abbieann and all of southern and central calverinia. Indeed no such appalling disaster, distinguished by the suddeness of the bloow blow, the number of victms cit victims, the immeasureable property loss, and the great flood and forest fires, the completeness of the desolation, the reported force and effects or the explosions, has ever come home to the civilized world with so overwhelming and harrowing a force. The convusion convulsion of nature in grakatea was not greater than the alightest of these terrific explosions, and nothing can compare.. Our Government requests our aid in transporting what refugees we can from the stricken region, where famine stares all in the face day by day. Every gtate overnment has appealed for aid. Abbieann is surely wiped out completely, and the inhibatants of the surrounding towns have also all perished. In the city of St Vincent which ISLL I'll reach next they saw thousands have perished, and the land has been laid to wate. waste .Plantations have been wiped out by the explosions, and floods, countless stock have been killed, hundreds of millions dollars worth of crops destroyed, and the means of subsistence have been wrested from the people .

From present indications the forested country around the explosion and flood zone have been turned into a smouldering smoking desert of hell by the remains of burned trees, and so far as I have discovered fifty thousand homeless have been counted by me, and no one is able to xa care or provide for the, them. It is a most fortunate circumstance that we do not have to wait to find ways and means for extending help on occassions like this. All our people are not only willing, but they have been doing all in their power to aid. The machinery for collecting and distributing aid had been as I read in papers sent in motion at the first news of the disaster, and we know by experience how effective is the work trusted to be accomplished. The impulse to give has stirred the heart of every as one and we hope as soon as communication is restored something can be done in bringing a speedy relief to all..."

10,000 persons killed in the city of St Vincent De Paul.

GREAT ALARM AS TO THE FATE OF THE COURTRY SIDE. AWFUL SUDDENESS OF THE CALAMITY AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL. GRAPHIC STORIES TOLD TO STARRING BY WITHESS; S OF THE HEAREST OF THE DEADLY EXPLOSIONS.

Arter the inspection of the city of Adeleheia was over Starring boarded the ship once more with his forces and the four ci child scouts, and by night the whole force started next for the city of St Vincent De Paul where conditions had been reported to be worse outside of biblioann ... The great explosion took good effect on this city as he heard and a shower of stone, and clay had even fallen thirty miles away from the city itself, and dust was two inches deep. Seven thousand dead had been the first report, but now it had been estimated that the total number of dead had reached near ten thousand. and most of the victims were said to be women and children as half or over half of the men population were either out in the army or had been drafted by the government to aid rangers and the others to fight the terrible forest fires. Hundreds of met most beautiful estates in the vinicity had been ruined. Throughout the whole region north of the disaster zone great alarm had even now been felt regarding the fate of such a beautiful town as St Vincent De Paul, and also Abbieann. At that time a gigantic forest fire was beaing furiously down upon this city, which was surrounded by forcets and which had not been touched by the floods, and the northern region of the country had been utterly destroyed. It is feared that even the estimate of IO,000 dead is exactly too gmall . From the news of the stupendous disaster the whole nation still was greatly exp excited .

Starring was willing to go slow with this part of the trip after leaving the ruins of Adelcheid, for he felt he must rest up after withstanding the terriple hardships and his encounters with the horrible sights that he had witnessed every minute of the two days of his stayb there.. starring had been surprised when he reached St Vincent De Paul city, that no more dead were in sight. But he was told that thousands of bodies had been strewn along the streets only a week after the disaster, and others being at least partly buried under the wreckage of the buildings, but now all of the podies found on the surface at least had been buried a week after the disaster, but none of those in the ruins had yet ceen dug out as it was impossible. It would require months, unless a greater force of men is employed,, otherwise all of the dead could not be properly disposed of Every moment of his stay in Adeleheid Starring and followers feared greatly that the forest conflagration would come up as stated and surround the city wi y with its billows of death dea, ling fire. The fire continued to rage elsewhere, great clouds of flames sometimes almost roffing the sky above making a most awe inspiring scene. Starring discovered that the reports that all of the surviving inhibatants of St Vincent De Paul had been brought away saftly from the danger zone was not true... No one had escaped here. Like at Abbieann. A great wave of debris hurled by the explosion swept across one prtion of tye the city, destroying the lives of all in that section in an instant. The others were said to have fled down the river shore, and were rescued by some ships, but this had not been, confirmed.. Other williages near St Vincent, were destroyed by the explosion, and a flood of debris was hurled o all over the city.

Creat indignation indignation against the plandelinians grew, and grew as the panic among the survivors subsided, and so many men victims of the di saster who survived entered the army to fight that few of the survivors had any males among them. It is well remembered that while other disasters had occured elsewhere throughout the autum and winter and ea I eas early summer, glandelinia was committing vile massacres of children esle elsewhere. Everyoweek as far as the abatement of the flood would allow some provisions had been brought here and there for the refugges, but famine continued elsewhere. Starring could observe where ever he came upon refugees that they were all on half rations, and when it can be also remembered that danger ous pestilences is also an immediate menance, it can be understood why there should be plenty of food to give to those who may be attacked strength to fight the disease. What gave starring some hope however was, that the nature of the flood , its results and the difficulty of any persons getting to the disaster zone, for one good instance prevented any such an added horror as vandalism, and anyhow so complete was the devastation that there would not have been anything for the Glandelinians to loot to boot.Of course a there are the most severe capital penalties methed out to all who are caught stealing in the wreckage.

As Starring was ariving into the vinicity of the city of St Vincent De Paul he met with a covernment Tug, sent from Fancis Atla, which arived at the same time, bringing with it five members of the Gemini, a ton of supplies for the survivors, consisting of wholesome foods. The tug had been compelled to go twenty miles out of her course because the tug encountered a column of the tyickest thickest smoke and seething flames flames on both sides of the stream which she could not pass. In the river also were a number of ships and boats inconstant readiness to take away the workers, if the forest firec bears down upon the town as is warned, and a deligent watch is

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constantly maintain ed ready to give eet ze warning, and if the conflagration turns in the direction of St Vincent De Paul the place will be immediately deserted. Pesides to those working in the ruins, starring could observe not a single human being within the city. All was have not been killed have no would felt to some wemate country. On poard this tug, was a man who witnessed the distaster from the start, and who gave this account of the event p preceding the disaster at St vincent and Abbieann and also of the catastrophe itself, as backed by other eye witnesses, who were on the River Coal Battage barge, called the "queen" Before the catastrophe a strong body belonging to the scientific commission, presided over by Dargar Horner assemed assem bled in Abbieann on May the 21th, the fr few days before the calamity for the purpose of studying the effects of the raging fore t forest fires. It was for a time agreed by the members of this commission that the relative direction of the movement of the conflagration, and the valleys debouching out on the river regions, were such that the scientists tould affirm that the security of the region was complete as long as the wind retained a southwesterly or a westerly direction, and this announcement was made to ally the fears of the ffi frightened citizens.

The moon rose clear over St Vincent at about six lock oclock in the evening of May the 3Ith. The great forest fire was raging to the southward, and the wind was blowing northeastward. A few minutes before twelve oclock a great white column what appeared to be smoke and dust, suddenly be inched forth from some section o not far from North Bend, and which appeared to suddenly open up a rent in the ground for a Li long distance. The outbreak caused the utmost consternation and panic among those of the inhabitants of the city who were still not in their beds, who fled tward the river parts uttering frightful screams. There was a terrific noise that would have drowned out the lounest thunder ever heard and a moment later a gignatic mass of thick impenetrable black smoke torn by terrific red flashes poured upward and forward and fell with frightful rapdity ipon the city. In a very short time before the shocks the whole city was a mass of ruins. From the concussions the waters of the river were violently agitated and everywhere was heard the sound of railing houses, and vessels were seen to oveturn and sink or burst into flames. Also the cries of the doomed beings on shore, and afloat lasted only a few moments, when the stillness of death fell uponnthe city and the whole region.

Only six vessels of all the shipping in the harbor of thi this city had withstood the terrific apparent convussion of nature. Many of the survivors who were saved by the surviving ships crews, declared they had sprang overboard, and despite injuries recieved by falling debris, and rocks and fiery clouds, succeeded by diving and swimming for two or three hours in sustaining themselves, untill they were picked p by the crews of the surviving ships.

Nothing then had remained of the city of St Vincent except vast nears of smoking ruins, indeed resembling a vast furnace of the infernal regions. But here and there in the open spaces large numbers of partly purned, and asphyxiated bodies could be seen lying on the ground or amid the ruins. It had taken thousands of workers to dig out and pury what dead they had been able to find. The smell of the burning flesh had been observed three miles away. owever now as it was luck for Starring access to St Vincent was much easier, and by this time the ruins or the city had ceased to smoke. It has been learned by him that the surange rain of fire ceased at a distance of one hundred yards from the city of Wickey Lansin. Starrings talk with survivors of the disaster at gt Vindent, confirmed to him all the previous statements as to the awful suddeness of the catastrophe. It is thought that an ernormous quanty of some umknown explosives might have been liverated, with gas liquid also, producing by force and noise great atmp atmospheric pressure, which overwhelmed everything before it, and tye the concussions which leveled every building. The strange fumes absorbed by th the bodies of the victims caused them to burst, and the fire coming aftr afterwards carponized them ...

This no doubt was followed by a terrific rain of all kinds of rocks and debris which enveloped the city, and one survivor said he had been out late that night and said at the moment of the explosion he hau the impression of being violently drawn tward the explosion by a strange powerful currentbof iar. Then the whole country opened into eruptions, according to the description of the κ man, and flung tornadoes of fire and debris at every city and town within range.

On account of the great disaster, and because of its effects Starring had heard that throughout Abbiemania and the other states all business had suspended, and this was alarming news to him. The people in all cities had towns had day after day month after month assembled in the churches, at all hours, Cathederals and the like, where often special services were and are being held for the dead of all the war disasters of the people and a services where and are the services of the case of all the war disasters of the services of the case of all the war disasters of the services of the case of all the war disasters of the services of a services of a services of the case of all the war disasters of a services of the case of all the war disasters of a services of the case of all the war disasters of a services of the case of all the war disasters of a services was reging, and many sections of the disaster zone was now becoming entirely depopulated, as people who can were moving off northward. Starring on boking things over observed that prov provisions were needed in the vinicity of St Vincont immediately for nearly three hunsed thousand poeplepeople, and a ship load of line or lime for sanitary purposes, for the stench there from the dead bodies was overpowering. Starring hower said about general Hendro Derka: the Great Gemini;;;;;

"I have heard that general Dargar has asked the aurthorities of every city by telegram to render and continue assistance that can be possible. Great praise is given the great Gemini leader. He and all his followers have worked desperately and

and inf indefatigably to succor the survivors that are so hard to reach because of the nature of the disaster, and the destroyed communications. He in person has bandaged the limbs of the wounded, and has worked without sleep and food, and they say he is now completely exhausted. For Fourty persons rescued from the ruins by him, are in a hospital at Calverine. In addition to the species already secured, and \$100,000,00 were rescued from the half ruined bank of St Vincent. The whole nation was said to be quiet. and Strange to relate, in view of the great number of inhabitants of St Vincent who were swept to death by the midnight explosions, Starring learned that very few corpses had been found by those who had been engaged in the worl of burying and cremating the dead bodies. This may be due to the fact the that the most populaous populious quarters of the city are buried under the wreckage of all their tall houses , and with the conflagrations raging in the ruins, the bodies under near underneath might have been entirely consumed. Starring also heard of many strange and most incomprehensible incidents which had been recounted in St Vincent. The charred remains of a little girl, with her clothing still on, and unburned, and in perfect condition had been found there.

The crisp bodies of young children have also been found, but also the clothing they were were uninjured though their bodies were charcoaled. The path of the strange torrent hurled by the near explosion which swept over the city of St Vincent, Starring discovered marked out in the strangest manner. The vinicity of the northern limits where the vessels were destroyed was swept by a whirlwind of flame and smoke, which ripped, tore and shattered everything in its passage but left few traces of debris behidn. On the other hand, the centre and adjoining southern parts of the city, were only shaken down by the concussion of the explosions and also recieved a rain of debris hurled skyward by the explosions, and then fires broke out which consumed everything that could burn.

Every one Starring talked to of importance, told him that ever since the catastrophr catastrophe occured the work of succoring the refugees continued incessantly and still was going on .. One ship filled with refugees rescued, had to pass through clouds of smoke and flaming embers close to a forest fire, at the risk of catching fire, in order to a bring the refugees to a safer place, and then to repeat the harrowing experience in order to reach the other terrir terror stricken people waiting for aid.

But this ship succeeded b in bring to the nearest places of rerugee 5,078 people mainly former residents of what survived in villiages around St Vinvent. This was on a g n Sunday night, a week before starring came. Since then the steamer as the result of other most daring trips through "HELL" had succeeded in bringing many other persons to safty places. On the very day before Starring arived she rescued nearly a thousand persons, and piloted some half injured ships, who took on board other forest fire u fugitives. The other ship the Mary Ann having done everything possible in the efforts being made to succor other fire fugitives left the region on such a mission just an hour before Starrings arival. Tugs had distributed to the sufferers still remaining large quantities of buscuits, milk, brandy, and cheese. Starring was emotionally interested in the stories of survivors, and in the efforts for weeks and weeks being made to succor the refugees of both disasters. A woman named Marie St Claire, who was a hospital nurse in a hospital in St Vincent, and who was among those taken to a refugee camp untill she could be convoyed to a j hospital, in describing her experiences, said that on the night of the terrible disaster, she had just finished her prayers and gone to bed, and was hardly asleepp, when she heard a loud report, fe t felt her bed j jump wildly, the furniture she observe dance, and noticed the rocking and swaying of the house, wherein she fainted. When she regained her senses, a few hours later, she was under some wreckage horribly burned, and glacing around she saw no one else alive. This laiy though she survived tobtell the tale said she would never be able to forget it as long as she lived...

A little girl whose name was Mary shannon, the nine year old daughter of the Mayor of St Vincent, who with her mont mother, two brothers aged five and six,, and one sister also aged six, was asleep in their beds when the explosion came . This little girl is in a hospital in Pandora, and is not expected to live. Her Aunt Clara Shannon, who was in the refugee camp at which Starring visited told him the following story of her experience;

"I was just preparing for bed, when the butler called out to me;

"Look at that awful cloud shooting up inthe air."

"I immediately immediately went to the window, and as I saw a vast mass of black and white cloud come rushing forward as it seemed to envelope us all, with a strange noise, there came a tremendous report, which caused all the windows of my room to fly out and the whole house to shake fearfully.Part of the house crashed, and I rushed to my clothes closet in panic, suddenly experiencing a feeling of suffec ation, which was followed by intense heat. The other section of the house broke into flames. As I was not hurt, I assisted my nephews and neices to escape. They were carried out of the house, just as it crashed to totall ruin. when we got to the street the two little boys died. His mother also died, the two sisters however surviving but terribly burned. Im I fortunately did not sustain serious injuries."

Starring found there were after all many survivors out of the city of St Vincent and all these refugees of the explosion disaster even new continued to be greatly broken by the terrible experience through which they had passed. Starring saw the Mayor who new survived and he was in a pitiable condition, and he cannot take his mind from

the scenes. He was the last to leave the ruins of his purning home. And he speepoke in the highest terms of those who did such noble rescue work in the race of dire perils . The captian of another ship reported to Starring that at about fourty two miles southwest of Accieann, after the explosion horror on the late morning of June the First, the river rose and increased in width a dand its current sped with c great fury, breaking as if on rocks. This continued for hours, then the river broke its bounds. The schooner labored very heavily, but sustaining slight damage, though beyond control during the phenomenom. It was believed the action of the flood elsewhore did this. Shocked by the news of the disaster at Bengall State and elsewhere, which had destroyed his residences at Adeleheid, wharehouses and stores, an aged merchant of Calverinia, sat silent and amazed on a pier near the refugee camp, and when questioned by starring at first only looked at him vacantly. Sitting beside him was his eight year old daughter. Near him stood his wife, portunately he had not been in Adeleheid at the time of the disaster, neither had his wife or child. They had been in Pandora, having left Adeleheid because his daughter had wished to see what the great Pandora city was likee like. As he refused to speak his wife said;

"We had also a home in Adelsheid, and another in St Vincent, on the stream called the Morne Rouge, near the mountains" she said. "These whomes of ours were filled with valuable curios and men mementoes of various trip cal islands which even the biggest sum of money could not e replace. All these and my husbands places of husiness are owept away. The loss to us will reach \$10,000,000. We had many friends among all the people here including the Mayor himself and his wie wife and children. We usually remained in Adoleheid city all the summer. My little daughters desire to see the bigger

city of Pandora proved our salvation."

Her husband was so terribly overcome by the news of his loss that he could not find voice to talk. Starring also learned that dispatches from the Local regions were giving more attention to the living and the injured than the dead,, and had become more urgent in their calls for food supplies for the millions of refugees. As it said before because of the cutting off of Vivian Wickey by the seige, and the wars horrid pprogress Abbieum was the storehouse and main supply station for the whole of Calverinia, and all of its supplies have been destroyed by fire, or swept away in the ernormous flood that had followed. In addition a large tract of country as big as the whole of North merica has been laid waste by flood and forest fires, and battle and massacre florrors thus depriving the surviving inhabitan ts of vegetable and moat supplies, for the cattle and all other kind of farm unimals and fowls are reported dead or dying of starvation.....

licarly two months have clusped since the great disaster begun, / and no one knows when all of the refuses can be reached with supplies, and this new disaster has rende rendered more cleatitute those who were homeless because of other disusters, and it was harder to reach them, for they had not been fully succored either as disaster

after disaster had come so quick one after the other./

All other cities and towns as Starrin; knows have surplus food that could have sen sent to the disaster zone in a day or two if all communications had not been destroyed, and thus aff rd relief enough untill the urival of the larger supply ships sent from bigger cities and ports. As it occured at night, at all points within the disaster explosion zone, and mostly all the inhabitants of the towns and cities, were evidently in bed sound asleep no one had a chance to escape. The ejacta thrown upward by the explosions came down like cloud bursts, and the cities were caught like rats in a trap.. If every one had been out in the streets there may have been some show, they could have fled under cover, or to the rivers. In many towns the river shipping at the docks did not ga have a ghost of a show to get away. Yet every one who knew the cities and towns and its people can easily imagine the scenes of wild horror that must have been inacted when the excitable people aroused by the first c ash realized that escape was impossible.imps.

STARRING HEARS MORE MARRATIVES OF MEW AND WOMEN WHO HAD THEIR OWN TERMIDLE EXPERIENCES, SCHIES IN THE STRUCKEN REGIONS.

Additional horror day after day had been excited since the disaster happened, by every account furnished of the terrific explosions and concussions and floods caused by them, which was published by all newspaper concerns and correspondents, throughout the region, and here is another which Starring himself heard from the experience of a war correspondent himself:::::

"Tre sir I had hard times to go through the devastated regions in which I explored in order to get pictures if I could, for all communications between the triple disaster zone, and all the country is destroyed, and so many hills here and there are so covered with forest fires of the most severe kind that they appear like a great number of volcances in terrible eruction. The nearest of the fires was twenty five miles east of AdeleheidI, and yet the flames from that could be visible more than a hundred mile miles and the smoke four hundred. when I first heard of the disaster Inwent out and believe me after two months of the travel I believe I had passed through hell. Never again. But I'll tell you my whole story sir. Knowing that I wished to go on the special trip the City Government of Francis Atlanta paid my passage on a refugee boat. It left the city at seven oclock in the morning. I wished at that time sir not to go to view the results of this Abbieann disaster, for it had not happened then but some of the later ones before that. I must tell you sir 7 arived at Abbieann in time to participate in a part of the horror and only a miracle saved me. Terrible flames from the distant forest fires raying onward along the eastern woods were visible during the entire journey journey. At midnight it was seen that a big ridge of hills were all afire about fourty miles away. The ship ran into a dense gray cloud, and the people on deck were almost suffocated and went below to get relief.

The atmosphere became so dense with smoke that we could not see a thing ahead of us. We were then encountoring an unusually degree of heat, which finally forced the captian to order the steamer to be put about, and steam northward untill we could be clear of the dense smoke and get away from the unbearable heat. At four oclock the steamer put back tward the original course again, and encountered a thicker cloud of smoke rolling northwe northwestward, and was again compelled to put off.

It arived about ten miles south of Adeleheid at about six oclock in the morning morning of May the 26h. It was seen that the forest fires were dangerously close and there was a tremendous roar of explosions occeassionally in the distance which I believe came from the dynimite used by the fighters to breach the forest in the path of the flames. Great flashes of fire played incessantly over the smoke filled sky, and there was a fog from it all day. The forest fire was first observed so close on the week before my arival. Huge volumes of flames shot u ward, and the people in all that district were fleeing. There had been a continuous uproar all that time. The northern forest district from west of Heidi Junction to Evan SVille has been completely destroyed by the fire. It was impossile to proceed beyond that point on account of the hot debris left by the fires. The whole region was on fire. A huge hill was observed to be lit rally burning up. On the 27th and the 28th, the whole country side was covered with wreaths of dense smoke, and everything was ruined by the heat and the smoke. Many persons were brought to Adeleheid in boats from towns menanced by the forest fires. All of the refugees were nearly dying of thirst, and all of these people had been thirty seven or fourty hours without a drop of water. All of the cattle were dead because of the heat and he lack of the water. And on account of the scarcity of water and the destruction of communications, it was impossible at present to go into the ing interior and investigate the extent of the forest fire disaster, and tward where it was heading. It was impossible to sau say just how many people might have perished in the flames if any did, but the number will probably run into the scores. We left Adeleheid at nine oclock in the morning of May the 29th with orfe orders to tow a relief boat full of refugees to or near Abbicann. A quarter of a mile further on near North Bend we recieved a message by shore from a boat that because of the forest fires about to cross the stream, the passage would be impossible. impossible. Mevertheless we proceeded on our voyage. When opposite north Bend there was a ground virw of view of the forest fire now only ten miles away. The whole sky was covered thickly with rolls and cauliflower like columns of smoke and there was un incessunt flushing of flumes through them... Great quanities of sparks and light embers were blown in clouds in the dr., and were fallig falling tward the river obscuring everything. It was impossible to get close to the town of Costello. We attempted to proceed to St vincent through a great cloud of smoke overhanging the river and the country side,,, but found it impossible. It meant suf ocution to try it. We returned and entered the bolt again miles down the river w but there, it was the same,,, result. On the horizon there was nothing to be seen but rising smoke clouds and leaping flames, and overhead the sky was dark...

On the orizonthere was nothingto be ween soon but rollingclouds and leaping flames and other forest fire scenes. We were forced to put back because of the fierce heat and set stoamed down the river to find a branch stream that might conduct us past the fire and give us an opportunity to reach Abbieums. Opposite Turpo Town we encountered a hot gale of wind carrying clouds of smoke and debres debris. To the north the entire territory of the danger zone was clearly visible. Besides the large forest fire numerous smaller ones were agle and smoking or blazig, and the rear portion of the main one where it had passed and left only the smouldering embers a great stretch of white and gray cloud rose thousands of feet high. Buch of the smoke was going westward and it was quite durk. When we were close to Turpo town we passed to the windward along the center of the river tward St Vincent, and saw no sign of life. It is believed that every person within the forest fire zone had left. The refugees at the towns were in dancer.

It took us a long time to get within range of Abbieann, and we got there just on time sir, to see the terrific disaster. First we heard a m s most extraordianry noise, moreextraordinary, than those ever heard when a tornado approach approaches. It seemed like when a flock of Blengiglomenean creatures were wining winging tward us us fast us they can fly. Just previously the air had been very calm, although the moon and stars were obscured by smoke clouds. At the same moment when he heard the sound he fel felt a strange vortex of air likened to a swift passage of some heavy body. Then there was a most terrific roar,, a noise similiar to the firing of some huge comnon but a hundred million times louder to my way of believing it, and I saw a huge black cloud rising high in the air with the under part arching downward and rolling and rapidly traveling tward Abbieann and all over a as far as eye can see . The boat I was on was twelve miles from the city, As the cloud traveled I heard other numerous explosions far or near, as if whole fleets of volcances were firing a tremencous Krata Katkaoa eruption at each other. A spur of some hill, and a stretch of dark forest prevented me from seeing what happened at Abbleann, but I distinctly heard the roar of falling buildings. I ran to awaken the captian, who however had been aroused, for all on board came running on deck, but all at once something blackand stifling enveloped all of us, followed by a shower of something scorching and hot our rinning flared into flame, mo many of us writhed on deck o in mortal agony and r only gaved myself in the neck of time when I rushed below. I heard that Abbieann was wiped out, and I believe the cloud had been some species of fire damp produced by the awful magnitude of the explosion , which had been wide enough to envelope the city and the country all around .. "

After this interview Starring and his followers left St Vincent city, being more distressed by the probable fate of the city having not hardly believed it before. As the boat traveled onward, the whole crew, and all on board including starrings followers were on the alert, and every eye was directed tward the forest fires. Tverybody on board was afraid that the forest fire was going to cross the river through the section which the ship must passs, and destroy everything before it. For several days di during the onward trip, the forest fire had been traveling on, and immense quantities of forests had been destroyed by this time. Many inhabitants from other villiages villieres were still fleeing before it, some had asked to be taken on board, and Starr ing himself said there was no room. Starring even while in the cabin could see the forest fire from the rear windows, and although the nearest portion was said to be to be fully five miles away, he could hear the roar of the flames and seei the fire rushing upward with terrific stretches and speed, and the immense clouds rolling upward tward the heavens as if the whole world was burning and tye the end of the world had already come... hile traveling on they passed a town covered with smoke and fog and which had also been hanging we overhead for several days like the blackest kind of a roof of a dark cuvery cavern which darkness only broken by a torchlight.. The smell of burning pine and leaves was very strong though somewhat sweet sweet and while on deck many of the crew and others were obliged to wear hundkerchiefs over their faces to protect them from the strong fumes. The captian assured starring that there was no danger, and if there is he would not attempt to run pass the danger 2 011 P .

Starring feared that many more perished in the triple disaster than he even heard about. If the disaster overwhelmed such a big city as Abbleann, and spread as far as it is predicted, then it might as well be as great as if the whole of the United States had been wep wiped out in the same fachion. Starring said to the Caption;

"ThenI was informed of the disaster at Abbieann I was in my tent with Angeline Jennings helping a her work out a do code letter she had secured from the enemy camp. At I had just finished, a courier came riding up and hunded me a message. It was written by some one who I did not know and therefore laughed and told the courier that he might as well let the fellow have his joke. But when I recleved a note on the disaster from Gertrude Angeline, ams as I knew her, I felt funny." At first when they believed it violet and her sisters were almost prostrated over the now of the terrible disaster of Abbiegans many of their best friends resided in that city. On learning of the explosions and the results they were vild. At first they believed Gertrude Angeline and Angeline and her venturesome friends had been killed, as Violet said, she and her sisters knew they were in a part of the city at

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the time where they would be exposed to the worst of the blow . Sertrude Angeline 2was known as one of the most brillian car careers in the army for a girl scout, and held many prominent positions of trust with the greatest of the christian armies, and the Emperor himself, and was favored greatly by the Vivian Girls. For nearly two years shechad kept the enemy in a state of terror. The explosion came undoubyedly from the plains north of Abbieunn. The cloud of the blast rose in a vast amphitheteur over and upon the city, and extended in a magnificent sweet from Point Caltor on the south, to Adeleheid on the northwest. The force of the explosion could have b ried the city entirely with rubbish from one end to the other, and why it did not do so seems strange."

Indeed it seems most of all that Adeleheid city and the northwestern nection of Abbleann had been desto destacyed by an immense mass of fire and debris which fe,, fell on the city after the explosion hurled the c debrie skyward. It seems strange captian that the reople of these cities could not have been on their guard then they have read and heard the news of the disasters bfo before. Any one could regard the enemy as most dangerous. They should have regarded the gramblingsof the distant disasters earlier before much as the people of those afflicted cities and towns probable and surely did when they experienced these disasters.. The enemy seem to have done here however what he did elsewhere but to this time more auddenly. It seems as so many statements make that these explosions literally blew up or tore up the whole country side, completely destroying the city of Abbieann and many others, and altering the appearance of this portion of the country, making many believe at first it was some great and unusual eruption. I he have read that fifty miles away hundreds of people were killed by the fulling debris, and the resulting floods killed more than the explosions did.

such et e n ernormouse ernormous clouds of smoke and debrickand dust were thrown upward, that it did look like oruptions. In the ammount of material ejected by these strange explosions, the slightest makes even the so told story of the eruption of Kraj Krakatoa seem vees very infer n inferior, and the city of Abbicann with its population was annihilated. Besides captiab, though o some light is thrown on the character of the terrible disaster, by which the city of Abbieann is blotted out of existance, the exact nature of the outbreak is a matter of spectulation. Few eye witnesses of the disaster, who were on ships at the time of its orrusce orr occurance have been found wlive, and the stories they tell are far from being consistent and circumstantial. It is positive however the exp expl explosions were no strange c volcanic erustions from under ground, and that the town in whole was not destroyed by a tremendous shower of huge stones boiling lava and volcanic ashes and dust as many said, but that instant death came to all who were caught under the fulling ruins of their homes which crashed before the concussion of the explosions, and those who were in the northern part of the city that was envoloped by the could were stifled by the resionous cases which accompanied the shocks and concussions. The most remarkable feature of the explosion that a was reported was the sheet of flame which is said to have poured over the northern part of the city hugging the earth apparently and setting fire to everything within its reach.

The menner in which the vomitings of the explosions were deflected in the direct ion of the city of Abbiesmn and other places p presents one of the most difficult problems connected connected with the explosion which no scientific experts can even explain though they were called upon to investigate. It was said that the expl sions sounded as if all the mountains around had not only blown their heads off in eru tions but that the explosions were more extended than that, and that it seemed as if all the entire mountains had been torn to pieces and scattered cutward, as well as uupward and in all directions. And why did the explosions hurl the fragments with desolating force in a direction close to the earth .. ?

On the occassion just referred to there was another strange phenomenon to the explosion. An ernormous volume of dust hurled by the blasts was shot high into thr the air, it attaine d a attained a height it is estimated of fully thirty miles maybe fourty, where it was taid taken up by the counter currents, and wasted across more than a hundred miles of land in a direction far contrary to that of the prevading land winds, and then deposited in the shape of strange impalpable powder as dark and as fine as lambblack in the streets of Calverine, and the surroundin country.

The sumecp phenomenon was noted during the late explosions when a great shower of earth debris made its way westward from the explosion zone to the city of Francis Atlanta, although a westerly wind was blowing steadily all the while.

Ever since the disaster the scientific corps of the Abbi ann Weather Bureau at Sacramento, Abbie annia State had been engaged in stud studying the direction of and force of these upper air currents, and the strange phenomena connected with the ereptions of the explosions, and if they succeed it will materially assist them in ariving at sound conclusions. Experienced geoglositets and meteorologists accom punied the relief boats on the expedition to the disaster zone for the purpose of studying these and the other phenomena of the explosions on the ground, and valuable scientific results must thereby follow .. "

"There has never been witnessed in in the experience of human beings so awful a scene of destruction as that disaster at Abbicann" said the Captlan. "The accounts

of the awful cataclysmn in hich the whole population of a city as large as Abbieann. and including other towns and cities were in lifteen or twenty minutes overwhermed by the cracking buildings chaken down by the concussions of the explosions, or those floring into the streets being secondarily overwhelmed by the thick showers of still burning powder, that belched forth like powdered fiery lava may well make our whole country feel how tiny and insignificant she is before such a fee of Abbieannia, and indeed all the rest of Abbicannia too, when in the face of such powers the enemy can if she has done so make lature so through her mighty and mysterious thross out of time, and beyond what any other disaster never has been compared yet. As I have read and even seen, many poets and even story writers have set their wildest imaginations to book for and plays and shows, and actual frightful acts i in picturing and giving drama of hell and all its horrors. I believe Milton was one of them, and ante mother, the latter probably the greatest. But I don't believe the worst Parts of the Infernal Regions, and all its flaming terrors and all its horrid gnomes and other flendish creatures as they concieved them are not more hedious and appalling, than the stories of the frightful experiences of those many millions of hapless inhabitants upon whom diseaster after diseaster has powred down their flaming and consuming storms of crupted debris, and flame, and of the frightful nerve draining floods that followed after, combined by the immeasureable forest fires, terrific m battles, fury of the Clandelinian soldiery, the immeasureable massacres of children, and the wholesale destructions of hundreds of towns and acres of cities for every disaster, and also general Starring the ract may be is that the Day of judgement, as fortold in the prophetic visions of the holy ones, could hardly impress the human mind with more immensureable horror, and even terror, than the extic extinction in fifteen minu tes of the greatest of Calverinian cities, by the blast of explosions, flood and a com plication of other catastrophes. It will be one of the most impressive events for us all, and if you my dear sir can really find proofs that the enemy has been respossible, and that the explosions were not really volcanic eruptions as the majority are inclined to believe, you yourself can rouse the nation in such a manner that God help Glandelinia. This coming so soon after many others before, is a holocaust that makes even resisting Calverinia, may all civilization after all seem very frail and feeble before such an enemy, seems so at least. There is nothing like a contemplation of your earthquake or your volcano horrors for knocking conciet and wanity out the out of the human heart, w but when its comes to disasters of these kind then the world itself stands appalled "

The boat was now heading for the city of Wickey Lansin. As he knew well, as it survived the disaster to a great measure by m r miracle this city is already filled with thousands of refuses from other places, and more are daily coming in. The terror even now has taken a new form. The forefires were manurevering like an army in battle , places hit hard by the explosions, but not touched by flood, were in the likely path of this new scourge, even wickey ransin, and there was great and imminent danger of starvation before help could even get there. The victime of the awful disaster. or fugitives of forest fires, driven onward day by day, and who have escaped with their lives and even without injury are dazed and as helpless as children. Starring knew they are absolutly destitute of everything save the few garments on their backs, the raging fires giving them no time to save a thing, while all the men folk of these towns have fought the fires griving to check them. The food supply in Wickey Lensin is even so small that with the utmost caution it cannot last long among those who have come there already, to say nothing of those who were still to come. wen from all parts stragglers are making their way there, and many fugitives or wd crowded the shores and begged piteously for the captian of Starrings ship to take them on.

But there was no room on the boat,, and all the relief expeditions that were expected to bring to the city all whom they could rescue were stopped in their progreen by the terrible fire.

All the districts for many miles about Wickey Lansin as Starring and his followers observed is a desolute waste, and even the whole appearance of the country had been trunsformed. Starring did not believe that there were any persons left alive outside of Wickey Lasin, and that those who have not perished had fled eother to the city, or elsewhere far out of the disaster zone. "ow many were loats lost in their endeavors to escape in small boats to other sections will never be known._ut anyway all that is certain is that many did take to the rivers and other streams in this way and of these but few have been heard from. Fires are now ceping across many streams. in which even a steamer could go through only by a miracle.

Starring had been surprised also more and more in his life than he had ever been before, for ever since he had left general Concentinian Arronburgs Lines, may even before before that months shead, over the whole country no matter where he had travled there was and had been and is t still even in the middle of day, a twilight and some times midnight darkness from the great black canopy of smoke that continued to spread so fur over the sky that rose so high from the many tremendous forest fires, and that yet the whole state sometimes in a stinky markiness that even surprised the records in far away cities that were never touched by the catastrophes......Also to add to the devastation, many smaller streams which took their formation from mountain heights, and which allowed had not ever overflowed their banks in their whole history dried up so that a terrible famino of water threatened. The work of exploring exploring what ruins there are in Wickey Lansin started by Starring and

days in A what was left of Abbieann, studying the nature of the ruins, the parts still under water, and the fires beyond. He said to Starring;

"I am inclinged to believe that the deaths among the people of Abbieann could never be exaggerated. I really believe that we will learn in a few months more that the disaster was still more immeasureable than we know of it now, for I am not so sure any one yet have heard the the worst from the region /. As near as I can ascertain the spurts of flame from the explosions showed the ammount of explosives used."

The difficulty of searching through the ruins of Wickey Lansin increased tward late afternoon, when the cloud which had scattered so deep a murkiness over the carly part of the day began to c become a solid and impenetrable mass, along the horizon it resembled the thickest gloom of night or when you look into the big opening of an immense dark cavern. But as in proportions as the blackness gathered, and the glow of fires increase in their vivid and searching glare Starring indeed became alarmed. The glow was of a larid and intolerable crimsom penetrating through the thicker and rolling clouds of smoke along the horizon far and wide, and lighting up the whole city every now and then from street to street, then to suddenly die into a slokly paleness.

Starring indistinctly heard the mouning of the fire wind, and a noise as of 5the roaring of the sea waves, the hinsing murmurs of flames searing pine trees

and other noises, and he said to one of his followers-

"I believe it's coming. We might have to make for the ship."

He looked again as the cloud appeared to break suddenly from is its solid mass, and then by the glare of the flames to assume a mimicry of huge and stranfe strange yet horrible shapes, and then the glow seemed to vas vanish suddenly one into the awful abyes of shade, and to leave the city in darkness, making Starring think of the agents of terror and death.

Fearing a new horror, he said; "Let's go."

The retreat from the city commenced, plowing through debris or clambering over high piles of wreckage. gmoke started to fog the city bearing with it the smell of burning leaves and pine. Even the atmosphere was terribly stale, and hot, and suidenly a wine wind began to rise, and then as they came noar the wharf where the ship was they were surprised by the place becoming lighted with an intense and lurid glow once more, but more brighter and nearer and more extending this time. Starring stopped to look. Strangely bright, and gigantic through all that darkness, which closed around it like the walls of hell a immense stretch of forest far in the distance glared a mountain of leaping fire, racing madly onward like a cyclone, and a noise like shooting of artillery sounded from it. The horizon sky seemed riven in in two by the leaing leaping wall of flames , the two sections seemed to take two monster shapes, one confronting the other. The glare lighted up the whole atmosphere far and wide. This seemed hear headed straight for the river itself. Other parts of the forest were still dark and shrouded, save in three places, where streamed suidenly and increasingly large serpentine and irregular rivers of new flames racing madly to join the purent fire.

Onward gushed this source of sudden disasters. Starring hallose d to the ship, but suddenly a duller shade fell over the air. Instinctively he turned to the rear and behold for a moment a volume of blackest smoke gushed forth, hiding out the glars of flumes which had rushed on an avalanch of fire. This su sudden and awful illumination, the burst of floods of fire, chanced to darkened before the smoke just when Starring and his party had gained the direct path loading from the city to the river port, and here he was arrested by an immense throng, more than half the refugees who had been in the city, and who had fled at the slight of the new horror. Starring edged his way through, and with his followers regained the ship.

As luck would have it, the wind suddenly changed, and the partly wrecked city was

spared, but it was some time before the terrible darknesscaubsided.

At this Starring had said;
"The apa apalling character and the results of the disester, and the complicat
lons following, which has visited good parts of Calverinia is now being fully confirmed
by all details of the calcuity, as they came to hand, and which I have witnessed,
therefore this will pass into all history as the most entire and torrible and dos
to tructive in record. The forest fires no now raging, the conditions atill existing
all over Calverinia, are not unknown, and thousands of refugeer may have found safty in
tother cities and towns, although they may now be suffering great sorrow and privation. No accounts of the cruption of explosions by any intelligent and reliable
eye witnesses on our landside has an not over been recieved, and howhen such a
story is available it may materially modify the first impressions and give light to

the real effects. Yet it is sure that the inhabitants of Abbieann had had no warning of the awful doom that threatened them, therefore at best all that can be hoped for is that the nown may have been exaggerated. Calverinia however is entitled and is rectaving the substantial exhibition of sympathy which is reaching us from all quarters of the world. If Pandora or Calverinie had been like visited Calverini a would be far worse off than she is now. Indeed the terrible calamity which has visited Calverinia has swept an unknown number of its inhabitants to a sudden and most horrible death, the population of bigger cities probably suffering more than any other city in proportion because they were naturally attracted to a residence in the fatal city of Abbicann, Adeleheid, and so on, while the survivors making an gradual exedus from the de astated region elsewhere, whether they are many or few, have been utterly ruined as to their worldy belog belongings. But let us hope in years to come the lavish had of nature will soon again cover the waste places with the luxurant growth, but many years will elaspe however before Calverinia will witness the return og the of the prop prosperous and contented conditions so lately existing.. One week after starrings arival to the disaster zone, he recleved a disputch from some where confirming the reports that the population of Abbieann had been desteoyed. He himself when he had arived in wickey Lai Langin found the state of affairs worse than was given to him in the reports forwarded by the news. The country around Wickey Lansin was apparently devastated in the same manner to that of Abbieann. He belie

ved all 11 living things within that region had been destroyed.

About seven thousand had been killed in wickey Lansin. The managers and owners of estates with all their familes had been killed. One thousand bodies had been buried, and 10,000 persons were sent to hope hospitals elsewhere. Probably only nine thousand of this number may not recover. The details are for him too harrowing to imaginae. The number of total dead will nover exactly be known. All neighbr neighboring towns not cut off by fires were giving what annitance possible, and that account for the number of refugees from other places coming to wickey Lasin. Every now and then coasting vessels were seen going up and down the river with water and provisions, doctors and medical supplies. The extent therefore of the awful and amusual calamity is now being fully realized, and every effort Starring knew full

well what he observed was being made to grappe with it.

All the best farming districts in this neighborhoods have been fully and totally downstated, and all the cattle, horses, and farm aminals of every kind are dead.

All along the east of the margin of the flood and explosion disaster the fires have continued for weeks, and still continues, but at a further southern section is now apparently understing, the fires going northward like a raging storm. The forest fire devastating could be observed for thes. Yet far west no fires are burning and rollef was sent as far as possible from there.

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Chapter 36

A TERRIFIC CAMMONADING MOISE HEARD FOR FIFTEEN HUNDRED OR MORE MILES. EVEN HEIDI JUNGTION SHOWENED WITH DEBRIS THROWN BY ONE OF THE EXPLOSIONS. STARRING OBSERVED THAT FOR WERES, THE FORGEAFIRES CONTINUES TO DARKEN THE SXY WITH CLOUDS OF SLOKE. A SPLETIOD AND MOST APPARAILING PHENOMENON. INCESSANT ROAR OF AWFUL THUNDER.

TERROR PARAILIZES THE HEPLESS INHABITANTS.

The southern section by the east is devasta ted from Reclair, to Wickey Lansin.On the southeastward side, matters are worse. The refugees number thousands, and only sicteen sixteen hundred are under relief. The ship now left Wickey Lansin with the purpose to steam on tward St Ann, and Starring requested to the captian that the h ship would lay a course almost due northwest, after leaving Wickey Lansin, and go through the passage of the Heidi Stream and head for the open water way of the Arronburg Runs. The entire journey of one hundred miles to Abbieann he hoped might be made in a day or two. The ship the captian told him would be pushed for all he she is worth providing he can push her) and he expected she would go the speed of fourteen knots, very good speed for her considering her fould conditions put upon her when she was in the explosion area, if not mentioned before the Ships name is June.

What Worriod tarring most of all was that the forest fires were s trying to follow his course, and to make it worse the winds were southern and a little east, and the smoke of the greater fires were borne away further to the westward. Starring knew that this had somewhat relieved the working parties in some of the ruined cities, and they were having a good chance of making a more careful examaination of the ruine if possible. Being fored to stop at Josephine unction Starring made a trip also through this ruined city of fourty thousand inhabiants inhabitants, and through the ad jacent villiages, with a new searching party organized by him from his followers, this time being accompanied by the two boy and girl scouts, Here there were many examples of the curious effects of the fire blasts of the explosions which swept over the towns and cities, bodies being burned beyond recognition but elothing of the most.

flimey material being little or not damaged at all...;;;...,. The body of the Mayor of the town was found near the villiage of ic-Holls a surburb of josephine junction, and the scenes around here were worse than any playe place Starring had visited yet .. In the latter place the victims were mostly occured with, debris and other wreckage hurled up by the explosion and which then fell. Near Mic-Holls Starring was told where over five thousand bodiew that had been terribly distended and in an advanced state of decomposition. These bodies were counted in the streets of the little villiage, and on the adjacenr land, and many bodies looked as if they had even been hurled there by the explosion as they were terribly mangled,, and nearly all the dead in the city were lying with tye their faces of the ground, and all were found badly charred. The body of a woman, men and three little girls and six boys. were found in a near by stream, to which they had been thrown by the explosion as evidence showed. A large heap of bodies badly torn and mangled, and even dismembered of either heads, arms or legs, oe absolutely disembowled, or whole front portions of bodies torn away or in a worse state state were found in one spot. They were apprently near the explosion when it occured and the blast had destroyed them. Another residence close by but sha sheltered partly by a hill on the Josephine junction side.... escaped almost untouched. The windows and blinds inside and ould were gone, but inside the furniture, papers, books, clothing, and flooring were unscathed, though plan plastering from walls and ceiling was badly cracked of e only living thing of any kind that starring observed in this desolated district was a little kitten thin as a skenel e skeleton. This little animal stalked after Starring meowing piteously. Starring wont on foot to gt nn. On the road he passed a wagon with wheels broken off, and in the seat was a dead man, and lying in front of the wato wagon was a dead horse.

turi further on he came upon the body of a man lying at the foot of a broken Status of the Sacred Heart, he apparently having been killed while he was at prayer. He believed the whole district passed through a literal baptism of fire, the results here being just as terrible as those in other ruined cities he had visited if not worse.

There appeared not a single human being alive in this region, and he had recoived word that five thousand four hundred bodies had been recovered, and he believed that many hundreds still lay buried under the ruins which were so tangled that it seemed ine impossible for the bodies to be recovered. Starring heard that it was estimately that about 12,000 had perished in this town. This included many foriegners which meant the almost annihilation of the race of forings visitore. The destruction in this location was unusual, and starring and his followers were surprised. He heard that from Francis Atlanta the flushes of the explosions were visible during ty the fatal night of June the Foist? And now the forest fire abbut smoke was visible from east of St Vincent by day as far as Francis Atlanta, and the value of the flames by night at Calverine still further awa. As the steamer the Jane continued on to get closer to the main heart of the city of Joseph ine Junction, it attempted to force its way down past the town, but run into the heart of a florce confligration

was raging to cross the stream. For three hours and a half the ship was entirely helpless in a cloud of smoke and fames from burning trees, then which they end sho oncountered further down near Wicicy Wickey Landin. When the main town of Josephine Junction where many survivoed the disaster was reached at day break Starring found the survivors panic stricken. The streets were covered many refect deep with debris from fallon bull buildings. Josephine Junction is seventeen miles from one of the "Emplosion Craters", which blow into the city debris of all kinds. From another place norty north of there Starring learned the distress was great, and that a call had beneat for priests to administer to the dying. Up the sisies of the north stretch of the Viviam Hills east of the city forest fires were burning in hundreds of formations, which uniting and seperating, formed at times a nework network, from which there was no possible escape, for any living thing caught within its grasp.

By the awful explosion ariver that had existed near the scene was dried up. Starringcould see that many searching parties had been out. He lost hope however when before reaching this city the steamer was forced to run through five or six miles of stoke that was so dense that all on board were almost sufficiated, and the ship for more than an hour or two had to e be left to its own guiadiance. The forest fire though not so near as before was a still to a threatening as to tr terrifiyn the survivors, and to the left smoke and flame continued to rush on within easy sight the flames at times reaching far up into the sky. Starring had been warned that for many days the forest fire had labored forward, to envelope the explosion region and erase all class sooner or later. Smoke arose all over the territory in immense clouds, and the rumbling of many explosions made by dynimiters in their efforts to stop the Red Plague redoubled in ambers and force, and before the concussions the ground at times trambled as if in the throes of a terrible agony. At night in intense darkness as Starring had observed the flames would sear the summit of a high hill making it look like a volcani volcano in eruption and giving to the whole scene a weird and terrible appearance. All during the tip trip so far the splendid yet terrible phenom enon continued, giving all those on board the river craft a view never to be forgotten but hardly any change for refugees to make their escape. All on board the ship seemed hypnotized. As he watched the display of flames Starring heard this excited story from another explosion witness;

"It was about midnight sir, when the whole country side suddenly opened sending great clouds of earth de bris over cities and viowns. Death was everywhere, and in its most terrible forms. It seemed as if flashes of fire and clouds of it came down from the sky, killing many who had escaped into the streats. For this great tragedy the settings were wonderful. The country side before the concussions literally rocked with devastating effects in its agony. From the nearest explosions majestic columns of smoke apparently inky black, reached skyward, and the scene was for that moment as if craters from the surface of the ground was vi vomiting incandescent matter that gave forth prismatic lights as it or the fiery cloud rolled over the land, sending great waves of fire over the cities and towns, and such thunder, as had never been hold by man cracked and rolled through the heavens. From the earth came the most tremendous detonations ever heard on record. These joined with the secondary thunder all for those fifteen minutes merging in a: in incessant roar that added to the panic of the fleeing people who had any chance of ewe escaping.

All this of course lasted fifteen minutes and the clouds the color of sackcloth rose to an awful height, mushrooming at the tops, spreading at in denses clouds that descended and spread far and wide to bring night at vallete morning. For hours the atmosphere had been so laden with powder gases that life was made almost impossible. It is believed that many of those who escaped from their falling houses were suffocated by this gas before they were touched by the fiery cloud.

Many expected that the entire country would be destroyed, and all morning the darkness was beyond description, save when everything was made light as broad day by the flah flashes of flames from the forest fires.

For fifteen minutes by the concussion of the explosions the earth quaded in quaked incessently and most violently, the very mountains shook and caused terrific landslides, and so terrible were the thunders, that it has seemed to the terrifical that the universe was being rent to pieces.

At first as Starring well knew from all the first reports, the disaster was cuid to be from volcanic eruptions. The next morning when there was a respite in the so called eruptions, those of survivors who were more stout hearteed ventured out but were trapped in the fires resulting. As he inspected the scenes Starring saw with his own eyes that even all aross of farming lands were totally destroyed, plac many places being buried under banks of what had been called volcanic matter, lava lava stones, and so forth. From a height he observed all plantations and farms as far as the edge of distant burning forests being devantede. Some places nearest the edge of the flood zone were under water. The better class of Calverinian farmers had made this portion of the land their country, now beyond this district the whole countey was a smoking smouldering ruin. Ashes where forests of trees had stood was everywhere, no place being less than six or five feet of red hot smouldering ashes, and a some placesthe very grow d was red hot for a considerable depth.. Every farmer

of a machanic commit

All kind of vegetation had entirely disappeared, for no matter how far the eye reached not a spring of green was to be seen, and further off the horizon was walled up in the smoke of the forest fires. All live stock belonging to these unfortunate farmers had died, all houses had disappeared, and small creeks and rivers were dry because of being evaporated by the fierce heat of the forest fires......

A guide pointed at to him where everywhere north of Josephine junction hudebeen had been found dead bodi es, some half buried, or others showing they had been stricken down by stones and hurs rocks. The guide said , c decomposition had been almost immedinte because of the a f awful heat. Many soldiers had come to do the h burying, and foe prisoners had been pressed into the work as rapidly as possible at the point of the bayonet, but the conditions are such that pestilence can not be avoided. Violent Lensin starring heard was safe, but violet Paul had sudder suffered terribly first from the explosion and then fire and flood, but he was told that that district so far was unapproachable. In the hospitals of Violent Lunsin there were about 11,897 s ufferers from Violet Paul who were being taken care of, but with little chance than any of them would ever recover. He heard that also throughout that district a famine is raging or threatening. And mless supplies were quickly recieved, all will starved. while the forest fire has passed this district without threatening any of these places the air is still filled with fog and smoke, and the heat was increasing, creating an intense thirst and causing such suffering as only those who experienced it could hallava.

Starringdesiring to learn the cause or what the debris contained that was hurled into the streets of Josephine Junction by the explosions continued the work among what the ruins, but it was not quite so satisfactory. The soldiers were about and had to be forced to act, even though hour by hour a danger of pestilence increased. He came to a place where dead were still eing b ried in trenchos or burned in heaps, the pyres being fed with gaseline and tar. To get rid of the dead bodies the great fires that had broken out among the ruins were kept going by the soldiers, which ha at night lighted up the entire neighborhood, at which being seen at Violent Lansin led to the belief the forest fires had spread west of them. While There for the few days Starring and his followers aided the soldiers in their work. He came across streets on the outskirts of the town where debris thrown into them by the near by explosion were in places six feet deep. Still even now everywhere within his sight were dead bodies, decomposing, and giving off a stench that made many of the workers faint. One soldier said that although thousands have been burned or hastily buried, budies still remain to be crematered. They were also hard to handle as many of the bodies even as Starring observed were carbonized and swollen, and many bodies are found here that never belonged to the city. Some were still encrusted withnmud. The nature vof the debris hurled about by the explosion showed no signs whatever of having come from volcenic ereption, as they consisted of debris, from the ground, pebbles, clay, mud sund, limestone, and gravel of all sorts.

Armed soldiers were also watching out for val vandals, with orders given to shoot down any sneaking landelinian that many enter the ruins or who is seen robbing the wreck of the town or a dead body, but no such a vandal has appeared. One disaster alone in many others past so far where from any location known it is believed not a single robbery occured. The _landelinians no doubt were afraid to come from the awful nature of the disuster itself. Some idea of the terrile heat by the forest fire in speeding close by this town but not touching it may be had when we can say that the iron frame works of an immes immense bridge crossing Heidiß Heidi's crock was melted as though they passed through a iron foundary or furnace, and the creek a hundred feet across was boiled or evaporated entirely away, and the sandy bottom turned like white hot lave for a time. As Starring observed from a high rise of hills above the town the forest fires elsewhere were still in destructive fury. Stranger too a terrific cannonading of something he believed he could hear a hundred miles away somewhere. And the reports could be seen followed by immense clouds of white smoke rising miles in the air. Imm nse balls of colored fire also resecupward, and the whole neighborhood was one mass of traveling flame. Starring believed the fire s': struck some rangers explosive shed and blew everything up. It was impossible to reach Abbiesnn as he observed by any straight northwesterly route by land or river because of these fires, and he said there was no means of estimating the destruction added by this fire to probab to probable life, and entirely to property.

Learning that Violent Leasin was still safe, though the sky over the town was dark as of a storm from the smoke, he decided to make the trip by that rout if the captian of the Mary Jane would submit. The hills in that direction were invisible because of the fogs of dense amoke black, gray and white... Also it was reported from Calverine that group quantities of half bound trees was floating down the river through the city, that is the Calverine River. and that it seemed strange to the inh inhabit mink for even half borned houses came down. Sturribf folt Starring felt sure the forest fires would continue untill a rain came, and unless it does many hundreds of miles of countryside would soon be covered with smouldering ashes which are many feet doop. He asked the caption if Violent Lansin could to approach approached. As the caption if Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption if Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is Violent Lansin could be approached. The the caption is Violent Lansin could be approached. The caption is Violent Lansin could be approached.

explosions could be heard continuously. As the Captian knew that troops and some river war ships have been sent there, to search what rains are there, and bury the doad, he decided to try the trip. It was however a longer way round to Abbienn.

when they came within sight of one of the explosion craters easily seen from the bout which looked ke large and deep crevices of circular shape. These craters appeared to have no water. The signal station at Francis Atlanta reported that a new and large forest fire was seen there in the evening of august the First in the direction of St Helen, and that the latter place was in positi.

Starring was getting used to such reports and as he continued with others in examining the ruins the search parties discovered safes and molten precious metals in stores and burned dwellings in the town. No one who was not able to show a pass from the vilitary Covernment, or from the Emperor, of the Vivian Cirls was permitted to penetrate into even the suburbs of any of the ruined cities and towns, and to prevent uny one without passes from going in a cordon of soldiers had been placed around the towns. whenever he entered for his investigation, starring increased the cordon of soldiers by his own, and giving orders to admit no one without first being consulted by him whether he had a pass or not. The biggest Cathederal of Violent Lansin was all down, with with the exception of one tower, and of six theatres only one wall was standing. A big convent which contained five hundred school children, two hundred girls preparing for being nums,, and 137 nums to include, alone was not injured, but the college adjoining adjoining, where 345, men scolars and fourty priests and professors had been was missing. Yet there was no evidence of much loss of life here, for though many buildings were badly ruined, the majority of the city stood, with many houses only amiss of window glass or frames, and roofs partly orn off torn off.

officials had declared that for this city, who escaped the disaster, and the insular officials had declared that for this city all danger from the horrible forest fires in thi the disas distance was passed, and a cordon of armed soldiers at the advice of Starring, added by policemen was placed around the town further out than the inner suburbs to prevent timid recopie from leaving, or to prevent so called vandals from entering. The Mayor told Starring that when the explosions occured he was riding on a suburban car back to Violent Lamein from Violet Paul. The car he rode was derailed by the concussion, the roof blew out, by the shock, the glass in the windows were s sucked out, and the car stood on the roof of a building after the concussion was over. He said he never desires to ride a jumping car again.

The lievor continued; The destruction at Abbleann sir is appulling beyond words, for , was there myself two weeks after the flood had subsided. The streets of the northern section of the city not touched by the flood because of the high elevation are two feet deep in rubbish thrown by the explosions, which cover the wreckage which I know covers thousands upon thousands of bodies, scorched black and shiny as if they had been plunged into boiling pitch. No one yet had tuken them out as the region is yet dangerous to approach. Namy of the dead were never touched by the explosion fire, and many of the houses destroyed show no signs of burning but of being wrecked as if an earthquake of terrible violence occurred.

In the northwestern portion of the surviving section of the city the town hall and portions of the extended elevated structures for trains are still standing, and two skyscrapers, while at the north end known as Biethot North End the most massive stonework and bricketfuc structures are culcined. Here the force of the blast was closest an d more stronger. The Big Church tower built by the Abbiemnian government twenty years ago of cyclopean, reciun and spanish mason work combined, is by a miracle in that ill fated city the only building building standing wholly intact. The very golden six foot crucifix on top exposed to the fullest force of the blast, is not even harmed except from discolartion from the smoke. A huge stantue in the front entrance made of iron and brass not facing the explosion is found twenty feet away from the tower beheaded, and without arms, and so disfigured that we do not know what it was supposed to be. There are yet no soldiers guarding the property as the region is said to be in the possion possession of the Glandelinians. When I was there, the stench throughout that section was terribly offensev offensive. And the streets are still obstructed by huge piles of debris and dead bodies, and it doks like when St Pierre had been destroyed but on a most immense scale. No one is there to attempt the work of cleaning the streets and thoroughfares, and if it is done it will be necessary to employ large numbers of men for many months, and maybe force many prisoners to help.

A part of montheastern Abbieann called Ingeredle is partly preserved, and Port fun, and Henvens may are yet undust, but the inhabitants have left, having crossed the river and fled the disaster zone entirely

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It was now three weeks since Starring had left general concentinian Arronburgs cumps, and for all the time of his trips, all hills, and valleys, and plains would seems to literally follow him from b hind, vomiting clouds of densest smoke. giving forth she ts of flame, and as he boked on the dark side of things in those days he sure dreaded the coming of nomo other great cutastrophe. For many people of towns eastward which had not bee in the sweep of floods, and only slightly affected by the concussion of the explosions, the smoke of forest fires seemed produced so constantly and normally that it was permissiable for even those who were inclined to lock on the durk side not to dread a sudden and more horrible catastrophe. Even ar at Evangeline St clare,, where the terrific fires attracted, as they continued on much attention, any anxiety which may have existed, gradually died down, when on September 5th, a terrific sea of fire, overwheemed the north side of the city, and for ten days the men inhabitants all of them, battled like med to stop the awful conflagration, and worse to say unknown to starring, Concentinian Arronburge whole army had been forced to retreat, as fighting against the conflagration did no good. Even his whole army could not stop it. At Evangeline St Clare twenty five persons were killed fighting the blazes, and the river northnof Evangeline St Claire, mysteric al mysteriously swollen to a muddy torrent noisily overflowed, and its waters was terribly scalding hot. On September the 7th while there was still deliberations going on at Evangeline St claire, and while the fight still a waged desperately against the flames, and were days and nights had been passed in torrible unxiety and anguish and ignornace as to whether this new advance of the forest fire was the precursor of or end of the fire disaster, was within ten minutes the annihilator of three quarters quarters of Evangeline St Clare city, and three others. But to go back to the horrors of Abbieann. Many other s interviewed by starring, stated that the upper portion of the city not touched by flood had been razed by strange clouds of fire thrown down upon it by the explosion, which crumbled everything in its path. In the lower portion of the city there is no or where it stood a vast lake or water that refuses to arain out. And to the stupifaction of many who are familiar with the spot, a big Clock in the tower of a remaining portion of the Citys main Cathedral strangely r m remained intact, as if to show the precise moment of the disaster, and

On the other hand, the other section of the Cathedral was shaken down, or burned and only the alter and the walls behind and the doom remained standing.

Some fragments of the pews were thrown a thousand yards. Bodies found within the ruins of buildings and whose strange attitudes were preceptible, were lying as they were killed, with bowels protruding, as though forced out by the tension of the heat of exploding powier clouds, and with their bodies partly or wholly carbonized.

this sinister indication deeply affected all who had seen it.

Starring had when leaving violent Landin drafted some scientists, who he forced to come with him from the city to help him trace the cause of the disaster, for he now began to realized that the damage done to Abbiscann and the whole country side would be known to be considerably greater than was at first estimated. The present ameasiness of all the inhavitants and refugees that glarring met with on his long trip was continually increased by the continuous ravaging progress of the forest firss. Before leaving Violent Landin starring had brought on board the ship large stones, a canfull of the dust, and other fragments of debris thrown on be the streets and having a volcumic scientist abourd he had them examined. There he secured this a hot or cloud of hot something passed over from the east, and owing to this great heat is was impossible to approach one of the explosion craters.

Starring while in Violent Lonsin, and while going north to the countryside had made surprising and wondorful discoveries, in regarding the physical changes of the lundscape there resulting from the explosions. Several fissures had been observed near the craters. An estate of some ones had disappeared, and had been replaced by an inlet of the rivers. Another estate belonging to bottle Rengers on formerly flat ground and upon which there had been a small town, had been completely buried under a lunded de. The hills to the north by this time was wearing a cap of smoke clouds, which is being lumined every new and then by flashes of something red. Every one was wishing for saveral heavy raincowers, which would wash out some of these stupendous fires, and save the vordure of the rest of the forests.

Oring to the fires, and the other divisters many farms have been wiped out, and destitution prevailed among all the laboring classes who survied survived,, who must without homes, without clothing, food and the batter fresh water to drink.

All throughout the region when the floods had been slowly abating starring learned that for weeks and weeks, bodies have been Historian in flood swept houses in life like attitudes, presenting grewnome apactacles, and that the known doad was growing

and growing that it was becoming immeasureable. He heard that nearly two hundred thousand were found that belonged to Mildred greenbying along alone. Bodies hade en Bolies had been discovered in houses of violent Landin itself, mostly which were fe decomposing and he in order to guard against disease, it was necessary for the authorities to burn these dwellings. And Starring had observed that owing to the many diffi diffice diffe ties

difficulties in the way of those who should have the matter in hand, hundreds of bodies cannot be itered or reached. No see has been able yet to approach within nine miles of one of the explosion craters in this neighborhood, because of the intense heat, and judging from what can be seen at a great distance, a lake of water near the city has disappoured. The numerous fissures in the ground extending to a great distance from one of these craters show no doubt the mighty force of the explosion, but sometimes this scene was enshrouded by a dense volume of smoke that would pass over like a cloud from the distant fires, and as far as eye could reach it seemed as if be the whole country side was covered by a peculiar mist, pecuse of such lack of sunshine for no many weaks, and for such intense heat, created by the fires, preading so much nose and disconfort was increasing...

Starring did not know what to any when other information brought him the fact,., that starvation was raging in good many parts of Calverinia, and the horrible effects of the dinaster, those before, and the rosults, and the otench of so mm many decaying bodies is driving out so many people that it seemed as if a general exodus of southern and Contral Calverinia was under way, jutilated bodies when found were tied up with rops ropss, and dragged to trenches and buried, or even coremated in the trenches... He knew the many local governments were still feeding and doing what they can to shelter as many refugees as possible, and even now subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers were still being raised in all portions of the unaffected areas, and throughout abbiennia, but that did not seem to help him, or his purpose my. He knew now that throughout all districts affected by any of these dinasters the dol desolation was most appalling and for hundreds of miles bedies found were being burned upon great press upon which oils was poured, but in spite of all this, it seemed that though weeks and weeks passed the places recovered from the flood, could not be cleared of the dead. The more dead were found, and put out of the way the more were discovered. He takes to be bodies seemed to have come from Abbienan.

Physicians in the city of Violent Landin who made examination said to gtarring that in most cases death was due to either being buried under wreckage, or to asphyxiation, and that the fires came later. It is believed by Starring and all of his follower followers agreed with him that the explosions were also of some sort of destroyers that three off some exceedingly heavy and noxious and pelous posionous gases, something whin either to wfire damp or to the posion gases used in the world war, which settling

upon every region close to the blasts rendered all the inhabitants to death. This theory also was accepted by many of the survivors who were taken from the ruins, alive or from ships in the harbor of this city, as they said their first experience was either one of faintness or that they could not get any air to breathe....

Starring was indeed dumfounded, because now it was September, and quite a long time since the awful june disaster, and yet suffering to an immonse and terrifying degree continued throughout all the devastated districts of Calverinia. Food was being recieved but aid came alow, because of destroyed communications, and the majority of refugees who could flock to the bigger cities were able to recieve more aid than elsewhere, or those who could not come, and they horrified the people of the cities with the harrowing stories that had to tell. The biggest flock of refugees flocked to Cal verine, Sacramento, Eanbon, and Also Pandora, Mica hollester, and other places and Starring had recieved word from both Calverine and Pandora by wireless that all those who arived as refugees said that the dumb unimals sufferered worst than the people. The authorities believed that by the disasters before the clandellniams some how or other might have given some nort of warnings of at least the storms of fire which they had been storing up to hurl upon the forests, that the refugees though they heard the warnings of row not refused to heed them, and therefore remained, and the danger which had ang confronted them brought destitution to many thousands, but no warning was given of the approaching explosion disaster.

Starring knew that animals of all kinds can usually suspect a disaster long before it comes, for as survivors told Starring, live stock throughout the country became sneasy, and at times were almost uncontrollable. Callt Cattle lowed in the night, horses acreamed hens and chickens showed great uncusiness, there was signs of panic among all kinds of birds in the sky, and dogs howeled and sought the company of their, masters, and gave overy evidence of fear. Cats even though usually fearenme of dogs nought their company and dogs harmed them not, but lowed even for their sympathy. Wild animals of all kinds disappeared from the vinicty of all forest fire horrors, and even the make, which at ordinary times are found in great numbers crawled away, the much needed prosence of floregistements greatures was a thing of the past, and all birds ceased singing, and left the tream of the forests, no that no birds were seen. They all consed either disacter, somed to know what the socretly disguised landeliniums were doing, and therefore a great fear seemed u to be upon the whole land, and though at times it was shared by the human inhabitants, they alone

apparently neglected to protect themselves, or were not propared... There was another thing that was more autorishing to starring, and that was of the reports he had frequently recleved of the delicately suspended magnitude need to at all count lines throughout the world, in all the goodstic survey observatories being disturbed by the ernormous explosions, at the time the catastrophe at Abbieums was reported to have occured. The delicate supparatus int installed at all of these observatories are so arranged that they register automatically by photographic means the very minutest variations in the direction and intensity of the earth surths magnetic force.

Eron it can be a noteworthy story that all seismological observatories throughout the world also reported a seismic disturbance all over during the time of the awal;

No magnetic effects due to volcanic eruptions of the most violent kind on Calverinia had over been recognized at such magnetic observatories, and therefore gturring believed the explosions he wiched to investigate were rath rrather queer. In calverinia before this disaster, pre purely mechannical vibrations from natural earthquakes or by the other explosion disasters have been often registered by the delicately poised magnetic needles. The Lake Selicia Explosion disaster for instance was recorded not only by seismographe at various places, but also in Abbisannia and foriegn countries and magnetic observatories, but this explosion concussion merely caused a mechanical vibration og the magnetic needles about their mean position of rest and lasted for about a few matter minutes, whereas the explosion disaster of June the First was a distinct magnetic effect, pulling the needles asife aside from their usual direction and lasting two days.

The Mary Jame soon reached the city of Violst Paul. where this city had stood he saw that day a molten hecacomb of burning buildings and walls, which proclaimes the horrible story of the fate of the people of this city also in a awful stench that was made manefost in spir spite of the smoke laden air, while the ship was yet twenty miles away from it. He found it possible however to penetrate the outskirts of this city from the southwest, but in no other direction. A hill looked like an exupting volcano to the west of the city, and further off to the northeast and east all wasrolling walls of clouds smoke and flame, where the houses were more thickly built the wall of fire that struck had consumed everything but the stone walls, and the wave of fire that pured up the sides of the cloudtion reaching to the city when Starring reached the place, and he overheard that the concussion of the explosions though further from here had overthrown most of the buildings, and that just recently the forest fires struck, and IO₂000 men fighting desperately with every meanw means at hands, and all the citys fire departments could not save the city.

Therefore no one was able to rescue the injured pinioned in the wreckage or get at the corpses and that the smoking smouldering ruins was hiding the bodies of the thousands the fallen buildings had engulfed in an indescriably horrible doom. There was no need here of funeral pyres, for scenes beggaring descriptions was done by the conflagration, and bravery also beggaring description was enacted by the survivors who had strove either to make some disposition of the dead or save the city from the conflagration. wen now after the conflagration, wherever there ix is a spot that is easily reached in the face of the terrific heat, little groups of men were a seen engaged in dragging together the horribly charred bodies of the vitims victims which were piled together. There was no need of reburning them, they were already burned to a crips crisp. Ano above and by youd the presence of the present horror there was or is in the minds of those who have taken up the work of destroying the horribly burned corpses, a still greater horror. A plage was stalking in the wake of the conflagration.

After an hours interview Starring left the Mayor of the city who by a miracle survived. He was recking with the funes of smouldering wreckage and bodies, his clothing was in rags, and his face showed the horror of the work he had been engaged in the was directing the work in person. He explained to Starring that it needed but labor of salvaging the city had been inspired by the common desire to frustrate the conflagration.

"I do not believe we any longer can find it a most disagreeable duty that we do altogether from motives of humanity and chairty" he said to starring. "It u is a duty to the living. The many thousands of unbirued dead, almost impossible to reach on account of the heat of the smouldering ruins must be disposed off, or 1 tell you air the whole State and the con country in general will be ravaged by a tremendous plague and blotted from the world entirely. We have not the materal material for the work and no one can face the heat. There is not a bit of wood that could be obtained indeed it would take a whole forcat of wood and tinver, and a luke of mortar and a sea of bricks to rebuild our city, and the forest fires are wiping out our means for that. A lake of aspault tar would be needed to recover our streets. There are countless of corpose in overy direction sir under these smouldering ruins, and though of course they may have been cromated beyond recovery and the conflagration has caved us from the work of disposing of them yet aleas we are noon provided with menca to means to aid in the rebuilding of the city, we will be hepoless for wours. I expense of course we are not the only sufferer as many other cities suffered too.

It has no even been at all possible to approach even into the near interior of the city for the heat,,, is fierce, and the calvaring has not even started. Of course

riches we are seeking tot trying to find means to restore as city as far as it is possible. It is almost impossible to do anything at all for the despairing energy of the men who have lost family and fortune in the catastrophe have all gone off to the army to revenue their leas on the enemy. I am here to see the boy of my own wife and children who met their own deaths. And I have no means of telling just how many died in the overwhelming of the city, but there so far are only a thousand men surviv ors, and sixty thousand women and children servivors out of a population of over one hundred and fifty th usan thousand. Thousands others surely have been caught at night in their beds and died under the rains of their buildings, and po pinioned there while other thousands finally died in the deadly storm of fire and confligrations that struck the city, impro imprisoning many who had tried to sale selvage their last hopes. and the work here by these soldiers is carried on in the face of such a death an never was met by any person before. The clouds of smoke from the firen hangs over the sky day in and day out nover allowing us a fringe of sunshine. And even sir while the awful work of the goldiers are going on here, we are fortunate enough to report that no far no Glandelinian ghould have at freed their way into our city, and no one has yet robbed the homes of the dead that may be entered. Of course nevertheless we are careful and have posted gu r guards, and the soldiers have orders to shoot any porsons acting suspiciously but none have been seen so far.

In trying to salvage what can be saved desperate chances have been taken by these soldiers who fight their way the through still hot ashes and shouldering ruins to get into the houses to save from the ruins what they can. I hear that throughout all the seried disaster zones famine menances the people all over the southern part of the state, and as far as possible a general exodus of the people are commencing. At present those who are leaving for the north have only a little food supply, but it must be restored in a few days or they won't even be able to continue their flight. I will air also tell you of my experience. It was early in the morning when it occured or at least a little after midnight. I had been in the southern outskirts of the city in my own home, watching the glow of the nearest forest fire, and the air was so hot and stifling that I did not sleep. There was a thick cloud over the sky that that but that that being from the forest fire was not at all musual. I went back several times into my bed room and tried to sleep, and that I was not ill by any fever produced by such heat, or did not suffer a heat prostration Im could not understand. I believe however my being mable to sleep is the reacon why I am alive to

The last time made my trips back and forth, walked down the steps and into the streets, when suddenly there was a sight which prever thought provide behold. The horizon sky in the west seemed to suddenly flare into flame, there was a most terrifif terrific eruption, and it was as though all the thuder that ever round. and all the caron in this war, and in the world in that one space had been set off at once, added by the esimultaneousl explosion of all the power powder factories and munition companies together. In lay flat on my face insuently knocked down by the sudden shaking of the carth by the explosion, whether you believed it or not, wooden houses either played at leap frog, or acted like popcorn in the hot shaker, and big buildings crashed down in clouding ruins with a terrible roar. I could not have lain there an instant when r recovered my senses. There was a rouring sound as though all the houses were either being torn to pieces or falling to the ground. It was perfectly black all about me, and in raced for a sewer cover my county safty from falling buildings, and as I reached the bottoml only elx foot below me there was a blant of wind coi coming that was as hot as a flame. I might as well have died and been in hell. The heat drove me mad. I could not stay there, and I lifted myself out. A strong wind was blowing lke a hurricane, a gale so hot that, could not breathe and clouds of dust and smoke hid the neurost buildings like the densest fog. It was now darker now than ever, the air was full of mortar dust and the smell of powder and some strango cas, and almost went blind, and felt dopy. I reched into what place I . found not injured, dipped my handkerchief in the water which - let into a basin and tied it over my face and then went out.

The roaring of more falling buildings was fearful, but not as loud as compared to the thunder that come now near now distant that came from fresh eruptions every few minutes. I was compelled to make my way on my hands and knees, to the back wall of my home not daring to expose myself to that accreting hot wine finally I took the wet was off my mouth and saw that a part of the wall had been thrown down, and had fallen into the river, the building being on the adge of the atreum. Strange to me the front part of the building was moving along with other houses. I thought was mad, and seeing strange fantactic things. As a bright glow added to the groun, I then sould see about me for some distance. There was not a being in sight and the upper sections of high buildings rained was still every now and then crushing down. A dreadful fire was a flashing from many of the houses, that seemed to be covered with some strange plantic substance that loked like clay and mud or wet sand. The heat made me frantic, and I throw myself down over the broken wall into where, had hoped the vater had been.

I fell on a pile of stones and lockily did not break my legs. I tried to crawl along the river beach and fell into what beked like a sand pile. It strangely enough was burning hot, and n a nearly burned me before I relled myself off. I then found a place under a large rock where there was some water. I stayed there all the runt of the night watching the fidal wave of forest fires in the distance, and wondered

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Another man who said he saw thesepposed eruption from the highest part of a hill, and who escaped death after being almost thrown over a cliff, tells something of the story of the explosion in lucia intervals. The man had been insume at times from his sufferings. He was a ranger on guara on the hill top on the midnight hour of the cataclysm of the explosive horror......

He said to gtarring;

If was pacing my beat, when was numberly startled by an awful thundering rour that rent the air and sky, and made all the trees within my view quiver. The veryhill itself shivered as though she were in a convassion. Of course sir no one cannot describe how the thundering crash sounded, neither I myself, for the noise leit me senselses for several moments, then stood up, there was for several seconds a great upright shaft of flames that such have to my notion reached for many miles, and could be seen as if a thousand volcances were belching forth flery towests of white hot lava. And I could see leaping from two sides of the shaft of fire a great roll of something heavy and black. I almost simultaneously looked tward the city und asw it disappear in a cloud of dust. The hill was only a few miles from the scene, and I could see the poseople who had not yet gone to bed for fear of the distant fires running about.

Thousands had suddenly run out of the houser at the first awill rour, and most of them kni knelt in the streets. It seemed only an instant more before everything hid from view in a cloud of white dust. Violet Paul city, with all its houses, all the people praying a and running about in the streets, all everything seemed to have been swallowed up into the bowels of the earth unia a great eruption and cloud of dust. An ernormous cloud shot over head twurd the hill at the name instant that the city disappeared from view, and the shaft of flame and fiery materials whatever they were began to fall out of the sky. There was an awful hissing sound as the cruption collapsed to the ground. And then at it was all over. I do not remember anything more of the

No one yet has been able to effect a landing on the landcape shore north, of the city, and all who have the courage to say it have given themselves to the idea that the entire population of the cities and torms within the explosion area has been obliterated, as was that of Abbleann. The few refuçoso on board the Mary Jane said that there is not a green thing lini living in any part of Calverinias disaster zone. So far as the shore of the land on both sides of the river can be soon from the Mary Jane this can be true of other parts of the country, and the lashes left after the passage of the forest fires have made a barre and barren and horrible wante of what was a week ago on close of the garden epots of the Calverinian world.

As the boat prepared to resume the trip, there came to the captian from Port Hansen that the written descriptions of the ruins of Abbicann wrought by h the explosion

fell far short of the reality reality.

Starring had observed also with his own eyes the most remarka le and to ograpi topographical changes wrought by the effects of the great explosions. th The ship passed within view of a wide crevasse. Stopping at one place a sounding of the river was attempted near within sight of a cre crater end a remarkable change in the river bed off the northern section of the city was noted.. In some places the leaden wire sank fully thirty fathoms deeper in the river than anything known for river depths before finding bottom. This was a peculiar phenomenom..... This easily explained why under ground cable communications had also been cut off in some sections y by the explosions. Another witness to an exexplosion said the air was cut and slashed with strunge eletric discharges after the blast, and that a strunge ball of fire and fiery clouds lighted up the country for miles. As the boat passed by the houses of the ruined city, starring observed that th cw the work was preceeding as slowly as the Mayor had said, and under circumstances of the most greatest difficulty. He had long before expected that landelinian vandals being attracted by the hope of loot would invade the ruins and he was surprised that this was one diguster with the exception. Of course as the Mayor said troops ad had been placed on guard, with orders to deal with the vad v? valda vandals as nefits their shameless crimes but not a vandal appeared. Twenty neven women, and four men and gixteen children had been brought to the ship with the hope of being refugeed but there hardly was room for them. Starring knrw knew that work in the ruins of this city was dangerous, for crumbling walls were a serious mesuace to working parties and therefore he had no intention to explore. He had unged the Mayor that for suftys sake what remains of the city should be leveled with dynamite. Even he had observed when hodies were found their identification had been difficult or impossible, and inhabitants of surviving towns near the city had been forced to quite their homes on account of the odors from the dead and the gases emanations fr m the distant forest fires. And public services of all kinds were sadly impeded by the heavy task that had fallen upon the authorities in distributing in the southern part of the country around liolet paul the refuses from the northern part.

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Scientists that finally were coming to the explosion area believed that the cruptions were not at all volcenic activity, and that a general expectation of another and more severe explosion was out of the question. Yet during each explosion earthquake concussions and followed each of one in quick succession, and were sufficiently severe to do great and immensurable dumage, filled the whole state with f fear, and now if it had been possible to obtain transportation it can be safe to say that the whole of Calverinia would make been depopulated within two weeks.

To Starrings vision the whole countryside seemed to have been changed in its shape... whole sides of high hills seemed to a have disappeared, the top of one hill with its forests have also disappeared, and from a distance another mountain mountain looks as though a mightysteem rooler roller had been pressed upon it, crushing down its apex.

As far as the boat continued to run over the entire county country as far as eye could reach spreads a peculiar mist or fog-the -hog, which was injurious to the eyes and which seemed to contain noxious gases that caused m very much distress.

Some of the buildings built by the farmers cill stand, and yet in every one there,, are bedies, and Sturring also observed that standing about in the open wer many bedies of unimals, blisterning in the terrible hiest heat.

And therefore the result is that a effluwa spreads of v over the country which is very nauseating, and which threatens a postilence that will further decimate the States population, and therefore Starring urged that such precautions as are possible-should be taken to ward off fevers, but just now the most that can be done indeed in very little.

There were not mough man found to have buria; parties as so many are in the anny, and therefore soldiers dragg the bodies out with ropes and chains to trenches to trenches or ditches for fivernment, and so even creaming the bodies are too close to the heat zone they cannot be approached, and untill the heat of the forest fires die down they must remain to ask to add to the st ench that is now almost unbeurable.

Since the beginning of the disaster starvation at many places too was or is a condition that actuall, existed throughout parts of the horrorsone, and as Starring heard over thirty thousand refugees, are lightly fed at Pandora and also sheltered by the Government near the cities of St George and pichael, but millions are in need of food. Supplies are still very slowly coming in, not even fast enough to meet the demands one third of the way. Hany boats to work relief had even to be built and it was reported that relief ships that are hastening to other points, cannot even find traces of the so called cities that were to be surviving after the flood..

Everything was being complicated week after weeks Even the water famine is causing more distress than lack of food. Many of the former supplies of water have disuppeared either because of the draining by the flood or by the heat of fires.

Rivers that were running bank full before the explosions, and before the forest fires are dried up or evaporated away by the heat... Even lakes have evaporated, and only in the location of the flood zone is there any water to be had and it is filthy.

The biggor rivers are muddy and gray and not fit for drinking nurposes. East of violet Paul city a stream of some size can be seen flowing tward the Middlester Run down which the Mary Jane is sailing but no one has approached close enough to tell whether it is fresh or impregnated with filth, as much of the remaining rem streams are... Starringbwrote this in one of his reports to the

authorities ---;;;;----

"We have just arived at Violet Paul city on September the first early in the morning, and had at once made arrangements for landing my men with the purpose to investigate the explosion rules. The surviving members of the population and the Mayor expressed keen appreciation of our mission, but we could not go far. We saw hundreds of refugees leaving the city, all of them without anything except the clothing worn by them, and many carrying their coats on their heads to ward of the amothering heat of the ruins. They were dazed, and did not know what to do to care for themselves. The Mayor said the situation is unusual, as nothing could be done to save the city. I and all with me were struck with the apparent apathy of the surviving inhabitants of the ruined city. And their calmess while speaking of the catastrophe was unusually remarkable. We were took told, the explosion near this place, wreckeden good portion of the city, and a confligration finished the work. Yet it is impossible to ga give any kind of a description of the condition we found existing in this city and the country about. The country for many miles in the east is covered with amouldering debris left by the fires in the forests. and the stench that comes from the bodies in the city is so strong that it is very offensive ten miles from the city. Our party of investigators landed at the easier part of wielet Paul w but we were only able to penetrate about one hundred yards. All of us for I time became ill. We had disinfectionts but they did not make any impression on the stench.

Hear as the forest fires were still raging, and Scientists who made a studybof of it say the heat is three hundred degrees a half mile from the fire. The bodies in the city itself were incincerated, and the stone walls of the buildings were melted and crumbled...... I tried to 50 through the city, yesterday on horseback i i with the purpose of visiting afterwards over fifty miles of the stricken

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territory, not to get in some of its terrible scenes of devastation, but to try and find acoun to one of the cratery caused by the so called exaction and investigate. As I passed through the small parties of the city I came across a place where I believe I observed over three thousand bodies. Outside the city in the safer zone thousands were in improvined hospitals, and, came across many refugeen flocking into the camp as every one because of the fary and rata ravages of the forest fires are panic stricken. And the burned lving cattle wander in agony on the roads. Water in almost impossible except by the river, and it seems as if hundreds of miles of country in the east in this location will soon be covered with burning embers of our once be catiful forests.

The entire northeastern section of the country beyond the city in covered with a dept depth of smouldering ashes and embers and trees, and the mim minimum of the dead is put at fifteen thousand, and the highest at twenty thousand. It may be sixty thousand. The destiture in other sections are everywhere suffering and the weither weather is dry and very hot. The disaster radically differs from that of other places in the greater area and all the raval districts affected. wickey Lanein which is twenty miles from the explosion area has been as badly demagasd as violet Paul, but Violent Paul is not so seriously hundicapped having escaped the conflagration.

Among the incidents noted is that of the matron of an op orphen asylum and her husband, and own children, and all her little charges that is the orphans, and twonty nume and two priests killed at once. On the road to the Big irl Knool or Yullow Brick Road I saw many bodies and much smouldering rubbish. Mundreds of country towns were buried by the debris thrown up by the explosions. There may be hundreds of bodies under each. We saw horrible scenes in the camps and refugee hospitals, where the many injured were dying on the ground, the number of nurses being very small, when , entered Wickey Lansin first, sixty thousand refugees were waiting for river boats to take them to Pandora and other places. Thirty thousand have come into River town. gven in these cities many people had perished, the survivors suffering from the terrific heat, and in wat of food and water. The Government has the greatest of all difficulties in relieving and saving so many people scattered over such larges large territories when they cannot be reached, and now number od of people to be fed and cared for are said to be reduced by starvation and plugue. I will endeavor to get to Abbieann when things are more favorable. Will have to remain in the vinicty of Violet Paul for a week.

Fortunately the city and many others places are not infested with glandelinian pillagers, but nevertheless the aurthorities are on their guard, and will mete out severe measures if vandals do appear. We were asked to explore the ruins of violet Paul for valuable books and papers, but the heat is so terrific we cannot penetrate more than a hundred yards. A forlegne Officer, an englishman, secured the Sacred Vessels of the ruins of a church, and has been tay on to Pandora, where he had the Sacramentals placed under proper care. There were hundreds of bodies found and interned interned esterday, making a total of 12345 buried so far.

Yet the work of internment is presenting the most greatest difficulties. no funeral services can be held. Even some Italian sailors and men and children were saved who

we th were thought to have perished at the time of the explosion.

The nest morning hoping it would be cooler I travled over the desolated eastern portion of the citys outskirts, foolishly taking with me the two girlscouts and one of the boys, and an wand they were bruin sick at the eights witnessed. Still the smoke of the forest fires obscures the landscapes, and when wind blows even showers of hot ashes and flaming embers continued to sweep upon us at intervals. On the lower levels of the road , oncountered many floring from their homes and the forest, fires Then in company with the Mayor I spent much time in encouraging and pacifying the country people!, who are now in a state of terrible panic. That of the police that survived and the soldery who came also lent active service, and if the forest fires subside there will be no more disorder and quiet will soon be restored. I saw at one of the came hospitals a an old man who told me he was driving to Abbieann at the early midnight hour of the great catastrophe and got caught in the very edge of the cyclone of gas and flume and debris that came from the explosions or eruptions. So close was I to the burning sufficiating cloud of the explosion, that my horse was killed by it, and I was badly burned. Another man told me that noticing a violent oc oscilliation of the needle of the barometer, he harried with his family to calverine four hours before the digaster. I am sending this cable message to Pandora, and will soon push on tward Abbleann. There are plenty of imusual scenes of the explosion and flood violence, and great danger in the upper reaches but so complete has been the destriction of life that I full to percious any signs of recovery for any one. After leaving the safest part of the city, I entered the real no zone of the explosion effect.

gverything here was covered with thick layers of debris, unlike the stuff seen elsewhere. Judging from what I and my followers saw here, I should imagine that great streams of mid wreckare and water, and still burning powder fell tward Violet aul and water and and gravel and other debrie nearer to the crater, and tward the north. I wished to reached one of the craters, but the heat of forest fires

drove me back. At noon I reached bittle greek several miles from violet Paul. Work among the rains of St Violet Paul and other villiages near by has ceased, and the burial parties have been forced to flee to each o the heat from the fire ...

Many refugee-chai longed to return to their homes,, believing that the forest fires might turn another way but they are now again in full flight, and the distress is increased. Search had also been made by a party from the River crews for the body of the governor of pengall State who with all the members of his family p rsi perished in the debris, but the search has now been abandoned, and the searchers have returned to giver Knell. They report that the heat of the fires is unboarable, and it is now believed that the body of the governer cumnot be recovered. When I came to the city the conditions did not seem dangerous, and , had intended making a tour of inspection of the crater, but owing to the fierce heat of the fires the trip was not a success.

When our ship arived boats were lowered, and , and all of my officals and the child scouts started for the shore. Before a landing was made, the foreset fire hit some explosives somewhere which went off with terrific noise. The crash was not in the direction of the city, and no demage was done, but the investigators fled precipitately, back to our ship, leaving me alone with the girls on the shore.

It was at this time that the the workers abandoned their labors among the ruins and took refuge in flight.

While on the bout we took soundings of the river, and it was discovered that the bed of the river had been changed by the strange upheavals, that have strangely accompanied the explosions. In some places the bed of the river had dropped beyond the reach of the deepest plummet which s rprised us greatly. And yet in some places rocks and land have been forced to the surface that do not appear on any chartt, and which jav have never been noted before.

As I watched the shore move as the ship passed on, there was panic everywhere. I met women and children struggling tward unfore unforested hills, and all were so baily frightened they seemed dazed, even almost afraid to look behind them. As I passed beyond the ruined city I m met many of these refugees and they were too frightened to speak. There is danger everywhere of pestilence, and great epidme epidemic os disuses are raging elsewhere. It has been estimated that there were four hundred and fifty explosions within the minutes between Elel Eleven thirty and twelve oclock be of before the big ones came. and the extent of the devastation cannot now

According to witnesses no mud or other explosion debris feu fell upon the country districts, which were however fe frauly besprinkled with the dry dust hurled into the air by the explosions. It is probably the explosions gave a good demonstrat ion of a force o of which the world before knew nothing. It is believed that the singing g' flame was the stil' burning powder, traveling with strange cyc. cyclon ic force and rapidty. Outside of the immediate heat zone the dame damage was not so great. A great iron locomotive engine standing in the path of the shooting flame from the explosion was affected in a most singular menns manner. One side was melted while the other side was scarcely to ached by the intense heat. Dust fell everywhere and most harrifying details of the condition o of the country where dead cattle and heman bodies lay for days are told. Although the numbers of dead in this city due to the endiagnter is estimated judging from the missing inhabitants at twenty thousand up to now only fifteen thousand bodies have been rirecovered and buried. The undiscovered bodies probably are still under the debris.

I discovered in the ruins of a building a hundred and eighty seven bodies, and not one of them could be recognized. In other "wine bodies were found in similar condition. and other terrible discoveries have been made. Hany injured persons are suffering from fractured skulls caused by the wreckage of buildings falling on them. "Although attended with smaller loss of life the destruction of villiages is sever.

Officials in the vinicity are busy relieving the sufferers and making camps for the injured and the hopele homeless. The main problem now facing the government is how to provide permanently for the people who lost all they possessed as they cannot be reached.

The area covered by the forest fires in this neighborhood comprises an unknown number of miles. The fact that the loss of life is so severe is of the suddeness of the disaster."

When the ship finally was to continue on, in the investigators were to have weird and interesting a experiences. And it was only through what seemed pri providental accident that the steamers engines were saved from serious injury as the result of the owiftness of the ships movements. Starring also brought up the information that the visitation brought upon calverinia was looked upon by the survivors as that done by nat re and not the glundelinians this time. He heard several of the residents of a town that survived telling one another that they believed the dee ruction of so many cities and towns was a terrific convulsion of nature and of volcanic activity from the ground, but Starring believed different.

As the ship continued on he noticed a peculiar haze o covering the landscape and the river in the distance. The air seemed more heavy and oppressive, and the weather conditions were not at all unlike those which proceed the great Mic-Whirthian Seas Typhoons or hage circular sea tornadoes but knowing it was not the season for them to come along the shore or enter my parts of the country, Starring rek remarked that there must be a heavy storm approaching and that at last the forest fires will

be soon but out. 'any of the sailors, who were not only men of river ships but who have been very experienced seamen laughed at these prognogligations, and informed Starring and his friends, that there would be no such a thing as a storm for a month and inslated that according to all indications, a dead calm was in sight. Yet indeed so unusually peculiar were these weather conditions that gtarring and his followers valked talked of nothing else during the day. That early evening in the direction of the straight southeast in the direction of the southern section of the Marie Osborne forests there was a very black sky, an unusual thing indeed at that season of the year, and yet starring was hopeing that a storm was brewing, which would souse the fires., though this cloud was not in the direction which storm come from in the great Calverinian countries.

As the evening wore on those on watch noticed what appeared b to be great flickerings of red lights in the dird direction of the Marie Osborne porests, and it also seemed as if the ordinary conditions were becoming reversed, and even the so called ships prophets were unable to offer explanations..... Occassionally over the pounding of the engines and the rush of water, starring and all on board the ship, thought they could hear long deep rours not unlike the ending of a deep peal of thunder. Sometimes they heard the rumble and the roar, but at the time they were not certain as to sa exactly what it was or see even whether they really heard it, or

fancled it.

Every now and then there would suddenly come great glares, and flashes of light flickering up and down, changing to a dull red glow from the dark bank bank tward the Marie Osborne region. Sometimes the glow and even the flushes and flickers of light seemed to spread over a great area, while others seemed to sour skyward, sheet and tongue shaped. And all night this continued, and it was not untill day came that it ceased. The dark bank however that covered the sky did not fade away with the breaking of day, and later that morning the whole section of the sky in that direction seemed darker and more troubled.

At about seven oclock giarring was sitting on one of the hatches, with Angeline riches and Jennie Turmer, and discussing the peculiar weather conditions and phenomena with the officers of the ship. A few minutes later the lookout called out that they were runing into a big fog bank dead shead. Fog banks for a landscape at such a time of the year were unheard of, and gtarring wondered what could a fog bank being doing here at this time of the year, and also he surmised that forest fires would prevent the fog. He winked at Jennie and whispered-

"It's smoke." . Before they knew it however, they were in- into the fog, which indeed proved to be a big dense bank of smoke, and it spread over them from all sides and seemed to move slowly from the sust. Ventilators were quickly brought to their places, and even the hatches were battened down. The strangely coming heat and fog becoming suffocat ing, and all on board had all they could do to keep from chocking at times. what the fog was most of those on board at first could not conjecture, or rather they did not have much time to try to investigate what it was, for they had to get their ship in shape to withstand they hardly knew what. At first they though that they might have entered the zone of some volcanic eruption, and then they decided that if the captions figures were right, they wouldn't be nearenough to the farthest volcano to have such volcanic vapors blown down upon them, there was more the small of burning wood in the air, and as they had just passed violet Paul they knew the captians figures were right.

Just as the fog conditions were at its height, one of the emineers was mearly sufficiated by it, and it was some time before he could be revived. And just about this th time t it became so dark that they found it necessary to start up the eletric lights, and it was not ntill they had not clear of the smoke fog that they turned the current of current off. In the mountime they had burned from eight oclock in the morning, untill after five in the afternoon. Thard five oclock they were somewhat clear of the fog, but at seven oclock that night they run into a second ank bank of it, though not as bad as the first. That following night there was more of the same distant fiery phenomena tward the same direction but a little nearer, but it was not untill they halted near a large shelving in the shore of the river, where they saw one of the wrecked ships that they knew the fog was smoke of forest fires.

Sturring seeing the wrecked ship covered with debrie and the so called explosion dust, took to a small boat and rowed to the craft, boarding it, and looked over the finer debris to see if it was so called lava or not. He found the dust itself was superior to granite and other stone mixed and superior even to emery dust. He found it it cut deeper and quicker, and only about half as much was required to do thecwork.

He made up his mind to keep what he saw, to investigate it and so he gathered it up. The decks of this ship showed the effects of the fiery exact erution through which it had passed. All about the decks fine dust could be seen working out of cracks and crevices, where the brooms of the men had not reached in their efforts to sweep it up into a back of to hold for inventibation. In places the pain was blistered, and in the leftier priions of this ship, the pain t which was collectived as if if it might have been partly scorched off, and then covered over with some kind of

browning wet mand and mad. Innthe lifeboats and wlasw.ere, were mounds of gravel

and debria and dust. Sturing had a large jar filled with the debris.
Starring visited no of the officers of the wrecked ship who described the storm of shooting fire, through which the ship passed in a seconds time as being lke like a severe snowstorm of sparks with the thermometer at 110 degrees. The most harrowing picture Starring observed was that of the caption of the ship. He scarcely looked like a man at all he was burned and scarred and injured so bedly lie sat with his area supported on pillows, and he said to gtarring jokingly that there was not enough flesh left on one of his arms to feet a cut with.

One of the officers on this ship who was a native of Calverine, said he left Abbieum for the purpose of visiting his wife and daughter, and his story indicated that his departure from Abbieann was just on time to escape possible destruction. "There is a volcano not far from calverine" he said But they said it is almost practically extinct. If these disenters have anything to do with volcanic activity us is said then it is unusual."

"Could you see anything of the terrible outburst near abbicann from calverine?" Starring asked him."

"you h answered" Only did see the hedious burst of red flume from forest fires which would leap for into the black clouds lke swiden bursts of fluming lava shooting up into the air as if from a mighty furcane furnace. Then the explosion came the shock was felt even in alvorine, I was thrown out of bed, and there was a mighty wrenching and shaking of the earth, with a noise that sounded to me as if all the powers of the iniverse were struggling under your feet. I have recieved word that suf fie sufficient supplies were on hand to meet the emergency, but even though public supecriptions have continued even now it is hard to reach all the reople, because with all the great diseater before, this big one complicates all. For the present no further say lies can even be sent to any spot by our state and city governments and it was that the State Governors advised that all people that can should leave the disaster zone and come north where they can be taken care of. The imperor has called upon the army and many officers in all localities to express their views upon the sufficiency of the supplies available, and when their rep i replies are recieved he will take immediate action."

The excitement throughout every place St arring had gone to was still most intence. He had come upon many refugees, destitute, starving and frightened by the appalling disasters at Abbicann and grave and similarly serious damage in more northern northern and southern sections of the land. He hoped most strongly that good rains would come to come the forest fire conditions as they were hindering his efforts. One good thing Starring had ardent hopes for in bringing about good results.

Ever since the big disasters had occured, throughout, other portions of the country in all the big cities, at the close of High Hasses every day funeral psulmd were chanted every day for months and prayers for the dead were said in memory for the purpose of memory of those who perished in the greatest disasters, and special and frequent movemen and littenies were offered to the cause to be known. Every Mass or at Every Mann and every Evening gervice and every Novena the Congregations were record breaking, and good collections for the aid of all of Calverinian suffers were continually taken up. At a special service held in the Church of the Holy Hame, city of Pandora, the citys Cardenal and all others coming there pronounced absolution on the whole State of Calverinia. The commomorative services for the disaster dead , was held at Notre Dame, Cathede cathedral, Angelinia Agathie City, this service being a high religious and Pational, Imperial function in behalf of the stricken State, General and appropriate services for the calverinian victims were g held in all the churches throughout Abbicannia, and collections for the sufferers were taken

Starring had finnally learned of the fate of the ship from which the dust had been gathered up. It was the only ship that had escaped the terrible explosion at Abbieunn, and which had been on the river west of the city. Starring observed that the state of the ship was enough to show that those on board must have undergone the most awful experience, when he boarded the ship Starring had observed that its decks was covered with a mass of dust laying inches deep on the decks some other matter had fallen in a red hot state all over the steamer, setting fire to everything it struck that could bear, and when it fell on the men on board it berned off limbs and and large pieces of flesh. The caption finally told starring the whole storybof lis experience.

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"I was standing by the railing of the ship talking to a woman passenger of the versel who had just come on board, when heard a terrible c noise as the firing of a legion of rest hage gins at once, and then saw what appeared to be an ernormous black cloud covered with a terrific flash of fire underneath, and like a wall with patches of fire in it, approaching the river from the north. With it came an immense shouf of fire accompanied by a most load and terrible roar. I shouted to the crew" but for shelters, but before they could do so the st marr was in ediately caughe ceaught by some modden heavy pressure and tossed over on her side almost being turned over entirely. Frebus darkness enshroused on all suidenly, and then all about the ship was flashes of fire, and comething like volume of red hot mafter showered

down while the air was thick with strange of more and determed amoke. The Attivas a The River was a confused of rouring sames of rouring varieties of a nuiden. I feeling a re my ship had stoamed up at my orders, and instantly realizing the necessity of encape rushed to the engine room annunciator, and algorable below to the engineer to start the engine full apped speed. The unxious memora increased by we burne and agong of mind, and by the sight of the city going into clouds of dust with a terrible rour were relieved by the vibration of the unginess and the reply from below. The terrible rush of hot air which had swept over the ship and nearly captized her, parted the cable, and the vessel was adrift.

Then came other grant erations and concussions further away, and when the engines started it was found that the otering gour! a had become disabled in some manner and could not be worked. For more than two hours the ships engines were worked, bucking and going shead, with the hope of bring her head tward the river and away from the

falling smoke and dust covered s city.

Ince she got dangerously near and almost between two ships all aftre. Some of those aboard were jumping into the boiling water of the river, some fell dying to the deck. All this time the strange wrackage was falling, and the water was rising as if there was the dangers of a flood. gambs and dust and falling wrackage filled the air and strange fumes like that of powder spread about. After three hours effort the steering year moved a little, and enabled me to head her out for the river, and with considerable diffu did difficulty y managed to steer her a little distance from the wharf of the city.

As the air cleared the scene aboard the ship became all the more ghastly. The ship steamed on through thick clouds of smoke, and the acresms from the the injured became more plainer. Some rushed frantically about with their clothing on fine and large pieces of flesh burned from their arms, others in their agony Lay writhing in the debris. It took us three hours more to get into more clearer air. Then an investigation of h the loss on board, showed that besides me, who as you see we fright frightfully injured, only one engineer and six sailors were able to do duty. Fire was still burning about the ship, and the rigging was in flames. I decided to rouch Poverty Now fourty five miles fistant. This We succeeded in doing by the next next morning. And in the time occupied on this terrible voyage the experience of the survivors was still worse than the former experience. I and my few men fighting the fire, exhausted and burned, struggled and worked, trying to do something to assist the dying shipmates and passengers. Those working below strove to I keep up the steam. I suffered the greatest angony agony, but succeeded in v navagiating my vessel saftly to the city of Poverty Row, with one hundred and eighteen dead bodies lying on the deck and human limbs scattered about. One of the surviving sailors stood by constantly wining my injured face and eyes .. "

Starring believed from this that the performance of the captian of this ship was indeed most wonderful, and the more so when he saw his pitiful condition. He did not understund how he kept up, yet when the steamer at that time had arrived at Poverty Row at which Starring was now and medical assistance was obtained, this brave man asked the doctors to attend to the others first, and refused to be treated untill

this was done.

Sturring knws knows that since the outbreak of the war, every battle, avery earthquake shock from explosions, every war disaster so far, maneacres, and every horror known brings out a most curious phase of human nature. Many of those who had soon their houses destroyed or their nearest relatives killed, despite all perils have returned to the possible scenes of devastation as possible. But in this case it was not so. They hardly couldn't even leave the scene of devastation. They were cut off from escape and almost entirely from sufficient aid. It was so after the great Frientown horror, it was so after the lake Selicia and the Arronburgs Run flood diseaters, it was so after the floods swept Central calverinia, and in more recent weeks, the Aboteam disaster, the big floods, and other parts of the catastrophe confirm the old experience.

This disaster has indeed destroyed much more property than Starring ever imagined it would and an immeasureable number of lives, and restored a whole intion of people homeless, and he was forced to see a people forced to near in homes wrecked beyond recovery in sight of the telegraph pole from which the fatal live wire dangled or the flood in which so many drowned. He before could not concleve such a terrible catastrophe as that which so early in presented by overwholmed not only a big city but a whole country side, simply blotting out Bengal 1 gate as a land of fair homes and extinguishing its great agriculture and be inneas, and destroying half of southern Calverinia with flood, raising the old question again how the gover

nment of Abblemnia can deal with such fearful events.

Think of the sulden ferocity of this power, whole country side being blown up as if it had all erufted with a nightler force than any volcano known, and hurling down upon effice as a towns masses of wrokage. Thus pertained Abblemn and Adeleheid entirely, and cany other towns, by explosion, and then to as by fleed. And not one withed revenue had even in these cities. Abblems was apostal in goodness of the posple. For people as a decent as those of any a sintly place, and it needed no must all vindicities judges at force haven as a set.

STARRING HEARS OF HOW THE ABBLEAUN EXPLOSION DISASTER MOVED MOUNTIANS FROM CONCUSSION.

THE FLOOD LAKE OVER APPLEAUN HAY STAY FOREYER......

Then said starring to sadeliffe ...,,

while was told and remains that the gone through calls to my remembrance that which was told me of a thing that happ med to a number of forest rangers and even their leader loring the time a good part of general Arrenburgs army was fighting the forest fires near Trientown when a little girl called Ja nole was lost, and in danger from it. The name of the head ranger was pank Weaverton, he was a very good man, and go were his followers, and before he came out he heard that the fire was heading for riontown. The amount mas and thing was this however,, we and his rangers about about two hondred of them had entered a part of the foe forest , that stretches down from proudway greek, now known as Deadmane lane, so called because of the horrid results of the conflagration that swept there. And the Ranger and his followers, and come to this point with the hors of breaching against the fires. and save prientown Now the there had happened at that time, to come down the lane from the north bend of Broadway greek, three sections of the forest fire, moving forward gith great speed, now most of the men were stricken with terror, as the fire so suddenly came up so close to them, and though their leader bid them stand and work like mas, some of them looked as white as a shoet, and had noither power to fight or to fly.

Then said their leader-"Retreat to the lane fools ,read retreat to the lane." but but they making no haste to do it, for they were too confused to retreat for even their safty safty, their leader run as to them, eris crying out "To the lane, to the lane." Just at that moment a tree burning through fell, and a branch of it like a great clumb struck him on the head, and the blow felled him flat to the ground, where he lay bleeding. All this while his herror stricken members atood by not knowing what to do while the conflagration roured closer, but at last they hearing that the flames were coming acrosse the crock, and fearing leat they should be trapped, they belook themselves to their heals, two of them carrying their leader.

Another for force of rungers and man citizens of the docad city who also were striving to stop the conflagration came up and naved them, but their leader had been severely wounded, for not only his head was lacerated but his left arm was broken and his right leg crushed and his hip bone dislocated. This was the story.

"But did they not succeed in stopping the fire from hitting Irientown?"
"No No, the place was direct in its pa h path, but nevertheless his successor tried to hold against the progress of the fire elsewhere, but as 1 was told the rangers was much afflicted b, the loss o loss of ground, for the fire drove them before it. The part of the forest which the fire did not burn was the stretch on the Big pind, it did not cross the stretch on the Big pind, it did not cross the stretch on the Big pind, it did not cross the stretch on the Big pind, it did not cross the stretch of the fire did not burn was the stretch on the Big pind, it did not cross the stretch on the Big pind, it did not cross the stretch on the result of the trees still left, but scarce enough to tell that it was once a beautiful little ravine, may if it was not misinformed, they were forced to fight even to save their own lives. Dut struggle and do what they could, they had to retreat hantly for many miles untill they got to the Mic-Hollester River where it was too wide for even the wind to curry fluming embers acr across."

"But is it not a wonder the fire did not strike the town of certificate which stands some distance off from Irientown, by which way the fire could have crossed

the big Mic-Hollester River."

"Tis a wonder, but the Big Bend prevented that, though the flames failed not through any effort of the fire rangers, for they being dismayed at the fire coming so suddenly upon them, had neither power nor skill to save the latter town, so was more by the intervention of our Blesned Lord than by their endeavor that the fire failed to cross Broadway Creek at the Big Bend. If it had even Evangeline St Claire would have been burned_Don'tbyou see that is what saved that big city tou_Because the fire failed to cross at Big Bend."

"But it must needs be a comfort to them nevertheless that the fire did not cross

at the Bend, or they too would never have escaped."

"It might have been a great comfort to them, had they used the opportunity as they should, but they be that told me the story, suid "that they did not take much advantage of it, and that because of the dismay that they had in being so suddenly surprised by the fire hurricane, indeed they forgot what they were doing half of the time, indeed they forgot everything also but retreat and sufty all the way to the big river, and besides, when at any time it came into their minus, then would frush thoughts of their loss and failure come again upon them, and those thoughts would smallow up all."

"Alas poor Rungers, this could not be but a big greaf to them."

"Borief. Ay grief indeed, would it not a been so to any of us, had we been so
that taken unawares as they, to be routed, and have our leader fatally wounded too,
and that in so terrible a place as they were too for a time even cut off from escape
so that they had to fight their way through the fire to safty. Tie a wonder his friend

did not die with grief. I was told that his suce successor, acurr scattered almost all the rost of the way from town to town with nothing but deleful and bitter complaints. Telling also to all that evertook him, or that he overtook finthe way as he went, where his craws and the leader was surprised by the "Red Plugue", and how, who they were that were routed, and what ground they lost in the big fight, how the loader was f t fatally wounded, and he too and many others with him naraly escaped with his life..."

"put" continued Radeliffe"tic a wonder the necessities did not cause them to go to the ravine for refuge as commanded, that they might have relieved themselves

of such experience."

"you my boy don't understand my saying a moment ago, they were cut f off from the ravine by the fire. In 11 that country the fire was eweeping, besides had they gotten into the ravine they might have been so suffocuted by heat and smoke of h the conflagration all around, ad that we d that would have been worst to them thus the retreat they were forced to make, and of their desperate fight through a narrow part of the flames."

'Why couldn'tithe; reach the Ravine. We succeeded in reaching one when the fire came up not but yesterda, morning, and that for a mess of foolishness that we were forced to do so, and if they could not do so why were we able to reach ours."!

"We did succeed in getting into a ravine, and so did all of our followers, and so by doing excluded the welves from the main fury of the conflagration. But you must put a difference between them rangers and as. Our escape from the flames was 'yrical, but the came of the rangers and their unfortunate ranger leader were not so. That Ravine was large, and our refuge, but that little lane for the rangers might not have been so sufe. Besides I could when in the tree top see the course the conflagration was taking, the rangers could see no further than a mile, for the smoke so were surprised. And for them though it was their lot to have the misfortume was by their not being watcheful n enough in the first place kept from securing a good place of refuse when the flames came up, and made to see that watchfulness pays. You read not each things happening in novel stories of fires, no not so much as even a little, therefore no marvel if only where the fire comes up unawares, and so quickly that no number of men can resist against it successfully. if they get cut so suddenly, for it is such as it is with the ass, who cannot be turned away before the dunger is too close. When their mide are set upon fighting against the oncoming fire when too close for eafty they will risk the danger, whatever the coot and rue their folly. But these rungers were of other kinds, their minds were on the fire only, therefore for what end could they have to come too

Their efforts was upon things more of speedy flight than of even thinking of the in lance, therefore to what end should they that were in such immediate danger think of going first into the raving or lane when they saw their leader felled by the tran, even had there been any chance of getting to the ravine on time, to save the selves themselves admid amid the inferno. Will a man heed other things when he sees his leader injured? Or can you persuade them to desert him. Though fear less ones can for any good purpose, do what they can to combat a fire of this kind, and hold their ground outright to boot, yet they have faith, maybe even saving faith but what can they do at the loss of a leader. Here therefore Radcliffe may be thy

mistake?...,"

"I acknowledge it suid Radcliffe. "But General, these three arms of the fire, I um persauded in my heart, were not us severe us the main body of the conflagration , and yet if the leader was not injured would the rangers have run, else think you as they lid, at the mere noise of the flames coming up the readway. Ighy did they not pluck up a greater heart .. ? They might I believe have stood one brust with the fire, and have yeilded only when there had been no other remendy but to make

u hasty retreut.... """""

That they were not bad fires being three branches of the main body, many have cuid, but the rangers did not find it so in the time of their triall trial. Of course I believe the branches were mere trifles or they being gurprised by the fire would not have escaped with their lives it being said they fought their way through it to the river. . As for a great brave heart, that they lost at the destruction of of the forests within their view, the injury of their 1 ader leader, and 7 percieve by thee my boy had you been the men concerned, thou art but for a rush brush, and then to yould, to retract. And verily since this is the height of thy opinion, now that the fires at are at a distance from us, should they appeared to us as suidenly without a warning, the conflagration might too have pus putus all also to second thoughts. But consider again, they may have been strutches ahead of the ain main big conflagration, which may have passed off to the right of groudway Breek and the fact that the men folk of the city of grientown came to their aid themselves saved them from perichad periching the flames that almost everteek them.

I waself with many rungers have been engaged often in fighting forest fires, even as thenecu unfortunate rangers were, and found it a most terrible thing... I was with a Ranger known as grank Appleby, and his mon were in a long line of buttle fighting ground fires, blasting and cutting down trees, and tracking and doing all other kind of work against the advance of the forest fire. The flames of the main conflagration almost set you as anexpectedly, and the leader gave out a

warning and we all retreated to better quarters, jet I would as the sa,ing is, have given my life for a penny, but that as our Blessed Lord would have it, we were then clothed in abestone. Ay and though weavere so harmessed, we found it hard work to fight our way through that seetl seething wid amoking informe, no man can tell what in that combat attended us, but he or they who had beer in the battle themselves. That experience was when after the battle of adorning, the forest fire came up and so fiercal that the whole of gamnons army had to fight its way out it was so suldenly taken unawares."

"Well but you see the men of the ranger who was killed ran you see .. when they

aid but suppose h that the fire was about to overwhelm thom."

"True they had fled, then the fluxes had so suddenly appeared, and no marvel, for the fire if the blazes horror, but , trow you will put some difference bw between the ranger, and the flames, all of the fire was not heading for Broadway greek, nor could it cross at the gap near Big mend, nor could the rangers when tried do such fouts of war against forost fires that soom righ 1 impossible. It is meet to think that even the rangers I worked with could handle the work against the surging flames as they did, or that there should be numbers enough to put up a good fight vagainst the conflagrations, one partions of the head fires are strong and big, some have great fury and opoed, some have little fury but turn out to be big smoking ground and brush fires, and therefore they retreated nevertheless." "I wish it had rained for their sakes."

"Yes then there would be some hope, but without the help of rain all the forest range rangers have their hands full, for I must tell you, that though every one of the forest rangers in the country are excellent in their work, and has and can so long as they keep the fires at bay, do well enough in checking them or turning their cur course, yet if they get within their own domains, it shall go hard with may number of the rangers. And when a man is down jou know, what can be do?

The ever sees a great fight waged against an advancing fire natricane, shall easily give good demonstration of what | say. Yea once I heard that many rangers shockers almost caught in bad ground during the work declare that the, even descaired of life. How did the big conflagration travel up so far, despite all the efforts of the sturdy men. Yeu townsfolk and others are forced to bestir themselves, when their towns and villiages were in danger, and yet that notwithstandig, they were worsted and could of not wave their homes. Hansons whole army at Cedernine Creek after the buttle tried what it could do, but though some do say he is on one of the best of the christian generals, the fires routed his armics so, that the effects of his experience made him at last" afraid of a corry girl". Yet besides, the great general is at their help, he was and is never at of hearing, and if at any time they were put to the worst, he sent other troops to help them Think of a monsterous urmy like his fighting a forest fire to no avail it was said of general Hanson "The swords of the enemy that are laid against him carnot hold, the masket, the cunnon nor any weapon, he esteemed the fury of buttle as a lark, the worst chapee charge of the foe cannot make his army fly, he laughs at the roar of cannon, but his army could not hold against this worst enemy the fire.

Yet when a fire strikes his army, , , or takes it by surprise what can he do in this case?? This true if his armies could at a turn, have enough artillery to blow down all the trees inthe path of the flames,, and had artiller, men in enough to mun them, and courage to face the horrid" Red plague" of the forest, he and his staff generals might do notable things. Yet all the rangers are not and should, not be afraid of the forest fire as the grasshopper, even though the fury of the great fires are terrible, and wipe out a whole valley in half a days time, they should also rejoice in their tarlent, and go out with willingness to meet the conflagration right, to mock at feur, and not be afrighted, neither turn buck from the work, even though the firevitself destroy and swallow the forest with fierce ness and rage,, neither should they believe that it is the end of the world like many terrified iduits believe, and though should be able to detect signs of the forest fire fur off, the thunder of the 1 flumes, and the shoutings of the winds,

and fire harricanes..

But for such as we adventuerers are, let us never desirevto meet without extreme necessity an enemy, nor vaunt as if we could do better when we hear ad other others that they have been foiled nor be ticked at the thoughts of our own munhood for such come mostly by the worst when tried. Witness general Hanson of whom _ had I had made of some mention before, he would swagger, my he would, he would as his mind prompted him to say, do better, and stand more for his armies, but who so foiled and run off with his army by these suiden approaches of fires as he.

When therefore when we near that such fires comes through good parts of the country, two things is best for us to do, first to go out with a body guard, and be harnussed to fight such conflagrations if caught, and to be sure to take a good supply of medicine with us, for it was for what of that also that Hansons army though it laid lastily at the fires could not stand. Indeed if that be wanting we could do nothing against the fire at all. Therefore he that had skill said; "Above all for all rangers when going out to b do battle against fires, take alo all the necessary materials, wherewith you shall be able to fight it to some advantue advantage if not all. Tis good also that we desire of our own friends, that we must depend up a upon god to follow us on our advantature advanture. This made general

general maneone army rejoice when in this Calverinian "Valley of the shadow of Dau'h", and his leaders were for rather dying where they were, than go one step without their main leader. On commune all, if our pleased herd will but go along with us in this adventure, what need we be afraid of the thousands of fees that with set themselves against us, or even of the largers of the forest fires? but without him, we would never make any success. If or my part have been in the fight against the forest fires many times, and though though the help of our Blessed Lord. I am us you see allve, yet I cannot boust us being a here. Clad shall I be and you also if we meet with no more such brunts with forest fires though I fear we are not yet beyond any danger whatever by no means, nowever since the enemy and the fire has not yet devoured me, or the rest of us I hope God will also deliver us all from the other dangers, and aid us successfully in our adventure."

where the effects of the explosions at Abbisann had been known off, and I would not be afraid to say that it seemed to be as if the mountains literally a walkd walked, that from the concussion landeldes eddied like great waterfalls, that creveses occured or opened that swallowed houses, and trains, and farms, and villiages were swept away under a rising and falling now of loose earth and so

"That is an unusual story" said Starring, and if the will make the Abbieum explosion, concassion, ad flood scenes one of the most appalling catastrophes in all history. But are you sure you are not talking through your hat or merely dedicating that?"

"Well general" you may scoff but it is true, it is not a fable by no means. The tremendous shaking up by the explantons have done this, even though most of the story had now began to spread beyond the points of proken communications. Beam Because of the extent of the diamater, and of so much communications ruined it is the most poorly broadcasted calamity that has ever occurred thouse who bring the news have travial far, and therefore the datalls of the disaster has never come over the wirse but by man on boats and by travelers and couriers, and from written statements of rescuers, ratiof parties and the survivors themselves. The population that did survivo were too staned, and too busy in relief work to give any description of the dancing mountains, variesing valleys, the cracks of the many miles of ground, the great floods and so on."

"What kind of dance did the mountaing do. The Highland pling?"

"You may agoof general, but ; swear it is true, and if you collave not we can go any time you say to see. I was with the party that visited the disaster scarse and we have brought back for our government one of the first accounts of the real horrors of the devantated country which other couriers and newschad not brought, and the strange things that happened when the explosions made the earth in the region of Abbisann turn itself into a strange contortionist. The urea of destruction by the concussion, two handred to six hundred, by 1000 miles in extent, not counting the flood, contained twenty large cities, besides many villiages and towns and a score of railways that run through. It is in the heart of the Bengal Country, where by the shock and concussion of the explosions the loose earth cascedes sown the sides or hills into valleys and buried every object in its prabh path."

"No at that section there was no flood of: Tales may be just as strungs as the horrors of Martingue Island, or of the couma Roman times of Pompeii and so forth which could be recounted of this dovastated area. As three fourths of the added dead from the shides are Calvorinians, the Abbieannians claim that the shocks w re were caused by volcanic eruptions underground. Some o gomehow the landslinian aurthorities have claimed the same so stoutly that it does soom very sus jpicious suspicious. Not far from this scene is the region where so many hundreds of miles of country is split into fiscures like shautered glass glass by the concussion, and by the river a whole country and forest sumk by the vibration and covered by a lake."

"I see the point " said Starring."One thing more I can say. Abbieann is buried also by water, and mud, never to be recovered of what had not been swept down the country by the water, and one of the most dramatic episodes of the disaster also is the destruction of the total of the population of the city, whose fate was sealed by the wreckage of buildings by the concuscion becabefore the flood descended upon the place, while the majority of the population lay dead and the ruins."

"Tes" Said Angeline Richee. "And by some miracle I and other girl friends each accessaged from the horrid place before the flood came, but we did witness how many of the population were buried in the ruins, and were necessarily "Some of the sayings may be or quite likely to seem vary exaggorated" said Starring somewhat doubtefully. But "But putting all joking uside I will have to bolieve it, because things have occured from the effects of both explosions and floods which you golonol could not exaggorate in saying you saw, for you saw nothing compared to the real thing and know it. The government as general Vivian told me has records of what many investigators observed and I'll tell you some, and maybe it'll be your turn to think of scoffing. In the district north of Bengal Gounty a party of investigators were surprised ti find a whole mountain topped

by a town and forest had from the draudfal force and earthquake shock caused by the explosions elide into a valley. A little beyond they were more surprised to find that a road, bordered by a long line of trees, and a road side term had absolutely ridden the creat of a gigantic alide for two miles and a half without the slightest damage to the trees and the villiage, even the birds neets in the branches of the town had escaped The astonished people of the town looked out of the windows in the morning to find that a good part of the high hill had moved the town off its its former site with the road and line of trees stopping its lines of march within a few feet of a yawning abyse. In another villiage the only people found a alive, were a few women and children. They were only saved from death by the fact that their relatives displayed a most strange lack of filial pe piety, by sending them to live in a house on the outsi into of the villiage, which was buried deep by an avalanch. The death of the rost of the population was taken as evidence by survivors in the neighborhood that God had pulshed the rarelatives for its lack of respect.

In the city of mengal, where the shock was felt severely, wrecking of huild ings however were not so savare, but the most appalling sight was what is now known as the Valley of the Doud, where a hundred great slides crashed into a valley, six teem miles long, killing every living thing in the location, and carrying six tons towns across the valley on the creet of the unusual avaluach, which caught whether village in the crosscurrent of two other slides, whirled into a gigantic vertex, and catapulted the three towns to the slope of unother hill, demilishing every building to a total loss and killing all the inhabitants.

One of the districts that suffored the most was the abloland to the north of Bengal County known as the Paradize Country, which our lied the best fruits and farming crops of the whole state. The soil is an unveilding alls all alkali which cracked in the most uppalling manner, eince there was no hardened kind of ground to mitigate the force of the explosion shock and concussion. In one town with a normal population of nearly a thousand the investigators found not a single survivor. The loss of nearly three handred thousand lives and the total destruction of hundreds of cities and towns by the shock calls for reconstruction work on a most staggering scale. Seventy thousand plandelinium prisoners under strong guard have been forced to work in releasing the dammed streams, and to try I and gradually release the waters still covering Abbleunn, and thus prevent further disusterous overflows and other floods. Their work and that of volunteer citiess of surviving towns, and of superintendents, is said to scener or later near successful completion, which should be a romance of adventure in itself."

Fortunarely there is no problem of orphans as children in the devastated districts were so much in demand that they were promptly adopted by the survivors. Of this most remarkable s reseries of explosion shock disturbances which occurred throughout the whole of culverinia since the war began, the most strange and most phenomenal was undoubtedly the great Abbieum horror of that fatal morning, the date of which I forgot.

Owning to the anusual characer character of the conditions of the hillsides , funtactic effects were produced upon the surface of the earth wal which they said gives the observor the feeling that he is on some strunge planet still in the forming stage. In realty no earthquake occurred which played such haves, and never such haves occurred as that at Abbieunn and its region. The series of great explosion explosions around or near Abbieumn who or which according to winesses this time played havon such as never was witnessed for reality, or never recorded in truth historical facts with the face of the earth, and the habitations of men. Tikely ncearthquake no earthquake in any annals of science over could have changed the physical ger geographical conditions of any last as did in this story happen to the physical geography of the affected region of the Calverinian lands to the extent of the Abbisann cataclysm. The region never had been of any earthquake disturbance since it became inhabated, and therefore only two immense shocks like earthquakes were ever recorded that in a little degree may have equaled to some extenr the recent calumity in destructiveness. One of the disasters was at Luke Selicia, and Wickey Lansin But the Abbieum horror affected most severely un area northwest of Abbieann, and two hundred miles to the east, of the city. The area met effected by the disaster -- what one can call the area of supreme destruction, where no build ing of any and was left in a habitable condition is between the Mic-Hollester and Aronburgs Run Rivers, three hundred and se enty miles long, and two hundred miles inwide. The region comprises two distinct types of geological formation at least on the surface which adds adds great varity and interest to the unusual occurance. The southern half of the region stretching from the northern bank of the Mic-gollester gun tward Abbieann is with the exception of the mountain ranges and densely forested regions cutting it from east to west not far from its northern edge, a part of the groat farming and forest region, which stretches from Central Calverinia almost to Culverine City.

It is in the hill countries that the strange and immense slides occured, burying or carrying away villiages, covering level furmed f valleyed floors with a debris of rooks and trose, damming up stream beds, and turning wide valleys into lakes, and accomplishing those hardly believable freaks which no one could accout for.

The vibration was only slightly transmitted to the mountains. It will be a long time however before the remotences of the district in which these disasters occured can be of any unusul interest. Although the past disasters are to be all history the Abbleum disaster is still nows. What actually happened in this part of Calverinis ice only now through the reports of the relief investigation expeditions of which friends of dne are members being made known in any comprehensive way, even in a Calverinias capital and other cities.

As it happened also the concussions of the great explosions, selected for destruction in the agriculturally rich farming countries, and thickly settled regions of the whole affected area, and the most populous portion of the State, and to the south, many of the best Calverinian cities which were leveled. Although the immensity of the population is not more than one half of the region of the southern parts of Calver Galverinia, the loss of life from the landslides, collarged country homes, destruction of villiages and towns, together with the deaths from exposure to all kinds of weather, was according to some official figures about tree hundred and fiffty five thousand, and according to the astimate of the investigators more again than twice this number.

One of the Members of the cemini, took by horseback and auto the royal condway through the region of Pepro Evans to Rengal county, crossing the Michael Rengal county, crossing the Michael Rengal county, and proceeding directly to north St Andrew the great trade mart of the western half of the goung. County.""

"Where was the first spot of an damage discovered?"

The first damage discovered, was found to be what was left after the passage of the flood, not far from where abbleoun still (or what is left of her) lies under the waters, and among the tablemands of the forested Mic-Mollester Run where a temporary awang was formed, not far beyond the border between culverinia and Angeline vine state. In culverine city, and also runcis Atlanta some damage wad was said to be done to houses by the shock of the concussion, but there was no losses loss of life, except some caused by the ensuaing floods later."

"A disactor like that should make a good work for a "istorian" eaid the Guide. "In the vinicity of Calverine and grancis Atlanta, many towns collassed causing great loss of life and property among the pensants, and cattle herees and herds, stabled in barns were buried ative or swept away by the flood."

"That is true" caid Starring. "Passing the site of Abbieann, the investigators found themselves in the belt of complete destruction were many cities as well and big towns, country towns and villiages and the like,, suffered heavy loss of life,, and all buildings were leveled. At Poverty Row, and alverine Hills, where a long highest forkes, one railroad going north to calverine, and the Mic-Hollester Rum Forest Region along the same river, and the other southwest to pruncie Atal Atlanta, we obtained our first pictures of one of the ruined cities, shaken by the shocks of the explosion but not touched by the flood. The investigators taking the road that leads more sraight for Calverine soon ascended one of the bigger of the "famious "Calverine Hills. With the elevations here eviden as of the explosion shocks grew somewhat less, to become much more abundant g again when some of the foothills were reached.

Two of the hardest shock hit cities, wic-Hollester Grossrouds, and wimi Timi were passed by the investigators, and then they visited the districts where the sides of mountains cascaded into the valleys and elsewhere. Following the Mic-Hollester and central Calverine mallway, they ascended a small valley of deep grade directly some distance west of Mimi Timi. guddenly the road for more than ten miles dropped out i' of sight. It looked us if some giant machine had cut it down, or chopped it with millions of axos, leaving. Iong stratches of old trees of every kind with which the road is lined partly aprocted like sentinels stricken at their psts posts, upon the edge of the one hundred foot gully which occupied the posts position of the realifroad.

The roadside immones waters! supply of a near by city had no the investigators were told by survivors di-appeared down the same face. Making their way over the rent terraces to a large lake suddenly coming into view, a lake suid to have been formed by the valley being dammed up by a four sectional slide from the hills on each bank of the stream, the in vestigators secured what are perhaps the most unusual pictures of the scene and forwarded to the Abbieumnian g government. They also saw surviving natives carrying their water from this lake a mile to the north in the center of the valley. The long valleys in this section join one another like links in a chain.

The investigator rode to the summit of the divide which as he said seperated

this from the next link, and he was amazed by the strange pureruma of a valley filled with clouds of many tremendous avalanches of landelides which had come out of the hills on either side. This valley had become the climax of climax of tremendous desolation. Not a single portion of the valley floor remained uncovered hat a single portion of the valley floor remained uncovered, and all valleys towns lay buried beneath the debrie, and not one person auxivised in the ruin.

It seemed the only survivors of unother valley were caved as if by a mirace miracle, a small population of a small villiage, which town instead of being baried was caught upon the back of one of the slides, carried two miles down the valley to where it was diverted by two streams of earth coming from other directions, and as the resultant of the two forces, was pushed mother nile or two up a small draw.

The people of this town like all others in this strange slids none were absolutely maxwares of the nature of the great disanter which had evertaken them untill the following morning. The survivors declared they heard a tremendous near noise or a series of loud themering crushes, and full the shocks which were accordary and immensurably severe, ending with a sickening swing to the cortiwest, and a most violent jerk back to the east by south, lasting two or three accords. They made all ordinary efforts the cave themselves even though the town seemed to move so strangely. Then not untill day dawned and they crawled out to fight the neighbiring villages towns and cities oblitanted, fare lands carried away or buried, streams blocked and hills of earth towaring aveabove their compounds, did they apprehend that semething ansatual had happened to the country.

It was in this valley of the dead that the most carious freaks of the concussion shocks occured. It would they say take four months maybe longer o to resustablish communications over these breakages, to robuild telegraph lines, and pack down trails on which horses would not sink to their belies and carts and wagons to their habs. The valley of desolation opened in its sustern end into a wider valley where the destruction was more severa.

At the junction of the valleys stands Heldons junction a town of twenty thousand people in which all were Alled in the collages of buildings, and other people in villiages were saved by the miraclous stoppage of two bodies of earth shaken loose from the mother hill and left hanging above the villiage lacking only another half seconds shock to send them tuj tumbling do down.

Another series of arlanches having flowed from the higher mountains on the opposite side of the valley across the valley floor and the stream bed is said to be piled up in a young mountain near enough to the villings to look like a lava floe. Their route through this larger valley led them past four lakes formed through the blocking of the stream by five ernormous slides, some of the sco, scooped out places left by these clides were six miles in width at the mouth, extending back into the hills for a mile and a half and furnishing enough dirt to cover a thousand farms. Some were as regular as if they had been made by a series of gigantic trowels while others were as ragged as if they had been ripped at of the hills by the teath of some collass!

In each case the earth which cascadeddownward bore the sure appearance of having shaken loose clod from clode and grain from grain, and then cascaded like water forming vortices, swirls, and all the convultions into which a great torrent might shape itself. If and grain and all kinds of crops were mingled, and mixed with the ourth for miles and miles, for miles and miles, showing how the dir h dirt had worked in its strungs descent on the opeosite side of this slide a thrashing floor call carrying all the stacks and orchards of all kinds had come down intact.

Hundreds of herds of cattle and other farm enimals had been so caught in thr so caught in the clide that either their limbs or heads protruded, and steeples of some town churches showed above the ground.

Two other slides causing the loweest of these blockades coming from the sides or of the valley buried a large town of 10,000 persons converted a shapely high ground butts into a ranged mound, and created ten miles of lake out of large rich valley farms.

The local aurthorities realizing the further danger od of destructive washcuts if these blockades were not opened before the late summer terrents, had before he the arival of outside relie made such pitably insufficient efforts as were at their commands twurd the release of the dummed up waters. And their efforts upon recommendation of the expedition were also incorporated in the work of the relief sucleities. Conditions in a score of other valleys in the Abbieunn neignneighborhood are similiar to those of the three valleys described. There is probably no other area, however where withihin a hundred miles one may count two hundred immense landslides. A hundred milrs further east, near number city a blad slide occured, and sixty miles north other bad slides occured one of which was said to be responsible for the greater number of towns being buried. In is in this incident which gives the Culverinians cause to rate the explosion shocks as a punishment for the Abbieannian Covernment, as they claim the government was too overconfident anddid not believe the glandeliniums could do unything. At some places for from hills north of Abbieumn could have been seen the hardest shaken section of all. Here the ground is of brittle clay level of gravel-alkali grass county country which was too at solid to slide but which cracked like a porcelain dish

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his hit with an immones weight rowns without any exception gave way, not one brick remaining upon another. Even city walls collasped, And nine tenth of all the people of this district were in morning mourning then the investigators unived. In one villiage of six hundred and sighty inhabatants all were entembed, but half were dug at all to cut dug out alive by rescuere. In another town all of the residents perished guch is still I tolicve the acenes of desolution which met the eyes of many inventigators who go through that region."

"It may be strange but nevertheless" said the Guide" no one ever dreamed that the localities of Abbieum would be torn and racked by a concussion stronger than cassed by Matures forces, and that during one of the greatest explosions of all record, floods would come that would form lakes covering scores of miles of

country in one single day to stay perhaps forever unless drained, """"

"Yes but it supposed said starring. "At the first 1 blusts, people of other towns and villiages tried to floe to the hills, but the rocking earth made them real ad stugger so they could not encape from the path of the one onrushing flood. No s one ever knows how many were drowned in this terrible disaster. As I was told by many who were sitnesses of the disaster, of flood and explosion, that the shock was like a most violent earthquide but of course of made shorter duration, a but the very awful noise resembling load but distant thunder came some moments first following as it seemed by complete naturation of the atmosphere with strunge smoky sulphurous vapor c vapor, causing the durkness to continue nomewhat late in the early morning. The screams of the inhabatants of towns near by, who were either awakened by the shocks, or caught in falling buildings, the cries of all kinds of birds, and animals and beauts of every species, the falling troom, the tremendous boom and flam of the eruptions of explosions, and the rearing of the two big rivers the current of which was retrogade for a few seconds, formed a scene truly most horrifying horrifying for fifteen seconds the explosions ands shocks continued, at which time some were more violent than the others and with the same accompainments.

The shocks probably they say continued fifteen minutes, being many shocks and eruptions of explosions in that time following like a rolling thunder on the ground but all soomed to be equally as violent always accompanied by the same awful phenomena, and where floods did not touch the flush of explosions were suid to

have started forest firen.

All this time the earth was in continual agitation but the main explosion and shock came at the last, and the concussion seamed to make the Mic-Hollester River and other streams recode from its bunks, burst levess and start floods, that the waters evidently gathered up like a mountain carring with it to the flood tide all kinds of river bouts and ships, or stranding man; others, hardly giving the crews passengers and sailors time to even save themselves.

nout wrecks were numbered by thousands. The concussions seemed to make the rivers rise high and expande as it were at the same time, overflowing banks, burst ing the dikes and levess, and then the floods rushing on tore with such violence that it took with it whole forests of trees of every size which were in its path. who trees were broken off with such regularity in all is instances that persons who had witness witnessed the fact could say that it looked the work of man. The f lood was literally covered with the wrock of boute ships, houses trees, and debris from whole towns swept away. Yet they say the main flood that swet Abbieunn

and other big cities away did not come from the rivers.

The surface of the earth in the vinicity of the explosions was said to be covered covered to various depths by sand and earth that issued from fissures that were made in great numbers all o ver the country by the shocks and force of the terrific explosions, ome of these closed up immediately, but the country elsewhere was split terribly by the shocks. It is impossible to say what the depth of the flood was, but we have reason to believe that over the site of Abbieann it is still very deep. The highest part of the town was settled down at least thirty feet but not more than two miles below town there does not appear to be any kind of alteration on the bank bank of the main river. Back from the Mic-Hollester Run and other rivers! large pads, lakes and swamps which covered a large part of the country were nearly driddried up. The beds of some of them are elevated seventeen fest above the former anks banks, and lately it has been discovered that a strange lake had been formed on the opposite side of theMic-Hollester River, wowards of two hundred miles long, ad fromy and from ten to twenty miles wide, of a depth of fifty to six hundred feet. Therefore we do n know that an explosion of such force may have produced the shocks which caused ten times are dumage, than it was even said to have done.

The lake of water over the site of abbieann was not the only lake formed., for large areas in eastern Calverinia, and northwestern Angeline vine State were partly submerged for weeks, and a number of amull lakes remained also elsewhere. This consuccion earthquake caused by the explosion will be known as the "Abbieann Explosion earthquak2" and the shocks of the terrifice explosions caused strange to say a settling and rising of the lund over a large territory, and partly demolished the cities of Mic-Hollester, Lucillie Ricksen, Clorianna, and a hundred others.

Although most of the region a affected by the shocks of the explosions was a wilderness, which had lived many armies to hide from one another during secret

expeditions and during those dreadful four weeks of horrors, the deviatated regions were visited by Henry pargar, the well Noted demini leader, and many of the christian generals with the expedition of river mining and other engineers. In middle Angeline Vine gtate lived the governor of Angelinia Agathia, and others, be besiden the Mayor of other cities who Fitnessed some of the disaster Ynich ended so tragically at Abbieum and many other big cities. All of these great men left great accounts of what had huppened.

James Cingerore, of Professional may and hild Lave liberator fame, living or working his own time near Abbio. n at the time caw groat blocks of sandstones loomened loosened from a high cliff, two thousand feet above the river crush down

the mountain sides by aid of the moonlight.

An ernormous area throughout Calverinia was affected by the concussion and explosion shock. Far up in the northern wooded country of northwestern Calverinia the population reported that strange earth tremers occured, to the southwest. In other sections as well, the people were terrified by the same quakes, while to the southeast, on the Archburgs and Norma Rin Run Rivers, there was much fear manng the population of cities and towns there there, .. At Angelinia Agathia, five hundred miles awa, , at Dorothy Sale, six hundred miles away, at Pandors seven hundred miles away, and even at grancis Atlanta, and belonged vivian Wickey, at a distance of 2,200 miles slight tremons were felt ...

"I wonder what really occured in the Abbieumn region?" asked gade liffe. "Many doubt it was really explosions, but claim it to be real earthquakes."

"That is hard so they claim, but evidence seems against glandelinia." said Starring. "The real profound in story of the situation is, where did the big flood come from, what really happened to Abbieann, and other places never recovered or brought to light afterwards! There were no hard rocks in any of those regions, all the country was covered by re rich territories, rich ground, beautiful forests, and under the surface of rich loan and chays, there was layer of loose sand and clay down to a depth of over three thougand feet. From the shocks of the explosions so they gaw the great forest trees me moved with branches iterlocked like fields of grain before a terrific gale. Their trunks having no suppleness of youth, fell prostrate, or reclined at grotesque ungles to the earth.

"I don't sae how explosions could produce a y rhythmicmotion of the earth.." "Well | don't see either, but it is said they did, and they claim the rhythmic motion of the earth woo well shown by the long parallel lines of all kinds of trees growing on the low creets of the many rolls in the Abbieumn flood region . The City of winkle laid out by the Angelinians on the banks of the Mic-gollester River was near the center of the earth shocks, and it too fared very badly,, for here the bliffs settled, the river banks caved in and ast of the town was absorbed into the big river. M'n Many who went therefound the place a complete wreck, sunk about thirty feet below its level, and entirely deserted, its its inhabitants with those of the adjac t adjacent country who had fled there for refuge, were encamoed encumped in its neighborhood. They represented their cries as truely very distressing. The whole region could be called the Sodom of Calverinia for every city and town in the main disaster area had been destroyed. The inhabatants of most . of the explosion area however were more fortunate than of the flood region, in that they found eafty innthe in the hills and forests."

THEN sung Pontost Radeliffe ...:

Poor Calverinia, Has been among the furious foe .. Was tom with disusters, pemember this whosever believes, There will be for _landelinia mourning by and by."

So they all went on. As the woods grew thicker they continued on more cautiously, till they came to a sort of glen, where they saw a big bog of quicks and in their way, and seemed withal to extend far beyonf the way and direction which they should, go, and here they knew not which way to go, for the bog was too wide to be passable by turf or sacks or flank planks, therefore here they stood still to consider. consider. And as they were trying to plan of how to even get around the quicks and, Starring said " I believe a way can be found around this quagmire. Why should we stund here like geese ".

"Ridcliffe unswered:

"The bog goes to a great extent, is a mile or so wide, and how d we know of which way to take to go around?"

"Follow me" said Starring. "Lot's try it anyhow."

So they followed him along the edge of the sea of mud, but the further they continued the more wider it beams, and by which edge sometimes almost turned directly in their way, and even turned them entirely out of the way in which they desired to go, so that in a little little time they were far from their course, yet they followed him on. Then suddenly he stopped.

We are sure barricaded "he said. "We might us well be in a net which we can be so entangled that we could not know what to do, Might as well go back, I'm also sure I see myself in an error. Did not one of the mangers bid us beware of a certain

"Yes, and he also ave us a note of directions about the way, for our more surfinding thorsof, but that we have forgotten to to read. But we must try and et out of the path of this quag. We might find a place where we can cross the bog in spite

Just at this noment they espied another but lone forest ranger coming tward them onnhorouback. given he came up to them he halted his horse and asked;

"Miere are you from, and what are you doing here!"

"Starring answered;

"We are a scouting force going tward general Manleys lines to learn of some imports important information, but we find we cannot dross this treacherous quag."

"I understand who you are" said he. "It is a dangerous qued indeed miles deep so they saw. There is no way to cross it unless you bridge it for in either direction it extends for miles and unless you wish to go way out of your way you'll have to go around. Follow me and I'll show you how to get a across. Then I may set you in vour way again."

Eo he first led them back to the place which they had left to try and get around the peat bog. Then he usked them , suing;

"Miere did you rest last night?"

"With a Ranger lookout at his station upon the hills beyond."

"Did not that Ranger give you a note of dire c tion as to how to cross this

"But die did you" said he" when you were at a stand plack out and read your note to see what should be do!"

"No" said starring.

"Thy !"

"I forgot." "Forgot ?"

"Yen. "

"Did not the Ranger bid you beware of coming tward the bog in the first place.?"

"How?

"He did not mention mention anything of a bog. We did not even imagine, that this bog was even here."

Then the ranger led them through a portion of the wood which no one else had even thu thought of, and this done he bid them go on their way, and to take good heed of the other directions of the Ranger Outlook. So they thanked him for all he his kindness, and went softly along the right of way, all of them singing;

> "Come as along all you who seek ad venture: Bee how foolish ones fare who go against asto anture, They are catched in the most dangerous zones,, Cause good council they do not listen too, Tis true we rescue those,

Now after they had continued on a long time through a perfect wilderness, they percieved afur off one coming along on horseback and alone, and he was racing at high speed to meet them. Radeliffe suid to gtarring;;

Yonder is a man that does not look much like a Ranger to me, and he is coming to meet us. Be sure he is not a disguised for. I do not like his looks."

"I see him said " Said Starring, I don't like his looks either, therefore let us all take heed to ourselves now, lest he should prove to be a glandelinian spy in disguise. If we discover he is we'll seize him."

The mun drew, neurer and nreer neurer, and at last came up to them and halted. his horse. As he halted his horse he suluted and asked them;

"There are you going! and are you a scouting party, or men and children out for a stroll in these woods?"

"We do not tell any one whom we doo do not know, where we are going." ans. wered grarring. "But we are seeking adventure. That we can say."

Then the man fell into a very great laughter.

"That the heck is funny about that?" demanded gtarring. "That is the meaning of your laughter. Tell me or I'll command my men-----

"I " said the mun cunnot help laughing, for I laugh to see what ignorant, rush rush and foolish persons you are to take upon yourselves so dangerous and tedious a journey through woods, which you do not know, where hidden dangers 1 .rks, where where are sweeping in all directions, and yet you are not likely to have an thing but digaster for your travels."

"Why mun" said Starring, surprised"Do you think we shall fail on our adventure? That dangers are there to face!

"There are many more dangers to face than any one can tthink of. "..."

"Why man dod you think we shall all perish?"

"Porish-Hardly so. But you also might not succeed in your venture either for what ever be its per purpose."

"Not succeed? Do you think we shall fail?"

"Full. !There is no such thing as success in anything for one who goes through these woods. "

"But there is with the help of God."

"when , was once q spy and scout, I went through all parts of the country, I heard of a lots of disasters going on throughout this state and others,, and from that hearing went out to see, and for months not long ago I had been in the Abbieann flood and explosion disaster region, seeking a way through to Angelinia Agathia for all that time, but found no more of it than I did the first day I set out. The region in many places are still impassable, and sir, where there are no floods our way to the city is cut off by the big forest fires."

"You " said Frodrick Nunce," we all have heard, and believe there has been such

a disaster occured though we have not yet eeen any of it."

"Well sir had I not shen at home, diabelieved of any such thi dissectors, I had not come out this far to seek my way through, but finding no way through, (and yet I should had there been a way through to be found, for I have traveled - much further than, ou, and fought my way through fires twenty times, ; am coming this way now, seeking some opening, and cwill seek to got through, if I have to defy hell to do so. I am on my way to general Vivians lines. The whole country is barricaded off from the world by these disasters.

"Then said Ned Perkins to Fred"is it true what this man eays?"

"Probably he is a friend, said Fred Take heed resember what it had cost us so often already for our not harkening to friends who we meet. He too is a forest lunger. That no danger in those woods. Did we not see from high tree tops and hills that the very country of Calverinia is all aflame. Also are we not going out to reach Munleys lines. Did we not see from a high hill a portion of munleys army. Let us go on 1 a lest some part of the forest fire overtake us again. You should have tought me the leason which will tell you "Couse to vie with such untimely perils, and keep our eyes and ours open. " "I see

"I see" said nance, "I only put the question to you, not that I doubted the truth of his statement myself, but to prove to thee, that there are many dangers to us all if not from fires, then from hidden enemicound he the like. Therefore let us

hope to go o non."

Sturring himself had ordered the troop to go forward, bidding adeau to the lone man, and he waving a war, ing hand at them rede slowly awa. They now continued on untill the, came to a large open in the woods a large open country. The weather by the this time had grown somewhat warmer again, and the condition of the air naturally was enough to make any one drowey. Starring and some others had grown very dull and heavy of sleep, and the guide himself said-

"This warm air makes a person very drowsy, that I can scarcely hold my eyes open, let us all lie down here and take one good map before we proceed."

"Not by any means, said Sturring." If we sleep here and the fire again overtakes us, we'll never wake up again."

"But" said Radeliffe"Sleep is sweet to those who labor and are tired, and if we do take but one little nap we'll be so refreshed e we can go on our journey with better speed and pep... """"""

"Do you not remember some time ago, andnot so long eithers said starring, at me distant time when a little girl known h as Jannie had bro been brought to meral Concentinian Arronburgs lines, and how h when his sentries did not awwatch tch as they should, his whole camp and army was surprised and routed out of the Mio-Hollester woods by a sudden onset of the "Red Plague."! From that experience we curselves should learn that we should beware of sleeping, therefore let us not sleep as did those sentries, but let us watch and be careful."

"We acknowledge ourselves in a fault, and had I been here alone " said Radcliffe I would have probably been asleep, and chanced the danger of death. I see it is true that the wise men suid "Two are better thun one-litherto your company had been my

"Now then" said Walter Starring" to prevent drowsiness in this wa warm place, let us all fall into good discourse."

"With all our hearts." suid Radeliffe.....

"Where shall we begin?" asked Walter.

"Anyplace you desire. But you begin if you please. Tell us something of your experies experience of when the army under general Arrenburg was hit by the fire without

"How do you wish it to be told?"

"Well" said Angeline Richee herself, "I will ask you a question now came you to be in his camps that fatul night, near the Irientown Disaster?" "Do you mean, how came I at first to be i within his camp?"

"Yes that is my " meaning."

"I brought him a disputch."

"And how came you to think at first of so doing the scouting work for him as you

"Do you also mean how came I at first to look after the welfare of the christian

"Well" said generals, that is one thing none of the generals allow me to tell. Yet Icontinued a great while in the delight of those adventures, which even Violet, and her eleters have sent me on, things which as , believe now, would have (had 1 continued in them still. ?) drowned the enemy in perdition and destruction."

"that things were they?"

"I told you I could not tell. Yet when I did many spying depredations I noticed many Clandelinlans generals delighting in much roiting, reveling, drinking, swearing, blusphoming, lying about other, acts of dirtness and uncleaness. Sabbath bt breaking, and what not, that tended to destroy the souland found also by over hearing and considering of many things I watched and observed, that many times if our best of generals did not look out the ontire cause itself was in the gravest danger, and also hearden of man, bgood spies that were put to death for the cause, that the end of all these things for overcautious parties is death or destruction, that all these disputers that afflicted calverinia, and her sister states is caused by everconfidence on the christian generals and the Covernments in general, and that for these things suke the wrath of God cometh some time upon gland@landelinia for all these thingse..... mnnaummunen

"And" asked Jonnie murmer, di" aid you presently fall under the power of such and a convinction. !""

"No, that is not then. I was not willing presently to believe the evil that might or did throaten our country and its cause. Nor the destruction that follows upon the outbreaks of these strange and terrible disasters. But , endeavored, when my mind at first began to be shaken with the news , to shut my eyes against the horror i of it all, thereof....".
"But" usked Angeline ichee" hwhat was the cause of your carrying of it thus

to the first workings of success in any of your undertakings. "?"

"Well" declared starring, " the chudes were---"I was at first somewhat ignorant of the true state of affairs produced by these disasters, as , only had then newspaper details only;-I never thought that by awakening for such news. For it seems that the enemy began the war first with disasters."2 I was therefore mad, for even though Abbigunnia is no birth place of mine, I once being a Foriegner, yet Abbigunnia is very sweet to me, and , was louthe to see all this happen in calverints and her sister states. 3.. I could not tell how to part with my old companions, when I had to go out on the adventures, their presence and actions were so good and desirable to me, but they couldn't come with me.4.. Yet the hours in which full convictions were upon me concerning my duties to find out the originators of these disasters cause me such troublesome and heart affrighting hours and days, that I could not bear, not so much as the remembrance of these upon my heart."

"Well, then it seems, to get rid of your troublesome fears and thoughts you'd go out on this adventure for wlolet, and her sisters !. ! ! ... '

"Yes verily, but nevertheless it would come into my mind again, and then , felt just as bad, may worse, than I was before."

"Why , demanded Radeliffer what was it that brought all these disaster horrors to mind ugain?"

"Muny things, us;

I If , dee did but be a victim of one of these disasters myself or see friends of mine perish. If , did but meet my father and o mother in the streets and see the floods come rushing upon or ; or;

2. If I have felt the effects of reading the news of the disasters, or read of them in magazines books and the like,; or

3...If from the effects of excitement my head did begin to ache; or

4,, If I were told that some of my dearest relatives were flood victims, how , would feel, whether they perish;;;or

5How , would feel if , heard the bells or the tups sound for the many dead flood victima: or

6... If , was a dying victim of me of the terrible explosions, or:

7...If I heard that hundreds of thousands met sudden death what would be the effect woon me or:

8-,-but a especially, when thought of my parent s and myself, that if alandelinia did all these horrid things, flood disasters, forest fire and explosion horror, world record breaking museucres of little children, what would Our plessed Lord say when he brought clandelinia to judgement and all the victime of the war horrors testified against the glandelinians.."

"and could you at anytime with ease start off on this adventure when you first begun, when by any of these awful news the horrors of the war came upon you?"

"No, not lutterly, for at first Violet and her sisters refused to sent me. They said they feared it was a most cangerous task of all. And then if I did but think of going back on my s solf, it would be double torment for me.

And what did you do then?"

""I thought I must endeavor to do what, can to get permission to go on the mission, for else if we do not find out the cause, thought ,, , am sure the Abbieumnium Cause will be of no avail."

"And did your endeavor to obtain the permission?"

"Yes, and at once betook me to the adventure, and many other things I also did too much here to relute."

"And did you think yourself well on the way then. !"

"Yes, for a while, but at last, found my old fushioned troubles coming tumbling upon me again, and that over the neck of all my other experiences. verywhere I went, forest fires interfered with m, purpose."

"How came that about, since you first started out!"

"There were several things brought it upon me, supecially when I milowed myself to be surprised by the advancive of the conflagrations. From whence afterwards I began to reason with mysolf thus,"If the glandelinians will by disasters reasce culverinia like a filthy rag, if by the deeds, no man of landelinia can be at all justified for recleving quarter by our own soldiers, and if when glandelinia has done all, she is yet unprofituble, then tis but fully to think of letting things go just because of a little dangers. I further thought thus, If Clandelinia contonues continues to run wild with her disasters, what will be the thought of the whole world which is shocked already by these catastrophics. By the works of wicked glandelinia no man of her armies are worthy of quarter. when Glandelinia has done all these things, she will even be unprofitable in the war-If she loses the war Abbieannis and the whole world can sue her, and cast all her best officials into prison untill she pays the damages and the fines."

"Well, and how did you apply this to yourself?"

"Thy said Starring, I thought those with myself, Glandelinia has by her sinful war ran all the way into Gods great Record Book, and that by more reforming will not in no means pay off that score, therefore she most think still under all her prs present wicked movements, that she can not be freed from that damanation, that she had brought upon horself in danger by all her formor war horrors and trangress ions untill she pays the last farthings. """

"A very good application, but pray go on."

"There was another thin, that had troubled me, even since my lateer d later discoveries, and that was if I looked into the bost of what the Abbieannian Government could and does do now. I still see disaster, new disaster threatening despite the best the Abbieunnians could and do accomplish........... So that I um now forced to conclude, that notwithstanding the former efforts on the part of the very Abbieunnium government, Clandelinia has been able to q accomplish enough horrid crimes in one month to send the whole blandelinian nation to hell, though her former life might have been faultless."

"And what did you do then general????""

"Dot1 could not do a thing, of or think of do Indoing anything, and therefore before before setting out on my mission I broke my roubles to Yiolet, and her sisters , for thmy and , am well acquainted, and they told me that unless, they I, or some one else, no mutter who it be could obtain the o information leading to the full and direct apprehension of the glandelinian generals or aurthorities responsible for the disasters, neither Abbisannia, nor all the concentration of the world itself, could save Abbicannia from a defeat, and the fulli devastion of the Southern ctates und so forth "

"And did you feel sure Violet, and her sisters spoke the truth?"

"Had they told me so when I first believed all the news to be exaggerations I might have called them a fools pack, but now since , heard so much about it from books, elegrams, and so forth, I have been forced to be of their own opinion."

"But did youthink, when at first they suggested thatbyou should try your luck at the expedition, that there was any hopes of obtaining such kind of information, or that such men who were responsible for the disasters would be found, of whom it might be justly suid; That they are fully responsible more than even the wicked, and cruel glandelinian government. "?

"I must confess" said Starring, that these words at first sounded strangely, but after a little more talk and company with them, I had full conviction of it. "And d d you ask them if they were goingto try it also, and how they might succeed?" "No. I did not hink of it at the time. Yet they always suspected hat the that the responsible ones must be the Munleys, and said "iolet-" You must be justified in your judgement first though even by spying on either one as best as possible. for rush judgement on no condition pays. "I asked them further "How does it seem possible that the enemy could be fully responsible, if no one can bring any evidence against him. ! And they told me "Munley is the mightiest of generals operating the Western Drama of the war, and did what he did in all things known of him already since he first became chief commander, to whom his doings, and the wicken w ckedness of them, should be placed only on him."

"And what did you do or say then?"

"I at first made my objections against my believings of the true ature of thr of the true nature of the disasters, for that I thought, no one was willing to do anything to save the ptions cause nations cause."

"And what did one or my o may of the Vivian Girls say to you then?" "They advised me to try it myself then. Then I said "It is presumption for any one

to try such a dangerous game." but they said no nor they desired me to go on the adventure f ofor their sakes at least. Then wielet gave me a book that was written by some one who went through one of the flood disasters, to encourage me all the more to go, and she said concerning that, book, Thut every thing of its detail, and title thereof stood firmer of truth in the disaster them may one else who could have written my other books. Then I asked her"What must I do when I succeeded in reaching general Munleys lines, and they told me I must do all _ can to find out those guilty of the disasters. Then I asked her further, how I could obtain any means to do so, and she told me to go and , will find some way to accomplish it, but she said to accomplish it I must go and always entrate the upon my knees continually stif with all my heart and soul, Our pleased Lord to reveal the secrets to me for the good of the cause. Then asked her further "How must I make my petition to Him?" and she said, go as we advise but I said that I knew not what to say when I

when I tried to do sp., and she bid me b say to this effect, "God have metry upon our good and hely country, and help me to learn who the responsibile parties were, for y see that if it is not found out, and the disasters continue, the country itself

might as well be a latterly be cast away. Lord I have heard that Thou art a Merciful God, ad has orderned that Thy gon Jesus Grist, should be the Savier of the world, and more over that Thou art willing to bestow upon any good ass a blessing, theref therefore dearest Josus y so my God take this opportunity, and magnify Thy Grace in the saving of our nely nation from such ruin, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

"And did you do as you were bidden, ????"

""yes, over and over again....."

"And you have not succeeded in any part of the mission yet?"

"Not us jot. I have not reached Manleys army yet."

"bhat do you intend to do now?"

"what?" said gtarring. "Thy I cannot say what I'm going to do. #"

"I hope you have not left off praying!".

"No. "

"And what is the rousen you did pt??????"

"I believe" said starring, that that was true which had been told me to wit, that without any one being successful in the important mission like mine, all the world could not save Abbicannia from defeat, ad therefore I thought I with my own efforts could succeed, I am do something that would be as record breaking news for the world, as the flood and other disasters have been. And if I was captured, and i die the death of a spy I can but die at the throne of God. And withal this came into my mind" If it takes time to succeed in anything, by to succeed just the same, because somer or later success will soon come, and then it will come tenfold, so I continued praying, untill Our Blessed Lord caused me to recieve some help and direction from general Concentinium Arronburg."

"and has any of the disasters, especially like that of abbie ann revealed to you."
"I did not see my of the disasters with my beauty eyes,, but y have read a good deal of them, and thus it was one night I had a drown and it was thus;;

"I was waking along the bas banks of the mighty porms liver, and was very end. I think much sadder than may time of my whole life, and this sudness was through a fix fresh sight of the greathness and horror and vileness of the recent big disaster that swept Abbieum off the map, and as I was then locking for orbining but the end of all for Calverinia and her dister states, and a probable defeat of our cause, and the overlasting impression of it on the whole world, suddenly as I thought I saw the apparitions of many of the slain children killed by the enemy in massacres looking down pon me from neavon, and one of them saying;

"Believe on the Lord Jesus christ, and have faith in thy undertaking, and Abbieannias Holy cause will be victorious. You will will, for we ourselves slain by the wicked ones will help you also. "Put I replied"Eut the undertaking I am asked to accomplish is very great and fficult and difficult, and can - succeed?" and that I observed from that saying saying "Ho that trusts in Our alessed Lord will never fail, that His aid is sufficient for thes, and that and that he hat comes to wim in seeking for aid, shall never be disuploifed disappointed, and gev he that Believes in yim shall nover fail. "Then the water came to my eyes, and , asked further" at children dear may my mission be a saving for the cause if I win?" And I heard them say, "And those that believe shall be accepted. "And from all which , gathered that I must look to him for help, and to be thankful for H9s His intercession. And now my heart was full of joy, mine eyes full of teurs and my affections running over with love to the name, people and ways of Our Blessed Lord. He is always on the side of the righteous causes to every one that believes , He died for the sins of all, and rose again for our redemption, He loves us all and wahses us from our sins in His own blood, and therefore these who have no faith in wim do not understand. "

"This might have been a revelation of the di dead children to your coming success, but tell me particularly what effect this had upon your spirit."

"Well" suid Sturring. It made me see that all of Glandelinia is in a state of condennation, it also made me see that Our Blessed Lord is really on our side. It made me greatly ashamed of my small faith, and confounded me with the sense od of my oun ignorance, for there had never came a thought to me of such hope for success. It made me love my life of adventures for His Sake, made me love a holy life and long to do something great and brave for the honor and glory of the name of our Blessed Lord Yea, I thought that had I now a million gallons of blood in my body, I could spill it for his sake and for my countrys sake."

As they continued on Radcliife looked back, and saw the girls whom whom they had accidentally looked left some distunce behind coming after and talking among

"Look " said he to turring. "How far we have left jut our girl friends behind."
"Yes, I see Let's stop untill they rejoin their company."

"gut I am surprised that they did not know that we were FAR ANEAD OF THEM, other wise they would have kept page with us hitherto."

"That's true" said Starring "But I believe they were so busy in their own converge voonversation that they did not notice us going far aheadd."

"That I think is possible, but however lot us tarry for them."." So they did."

"Then said Starring.""Come on girls. Why do you stay so behind?"
"We did not know you were going so fust." said Angeline Ric es, (both g rls locking surprised. "Where were you going. Were in you in a hurry."

"No" said Radeliffe But come now Lot's have a vise convergation low stands it in your opinion about the situation between Calverinia and her sister states now?" "Yes, 2 faid Jennic Turmer" "Also when others are in conversation we take it a dutiful pleasure in "riding t; carselvs ourselvess even more a great deal in company or than in company values we are permitted to remain, it is not right to be too close to listen in on other peoples conversation alless allowed to join in."

"But what is your opinion to my question????"

"I hope well, for I should be elways full of good opinions, that come into my mind to comfort me when , ride along during an adventure."

"that good opinions! Pray tell us. "

"Why think of what could be done to avert future disasters for the good of our country. "Said Jonnie Turmor.

"Yes, so do the Clandelinians and all their leaders think of doing all they can to continue the disasters despite all our efforts..."

"Ext $_1$ think if your mission is successful, we can succeed in preventing it." "So do many who are never likely to make success in any kind of undertaking, or who are likely to come to the fee lines, the best of the spires desire success and had not successful."

"But I think with the aid of God and the Intercession of His Blassed Mother we will see you successful."

What makes you think that?"

"My because , think of help from God and heaven."

"So do the Clandeliniane hope to frustrate as even with the help of the wicked devils and dammed souls...."

"But I think of the aid from Heaven and desire it."

So did many christian spies, but they never reached the enemy lines, the best of us so fur had desired, and had nothing for our paims paims."

"Put we all think of some hopes of success, and left all for the sake of our Countrys Call."

"That I do not doubt of course, but you know going through stirring and dangerous adventures is some somewhat a hard matter, you a much harder matter than many are even aware of But why or by what, are you persauded, that we who have left all for God and our countrys cause will succeed in the long run."

"My heart and faith in God tells me sc."

"Yes, " declared Starring" but the wise man said, "They that trust their own heart are fools."

"This is spoken of evil hearts, but I hope mine is a good one."

"But how can any me prove we'll be successful, when our mission is just started."
"My continued prayers for success comforts me, in the hopes of pe plenty of mid
from heaven."

"That may be true, but how can any ones heart minister comfort to him in the hopes of that thing called success, for which they have yet no grounds for to hope when such an adventure is just in its infancy."

"But I and Violet, and her sisters, and the other girl scout leaders have agreed together, and therefore my hope is well grounded."

"Who else said that you and the Vivian Girl Princesses usreed together?" "They have told me so."

"Ask me if , be an unsuccessful spy-Violet, and her sisters told these so. Except the words of Violet, and her sisters beareth witness in this matter, other testimony is of no value."

"But is it not a good mind that can bring forth good thoughts and plans. And is not that a good hardy and brave life, the that is according to the commercation of the nution?"

"Yes that is a good and mind that brings forth good thoughts and plans, and that is a good brave life that is according to the commoration of others, but it is one thing indeed to try and have these, and unother thing to find you do not accomplish anything after all."

"Pray, what makes you think on the counting of good and reliable thoughts and plans, and a life according to the commercation of others somethimes sometimes does not bring success?"

"There may be good thoughts and plans of divers kinds, some respecting the making of plans, some of knowing the ins and outs of all parts of the country, and many other things and so on."

"What be good thoughts respecting the making of plans."

"guch as agree to the making of plans that will bring success in any kind of undertaking."

"when do our thoughts agree with the knowledge of the ins and outs of all parts of the country."?

"When we are so well educated that we can go through any part of the country no matter how strange it might be without geting getting lost. To explain it more fully, Violet, and also her sisters have said of personal opies in a nu natural condition. "there is none in the christian lines yet personally professional, not even the members of the cemini, there is none that do the work so perfectly as you and your girl companions have done it. They said also that every imagination you have worked to success when planned, that your intentions were also a success and evil in consequence to the enemy, and that continually, the reason why even your shadow or a trace of your horse is a terror to the glandelinians, which you know. And again "Your deprodutions upon the enomy never was a failure. Now then, when I think of this having sense thereof, then our thoughts are good and successful ones, because we can do it with a hearty good will. If you and your two friends did not come with us I do not think we would have gone as fur as we have."

"I will never believe that I am so much of a girl scout as all that." "Therefore you never know yournelf no others therefore know you K Jennie-But let mme go on. As a person makes a plan, and passes a judgement upon the outcome of the plan, so he also passes a judgement upon the result of the plan and what it will accomplish, and when our thought scof our successes, and the nature of our adventures agree with the judgement, which the works of the plans give to both, then are both good, because agreeing thereto "

"Make out your meaning." said Angeline Bishes herself.
"Whit everythins we try to accomplish, is usually from the fact that also mans was ways are the best ways, not too good, not too bad but perverse. They naturally are out on a good othering adventure, and yet they have not known it. New when a spy thinks he can be successful and yet is not professional, I say when he does sensibly and with heart hemiliation thus think, then maybe later he may have good thoughts according to his plans, because after his experience his thoughts no now agree, with the passing judgement of the plans."

That are the good thoughts concerning the passig passing judgement of the

"Even as , have said concerning ourselves, when our thoughts of our adventures do agree with what the words are said of it, and that is, when we think of its success through the help of God of when _ cannot now discourse at large. But to s en speak of Him with reference to His help for us, then too we have the right thoughts for the success of our adventures, especially when we believe He knows our necessities better than we do ourselves, and can see danger staring as in the face when and where we can see none carselves, when we know He knows our innermost thoughts, and that our hearts with all their dopths are always operanto His eyes, also when we think that all our efforts are only through His help, and that for the good of country and for our souls and walfare as well He cannot abide to see as at stand before Him and His people in any confidence, even of all our best performances if through failing we had failed through lack of faith in Him and his Aid, """

"Do you think that any one would be such a fool as to try a adventurous miss ion as to even then think God would fail him, when he would even then not come to

Come to aid him in the best of his renformances!"

"Why what makes you think in this mission such a means would be a failure!" "Thy to be short, we must always believe in His aid whether he gives us help or not."

"Well you may be right on that, for it is foolish to try anothing without His help when you see your need of Him. Those who never see my original or actual infirmities of impending danger in adventures, and yet has such an opinion of him self and what he has to do, and yet has no faith in god, plainly renders it to be for himself a person that never did see a necoemity of Christs personal aid, whon a remons adventure is jut justified. If a person is like that how can he say he balleves in brist?"

"They do not believe well enough for all that?"

"How do you believe?"

"I believe that Christ died for all of us, and that all those who do gis will in the face of all difficulties and troubles, shall be rewarded, through his gracious acceptance of their obedience to Hig Law, but just the same they must have faith in Him otherwise how can be be fully justified. To deserve help they must have fuith. Those that believe with only a fantastical faith, might as well believe in a false faith, because it can take all jutelfication from the personal righteousness of that person, and applies t it to the one who believes not. Therefore we who have the right faith, puts us upon flying for refuge unto christ for ald in our dire needs, by which we can hope for better hope of success."

"no you think Abbisunnia will be such a fool as to let all these disasters go without punishing glandel in in 70r that the world itself would allow our Cause to be defeated by such a foul fee after she has created such wicked performances." asked Radeliffo, of Jennie.

"Why how doe you think in this matter?"

"Why to be short I believe Abbieunnia such demand satisfaction."

"How do you think Abbicannia should demand satisfaction, when she has not been able to see only one third of the disaster because of all communications being cut off. Nade liff you neither see the original or actual situations of the affair, but has an opinion of it yourself, and what the enemy has done, without being a p witness to it, which plainly renders you to be one that never did see one of the disasters, or a necessity of the nation to demand a redress dor for it, tobjustify the whole affair before our pleased Lord. When all is cut off, by floods fire, and so forth, how then do you say" Abbleannia can be avenged."

"I believe well enough for all that , that Abbieannia can find a way. "Said gtarring.

"How do you believe that?" asked padeliffs himself while the girls looked at him in surprise.

"Ibelieve that Abbieannia can find a way, by pontoons, by forcing the foe el prisoners to rebuild all the railroads injured by the disasters, and that for all she does and may do Abbieunnia because of the holiness of her cause may be fully justified before god, from the " sin of revenge", through the causes of what Glandelinia has done in conta contrary to the obedience of the Law for givilized warfare, and so shall she be justified."

"Lot me give an answer to that" said Angeline Richee. "Thea Starring believes with a fantuatical faith, that Abbieunnia can sond in vast armies despite all communications being cut off, but this faith is beyond hope so far as the situation goes, and if it is accomplished it is a tremendous miracle.

You believe even almost to presumption, because it takes a unusal miracle to justify such a prediction, because it takes a lot of work, lots of material and so forth to either move across the floods by pontoons and boats or by going through other devastated places, and this applies even to only a small summount, and can all prisoners be forced to work and not count themselves as being made 1 sluves too.

That prediction of yours, makes not so much as a hope for such a thing to occur untill everything is restored almost whole, and therefore such a prediction cannot be justified. ..othing short of a miracle can even stop glandelinia from making these disasters. Therefore all these hopes is only decaitful to you and would ulso be to us, even such as will leave the whole of Abbiemnia to face of such a problem but nevertheloss clandelinia too shall and will face wrath and fury in the day of god Almighty, for true justifying P punishment of a wicked person in dire danger, and all those who will fly for refuge to christ for safty, I say it can be so, and by it such a believe be prosented as dangerous for your and our safty, and acquit from condemnation."

"What" said Angeline ichee," would you have us trust to the fact that Abbiemnia cunnot do anything in the face of difficulties! This conclet would place all of us in the gravest danger, and tolerate all of us to live as playes of glandelinia, for what matter how great the disasters may have defeed the country and rained all our railroads, if we and our government can see a may way to acc accomplish things through all those difficulties, when we believe it can be so!"

"Yes" said sennies for dangerous is the situation throughout the whole of the State of Calverinia, and us her name is, so art the whole world fearing, even all the past disasters, those still going on , and the fury of the war itself demonstrate what say. Territle is the citaation everywhere, and as dangerous is the situation of the war itself, through the ensuing results of it, from the heavy disasters thus coming and goin going. Yea many of as are injunignorunt of the true effects of all those calculities, which has devestated nearly the whole of Calverinia till this day Ignorant most of us are of what the disasters really did to their fullest octimate, and as their results are, so art their consequence to the final ignorant we are also of what justifying rightequeness is for Abbieannia to sook redress, and as ignorant are we, how to secure means to see that time come, to see alandelinia face the heavy wrath of God."

"Ask her, if she has ever seen any of the disasters?" asked one of the

"That are you seeking such an adventure too. I do believe that what you und all the rest of you may say about my boing a witness of that disaster is but the fruit of distracted brains. Thy man, I can furnish proofs of that any time you wish and nothing is so hid from as concerning such disasters, that they cannitbe cannot be known, and therefore everything I may must be true."

"Yes" said Angeline pichee. "That is the very fact, even if it is not mine own statement but yours, jet I loubt not, for it is as good a fact as anothing for I too was there with you?"

"Give me leave to put in a word" said Sturring to the soldier "You ought not so lightly or so slightly speak of this matter, for this will bodily affirm" even as the two girl scouts have done, than no one can give any discription of such a disaster as they have done but that they were there to be partikers of, yea, and fortunate eurylyone too, by which Heaven helped to be, therefore their statement must be wrought by the exceeding greatness of the disaster, of the floods mighty power, the workings of which disasters, I percieve my poor man you are ignorant of How many have flod to the bord Jeu Jesus during such a calamity and hoped by His righteousness, which is the righteousness of God, for He himself is God, hoped to be delivered from such a horror."

They went on now for some distance, and then said tarring to the colonel "It pitles me mch for the results of this awful war so far, especially in poor culverinia. If I do not succeed in my mission, it will certainly will go ill with our cause at last."

"Well-said Nunce"There are abundance in our Christian armies, ho who would strive to do the same thing knowing that the whole of Culverinia has been placed in this condition by the enemy, whole armies of themD(and that of the Gemini too) and if there be so many in our arms s armies, how many think you must there be in the glandelinian armies would would also try to learn if any one was out looking for the inc information you are searching for!"

"Indeed as violet, and her eisters saidd; The Gemini have tried and not yet made any, success . Nog that our conversation with the girls is done for a time, what do you think of the situation. And what do you think of the Gemini leaders. Have they at any time think you convictors of dreadful consequences because of these disasters, and so consequently feare that the situation is dangerous in galverine?"

"May it is better for you to answer that question yourself sir, for you are some --what older than , am.

"Then I can say sometimes as I believe, they may, but being naturally wise may also underOthest and that such convictions may tend to their good, and therefore they would and do make desperate efforts to succeed in thi their own missions, and do so at any risk."

"I do believe as you say" said mance that fears of something impending tends much to our good, and to make us all do the right thing for our cause, even at their beginning, to continue on unadventure or an undertaking untill it is a good auccons.

"Without all doubt that is pracible" said Starring, if it be the right kind of kind of a mission. The fear of anything they say is the based inning of wisdom." "How will you describe the right kind of fearf????!"asked Ned Perkins himself.

"True or right four of impending dangers to the countrys cause is discovered by four things.

"I .. By the disasters already c occured.

"By the rise of the four itself of more. It is also caused by the saving conviction for future disasters and i their consequences.

2. By the strength of the foe, and his ability to do anything worse than even the disasters of the past. This four drives even the best of christian spies to las lay fast hold of Pitetional prayers, and begging of christ for the salvation of the st stricken nation ad her and her states.

3. The nature and power and phrewdness of the Glandelinian generals, and all the Retainers, Staff and body guards under them. Their knowledge of country and

4.... The fear begettoth and continues in the soul a great fear of what may come in the near future, ad making them afraid to not be watchful enough, or cause the

enemy to gain the upper hand." "That was well suid" declared Radeliffe himself. "We all believe general you have

said the truth. Are we now far from being in the path of the firen now. "? "No, I do not think so" said starring, but I would know if it came near. Put let us return to our matter flow many spies know that such unusual convictions that tend to but them in four of disasters if they are not successful in their mission are for their good, for therefore they seek to do what they are sent out for ad do 1 not let all hell stop them."

"How do they sock under such difficulties!"

"They think that those fears are wrought by God for the good of the nation and their own, and thinking so they give in to their feurs, for feur that to not to succeed would meanfor their cause a complete and awful overthrow. They also think that those feurs tend to the spoiling of everything else, and therefore they hardentheir hearts to fear of anything else but failure. They presume they ought not to four any danger whatever, or any difficulty, ad and t and therefore in spite of them, become confident of success with God's help. They see also that these fours tend to take away from them their fours of danger, and therefore they strive with all their might to accomplish their mission....."

"Well I know something of this myself" suid Fredrick Hunce, " for before , knew

mygelf it was so with me.

"Let's full upon another profitable question?" said Angeline Riches.

"With all my heart" said Fredrick Hance," but you shall begin" "Bell" then " said she, " did you not know about a few years ago, one by the name of Gringigore in the christian camps, shaho is a powerful member of the Gemini anda great spy?"

"Know him? yes he always works with pargar, or schloeder."

"You are right" said starring. "He works always with pargur, or schloeder. Well that mun was awakened to a sense of great peril once. I believe then he had some sight of the peril his country was in, and of the consequences that was due thereto, that is the reason he never stops e an even to this day in his efforts a find out what the enemy is u to."

"I am of your opinion to, said Radcllife," for I spied on the enemy about two miles from him, and he would often times come to me, and that with many tears to see so many child slaves in the Clandelinian camp and no one to help them. Tri truly pitied them, and was never without hope for them, but I one day suggested suggested that he could easily free them on or during his ex ed expeditions if he would pose us a place traider or owner and so on during the time and se them and use them as his confederates, and when the time came to leave he coll could oasily take them with him."

"Und he told me once" said Sturring, that he was resolved t resolved to go on in his mission, but not the time or kind we do, then all of a sudden he hit upon a sort of plun, and then as even all say and even Glandelinians testify he became to the enemy extremely dungerous gome say he is more dreaded than even

"He told me once" said angeline michee, that he was resolved to find out the most important arrosses of the enemy under any conditions, and even as you are so determinedto do also, but one day he went into general manleys lines as I have heard heard, with plenty of money, (where he got it no one knowe () but it was glundelinia money, and with it he bought from one of the generals a whole column of child slaves which he apparently worked to their fullest, while in secret they secured for him plenty of good own which he desired to know, and then one day semetime after a little child clave known as Jannie was sold to him, he Houppeared from the glandelinia cump fr with the whole lot."

"Now since we are talking about him" said gtarring, let us inquire a little into the reason of the swiden sisappearance from the camp of gingigere and the little

child slaven."

"It may be very profitable, but do you begin " said Fredrick hance.

"Woll, then continued turning, there " there are in my judgement for reasons of

First... Then he had the children with him quite a time, and he had been quite successful in his expedition, the conscience of his purpose was thus awakened, and having all he wished to know, he desired to leave, but for what they had done for him he desired to ske take them with him also, wherefore he left the camp with thm them all. This I day being but for his countrys cause by virtur virtus. only not because of lave alone but of the sense and fears of the results if the ruin by the enomy continue, his four for the perils he may face chills and cools, so that his desire to give up his expeditions cools also. So then it comes to pass, then shon when their fear is gone, they renume their course again.

Second Another reason is, they have or he had clavish fears over what the onemy had done because of the disactors, that overmastered him. I speak now of the fears that he had of the results of the many disasters caused by the esmy which he had heard of So then though he was hot for his countrys cause, he was still hot more hotter, when the flumes of an earthly hell is all about them, then when he heard of more greater clumm; calamities occuring he betook himseld to second th. ughts, namely that it is good to be wise, and not to shirk the duties or run the huzard of looing all for the cake of a little four, or at least of bringing himself into unavoidable and unecessaries of troubles on a charge of cowardice , and so he fell in to all his worth, and for the glandelinians became the greater greatest danger there is.

Third.... The shume that attends cowardice lies also as a block in their way-lie became more during, and crafty, and all the enemy door is low and contemptable, therefore when they have committed the hellish doeds of disasters, he went forth to

larn who were responsible and why, and how they did it.

Fourth The horrors of the disasters was enough to meditate terror to him, to be very gravious, he must have seen much of the minery caused by some of the disasters, and might have been one of those who even experienced one of the great disasters. Though perhaps the eight of cone disaster at first might have appalled him, the others might have increased his appreh naion, and learning of how many have retreated from forest fires, how many are homeless because of all the disusters, he even then shumned the thoughts of fear of a foe in this matter, therefore when ever he had an opportunity he went to work with a will, and choosed such ways as would give him better success."

"You are pretty near the business" said Starring, for the bottom of al is law all is, that he became a great spy. And therefore to the enemy he is like the felon that stands defiant before the judge, but he does not quake and tremble, he does not repent at all of what he has done, for the bottom of all is, t the four of what may come to Abbieunnia if these disasters in Calverinia continue, not any detestation of his designs missions, as is evident, because let this man loose on his work, and to the Olundelinians he will be a dire dunger, and so a dangerous soy still, whoreas if he was a timid man his mind would be changed otherwise. "Now" said Hance, "I have shown to you the reason of his going frequently to

apy on the enemy, do you show me the munner thereof.....

"I will do so most willingly" said Starring.

I. When he seard heard of the disasters, he drew of all his very thoughts, all that he might from the remembrance of such things as a good clandel inia, soldier, and he'd rather face death and judgement thun fail in his purpose. 2... Then he custs off by degrees, all other purposes, us mere scouting,, writing plans,, sutching enemy movements, and the like, but eases the fee camp for such

3....Then he pretends to mingle in with the company of glandelinianiumofficers to secure better information, and gets it or knows the reason why.

4... After that he grows cold to poril, and does anything. 5, then he begins to pick holes as we say in the coats of some of the highest foe generals, and that cloverly, that he might have a seeming color to threw their cause behind their bucks. Expectally for the sake of some infirmity he might have

6... Then to obtain the more desire! information, and that is of the responsible ones who caused the disasters, he pretends to adhers to, and to associate himself with these cural, loose and wanton Clandelinian officers.

7.... Then he protends to give way to carnal and wanton discourses in openeos, and fortunate indeed would be the glundelinium generals if they could see his real

purpose, but the, don't, and he more boldly does his work. 8... After this, he begins to play with the Elandelinian officers more openly. 2... Then being fortified, he trupps thom and shoes them who he is Thus being launched into the galf of his own passion, they to save their lives alow themselves to be his priceners and tell some things, and aloss they are not rush they do revoil all, or period at his own hands in their own efforts to decieve so dangerous

a man...."

By this time Sturring and all his followers had entered what appeared to be a very large clearing in the forest, a clearing miles wide, and many miles long, where for a change the air was very sweet and pleasant,, a large pathway lying directly through it, and here they desired to remain for a while and rest themselves, for rest they needed budly. And being some distance off new from the forest fires, they even heard here continually the signing singing of birds, and sus beautiful flowers growing, and heard other sounds that showed that at least there was life in this part of the forest. But here the sun though it did shine yet did not shine very bright, for the thick emoke have was heavy still in the sky, but it seemed they were far beyond the " forested Valley of the Shadow of Deuth,, and also out of reach of any wing of the fire, neither colld could they from this place so much as soo the nearest wan of the frightful Red Plug-se-Here they hoped to be within sight of any part of general Manleys camps, of which they were housing for, but as they continued on they were again joined by some of the forest rungers, for because of the situation all forest rangers were continually on patrol, because any part of the forest was menanced. Here plenty of crops wild crops but edible were growing, even corn for in this clearing they met with abundance of what they had sought for in all their travels. Here they heard voices of all kinds of singing birds, and as they rested for a space in this clearing, they felt they had more rejoicing then anywhere also they had been, to which they hoped to be bound, and drawing nearer to the best part of the clearing they had a sudden view of a camp of some kind at some distance away.

It was formed of the christian style, and they wondered what it could have been-.They lay down for quite a while, and then being strengthened and rested, they decided to continue on their way, and came yet nearer and nearer, where there orchards, vinoyards, and gardens, and a for houses, and the appearance of a large long highway Now as they came up to these unusual places, beheld some men appeared

and asked the party to hult, and domanded whom they were;

"Starring answered;

"We are from general Concentinian Arrenburge lines. We are making a long dt detour to have an easy change to spy onManleys army. Whose vineyards and gardens are

One of the men then answered They are ours, and are planted here for our delight and also for the so ace of solace of travelers."

The men then allowed them to enter into the vineyards, and bid them to refresh themselves with the dainties. He also showed them a new and better route through the forest, and here they tarried and slept. Now through the exciting times they continually had some of them began talking more vin more in their their eleesep sleep at this time than ever they did in all their journey. When the next morning approached and they awoke, they addressed themselves to go up to the distant camp.go as they went on, they were met by two sentries in uniform of the dark Calverinian gray (plandelinian Glandelinian). After recieving the answer to thr the challenge these sentries, asked Starring, whence he and all his followers came, and he told them, showed his pass. Then the sentries asked them where they had lodged the night before, what difficulties and dangers, and what comforts and pleasures they had met in the way, and they told them, and also of their mission.

Then the sentry said;;; "You may have two difficulties to meet with before you can enter the camp." Then Starring, asked the sontries to go along with them, but they told them they cannot leave their post. So they continued on being petmitted to puss, untill they came within eight of the camp. But between them and the camp was a river, there were no pontoons over it, and the river was very wide and very deep. At the sight of this river therefore, the adventurers were much stounded, and they begun to inquire, if the stream was bigger, and longer thun it seemed, whether it would guard the cump as hoped for in case a fire cumo up. They were told by the guards that it probably wound. Starring, however begun to doubt in his mind , and looked this way and then, but no way could be found, by which the river seemed narrow. They then ash asked the men if the waters were all of a depth. The sentry said;" Mo yet it would help in that case, for it might be shallow or dosper asaccording to its size and through where it runs.

Then they arged their horses into the water. A, and entering they all started across but as they passed on to the middle of the stream, Starring said to sed parkins who was riding alongside;

"Some timen I am groatly discouraged over the effects of both the Abbiemn and Angelinia Authia disasters, because the communication throughout all of our stutes are still cut cut off and no one can get into any intercourse with either ans imi angeliniu aguthiu, or Dorothy Gule. I believe the billows of the big flood just pust has gone over the city entirely. I wonder if that city with the Emperor and avery one has been wipud out."

For a few minutes there was silence as they continued on through the water and

then Fredrick , once said;

"Be of good cheer my brother, I believe all will be good bye and by. That city can't cannot be wiped out."

"Yes, but it seems to me that the sorrows of Calverinia, have compassed the world itself in every direction, that a land that flowed with " milk and honey" is a thing of the past, that a great darkness and horror has fallen upon all our war torn states, that it is possible the population has almost lost its senses. But all seems lost and , acmetimes cannot help but doubt. All the words that ; have heard tends to discover that the population itself has horror of and, and hearty fears that all should perion in that state by the hand of such an enemy, that the national armies may nover win the war and drive the fee out, and that makes me full of the troublesome thoughts of all the disasters of the past even from the wars infancy,

, both since and before the Buttle of Evangel inia grania."
"Yes, such things sooms posible said Bance, "for Calverinia is like a drowning victim and por Abbieannia has much ado to i keep her sisters head above water yea, sometimes it seemed ohe had been gone quite down, and then ere ambile she would rice up again half dead. But he comforted General, for now, see the camp much closer, and a column of officers mounted on horses waiting to recieve vs un;"

but starring answered;

Tis poor Calverinia, worry about, but you have been hopeful since I knew you You must help me win my adventure.

"And so you shall have my help" said Fredrick Nanco.

"Ah Comd Commade" said starring, "If I was sure of success, Calverinia would be saved from future horror, and I must asked our Blessed Lord to help me, for bacause of being unprepared Glandelinia has brought poor Calverinia into the awf al snare, and has left hor desolute. "

"Then its all the better for the future" said Nance"Hy comrade you have forgotten the text where it is said of the wicked nations"They have all their own way in wars at the very start, but in the end their downfall is tenfold. At the beginning they are not troubled like the good nation, neither are they plagued with disusters like the Christian Countries they war with. These troubles, horrors, and distresses that Calverinia has gone through, are no sign that God has fora forsaken such a fuithful stae state but are sent to try the people, whether you will call to mind that which heretofore she has recieved of His goodness, and live pon Him in her distressess."

Starring was now in a muse for a while, to whom also Fredrick Nanco added these words;;;;;;

"Be of good cheer, as Jesus Christ maketh thee whole, so will we turn the tide of the war in favor ou of our side later."

They all presently found go grounf for their horses to stand upon, and so it followed that but the rest of the river was not very doep. Thus they finally got over, over. Now upon the bunk of the river, on the odder side, they suw a line of men in Calverinium uniforms who stood there waiting for them, and when they finally mounted to the shore the Captium of the men caluted them, saying,

"We have been sent forth to recieve you into the camp."

Then they went along tward the camp Now the camp stood upon a long high hill but the hill was of such gentle r grade that the horses went up that hill with ouse. The horses wit went up which with much agility and speed, talking again as they went, the venting, being more comforted, because they saftly got over the big river, and had such glorious companions to attend them......

STARRING HESSIEARS MORE ABOUT THE EXPLOSIONS MAT APPIEANN, AND ALSO THE MACHETIC DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION. HE HEARS ALSO OF A GEMINIAN EXPEDITION TO THE ECEME OF THE EXPLOSIONS.

The Conversation they had with the soldiers in this camp-the-lamp was continually about the nature of the forested country, the progress of the past forest fire the war, n and disactors to cometh, and they answered that the horrors of the past disasters and the raging forest fires, and even the fary of the war itself was inexpressible. "There at Abbieann, from where we camped thirthy miles northwest of is the heart of the war disusters, the new so culled hellish region, the place on unknown but innumerable deaths, and the spirts of nations appalled, but which center of disasters the enomy will pay for dearly some time to come. You are going now, on your way as weclearned, to the Glundelinian camp under either one of the Manleys, wherein you shall try to obtain all information possible about the cause... and responsibility of the disasters, and of how they did it, and when you come there we know you shall have to disguise as Glundelinian chieftians, and your wak walk and talk shall have to be like the glandelinians, even all the days you shall be in the glandelinian camps. There you may not see again for a long while u such thing as you saw when in the christian lines, or when you were passing through here,,, to wit, good times, friendly persons, and so forth. You are going now to general Johnston Jacken imleye lines, or to his some or brothers, men that the world itself believes knows something about the disasters, if not responsible themselves, and who are now trying to Foop everything secret about it.

Starring asked his guide;

"put what do you suppose we could do to succeed in our mission? It is very difficcult you know."

"Why you might have to prevent to be pretend to be with them in all they are, you must recieve and obey all their orders as far as possible without going too far against the laws of your own country, and have patience for your difficulties you might meet with, you must reap what you have sown, then even the fruit of all your prayers, and tours and suffere satferings will be of some good. In Manleys camps you will have to wear uniforms and huts of Glandelinian generals, and restend to enjoy your serving them, for only in that measure will you see any opportunity to secure what you ever are after. There also to hide your identification ou man may have to servie the Higher Glandelinian generals continually, otherwise your mission will meet with much more difficulty, because of the peril of the undertaking. There you may be surprised with seeing the natures of a vast glandelinian army, and if you happento hear much wicked words you will have to stand it to hide your pit purpose, and only whonyou succeed may you have a chance to get back to the christian line lines and enjoy the company of your friends againsn again, and then you shall with y joy recieve avery one that followed on missions before of after you did I know when you succeed in this mission you may recieve a higher co mission than many, you shall be clothed with a glorious uniform, and go along with his Majesty imperor Vivian. When he shall come to meet you with sound of trumpet and buzles you shall be brought b forward to meet him, and when he recieves you he shall bestow upon you a fine commission of your own choice, ad when and when he shall pass sentence upon all Glandelinian disaster makers, you also shall have a voice in that judgement of the generals of His staff, because they devastated our states without reason to win their wicked war. Also when he s hall again rereturn to his own headquarters or palace, you shall go too with the Vivian Girl Princesees, and the whole royal court, with sound of bugles, salutes of musketry, and and cannons, and he ever his best friend and leader. """""

Now while, they were thus drawing tward the larger part of the a camp. behold, a large company of Concentinian Cavarly, rode forward to meet them, and the leader

thus adressed Starring; "Are these your followers, who have left the sufty of came and home and friends all for the sake of _ountry, and to learn important details of flood disasers disusters.

"Yes." unswered gtarring. "We have come thus far on our desired journey, and that we may have the chance of entering general Manleys lines and force some of the foe officers to confess the information I wish to know.

"Then said the officer of the cavarly.

"God bloss you and aid you in your mission."

Then there came forward to meet them along i with the cuvarly, a number of drummer boys, a band, all clothed in white, who with melodious noices, and loud, made even heavens " to echoe with their music, playing " All Abbleannia For ever March." Then the band master saluted starring and his followers, with ten thousand walcomes, and this they did with much shouting, rooling of drums, and volleys of musk-t and cannon salutes.....

This done the soldiers compassed them round on every side, some went before, some went behind and some on the right side, some on the left, continually sounding

us they went (the band going before) with great mucls music of bands, and songe and melodious noises, in notes on high, so that the very sight was, to them that could behold it, as if a great vi victory had been colebrated and the war was ever... Thus therefore they rode unaumarched on together, and as they murched, ever and anon those bands, even with joyful sound, would by mixing their music with boks and looks and gentures, still signify to gtarring and his followers how welcome they were into their camps, and with what gladness they came forth to meet them. And now was this company of brave adventurors, as tween in a victorious colebrating camp, being swallowed p with the sight of Calverinian and other soldiers, and with hearing of the grand Abbicanian marches and songs.

Hore also they had a good view of the camp, and they thought they heard all the cannons and firearms of the soluters firing salutes to welcome them thereto, but above all the worm and joyful thoughts that they had about their own recention here. with we such company, and that for the hopes of a more successful portion of their mission therefore. Oh by what tongue or pen can their glorious joy by expressed. And thus they came as to the center of the came.

so when they had come p to that appeared to be the generals headquarters, tarr Starring at the blading of one of the officers discounted, and show their page to the e s ., sentry at the tent entrance, and being questioned starrings guide said;

"phase men and children are come from the christian camps, and have been on the way to say on manley and his generals for the sake to bring to un and the disasters that occured in the past. "And then Starring gave to the goard a certificate, which he had received in the beginning, and it was taken in to the chief officer within the tent, who when he had read, returned it to the guard and said;

"Mere are the famious christian spice?"

"They are waiting without the tent cir" the guard answered.

"Well allow them outrunce, and return then to him in command this paper." Now they were readily admitted, and the general arose to great them. The general recognized starring immediately and he gave him his hand go gla 1 glady dl gladly andensid;

"Well, well Starring is it you Glad to see you I have been waiting for this opportunity for a long long time.. "

Now as the tent contrance had been opened to let in the rest with starring, one man ouddenly appearing from no one knows where looking in after them lie had come up unecon by the party the river wide, but he had got over, and that without eminming or on horseback through the water, for it happened that there was near the place a boat which he occured, and in this boat he got over-lie came alone unseen in the camp having followed close to the party so us to be a part of it-when he had come up to the tent, he tried to look in, but the guar: guard being suspicious suddenly got in front of him saying;

"Whence come you sir, and what would you have Are you a member of the party!" "He answered yes."

"Well where is the Countersign . Give it, so that we might show it to the general?" lie thinking it was in paper fumbled in his poket and handed him a letter. "I want the counter eign" demanded the guard. "It's not written. You should know

This time the man answereed not a word. Then the guard called the nearest batch of soldiers, who took him prisoner, and led him into a tent to be held for inves tigation, It proved he was a shadower, a man following the party to learn their intention so the clandolinium generals could be on the look out. He was detected and caught i on time.

while here in this camp t starring learned from the chief officers who convened with him, that they themselves with the help of the Gemini, and others had all went on a special expedition to the region of Abbieann and other places of the great disaster to investigate the conditions after the great explosion especially the conditions following the explosion disuster itself of the Abbieunn regions. The distinguished Cominium no members who were the heads of the party are Coneral liendro argur, Whilliam Schloeder, and Dingigore, who had et studied the effects and causes o . of every disaster that had occured, and the ast terrible then and the most terrible known forest fires then devastating parts of Calverinia,

and northern Angelinia.

The expedition made in late August was the most important and best equipped commission over sent out to study actual disaster effects. Results of great scientific and practical consequence had been expected to come from their work, but on their return, and after they had reported the results of their observations to the Abbieunnium Government, they were coming to give Starring and his communions all the aid they needed us Dargur said Starring would not be able to accomplish it alone. This report, forming the best hopes of the governmental aurthorities will they said do a good deal of good good for the cause.

They told Starring the expedition had taken a bout down the Mic-Hollester pun River on August the 18th by special order of paperor Hanson Vivian, and advice of the Princesses, carrying supplies and ammunition which was to be used in case of necessity. After two weeks trip they arived in grancis Atlanta, several hours after the second greatest flood herror of northern Angelinia occured which exceeded

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all floods in the war on the christian side so far. The officer continued -"In continuing oir, or placing each a or competent expedition in the field so propertly promptly, the deminion ocienties are rendering the Country and her cause a great doul of good, and which also will be a lot of help to you. It is also from a scientific joint of view that the Er general action of the greatest explosion disaster in our country which had so terribly devastuted Bengal state and many others and disturbing the whole world in general, should also also be studied by specialists at the eurliest possible moment, for all of us b must get to the bottom of this, so that we can find cluse to who were roully responsible. Hever kn in the history of our own country has such a favorable opportunity occured for any investigation not of the causes of the disaster, for that is known, but of who are responsible, so that our cause and government can be made more safe in the near future, and also to be able to punish the guilty once in a way no one was ever punished before.
This terrible series of explesions near Abbicannia (worse in force in this story

than even the ceration of Krakaton) took place thousands of alen from wiles from the northern most parts of Abbicannia and jet the vibration was slightly felt there

also."

"I supposed said starring, that from the present activity of the nation from the effects of such an unusual disaster, and the unsaminess t general throughout the whole world in general, the eclentists of Abblownia also have a good opportunity for investigation. They they do not be cent to investigate also is a mystery to me. Our governments have full opportunity and airth'r aurthority to expend what money can be afforded for these scientific investigations in culverinian territory. That door it do the demini, and others, of good when the Scientists do not help? They are needed to investigate the disunters more than any one else. Are they afraid .? pone of the acientific branches of any state covernments, were ever sent or went on expeditions to the ocenee of any dispater thus happening, leaving as it seems the work to the Gemini, and the military alone. I prostest, and prost pros protest hotly too. If the Scientific companies won't help why should we do the work curselves. It is their work to investigate put the Gemini, and the military, and other investig ation societies recognizing the discremee of immediate investigation for the good of the countrys cause countrys cause, have been sent or went of their own accord to each region of this strange and herrid sur disturbance, at its ean cost,, three of the foremost aurthorities on disaster occurance, wen wolcania Scientists have been sent who know most on all volcanic action in the world, but what do they know about explosions of three and so forth set off by the enemy .?"

"Outill thogreat Abbieunn disaster" said the officer " occured, few had over thought that so vast a city would be a thing of the past in a few days. The do coming efsuch a disaster was never thought of, and the fact that it was for a city a gloricus gem in the world, a righteous city to boot, its coming destruction would nover have been believed. It was as we all know, inhabitated by the biggest population population , uscore of city, with two million apice could bound of. could boast of, and people from surrounding cities and towns, used all railroads to go to visite in that magnificent city, while foriegn tourists roumed through lits wide streets, and watched the unusually righteous and good little children at play or at their duties, a place where no meanness or scoldings was ever heard. Geographers, and so forth condescended to notice big Abbieann more than any city, in the country, it was the gummer home and headquarters of mperor Vivian, and also famous for a tremendous and unusual christian victor, early in the war.

The name of the city would have been far better than un anything else ever put

on the map of calverinia or her sister states.

It was known to all calverinian and Abbieunnien Ruilroud managers and presidents n and engineers and so forth, for it too was a great ruilroud Center like Chicago in the other far away country, and it is marked on the maps as one of the most greatest properous cities in the world, and n n next to vivian Wickey in size. It was no doubt recorded, that before the disaster the locality had been once

or more thun once, the seut of great circuses, and pasttimes, and so on .. In fact the city owened its existance to some good purpose and support of the nation, and had existed for nearly a century without a single disaster. It seemed as if the city bbleann might be regarregarded as a city that headed all the others in magnificence in calverinia. In this respect it would be like many other good cities and towns all over the globe inimpotance importance to the whole world in general, like famous pleasure resorts.

But us we all know Abbicann on the date of the first or second of june this year,. Terrible as all past explosion disaster, or even all volcanic emptions throughout the world a existance had been, these great explosions while caused a flood to wire out a good part of bbicarnia was soon to compell by the terrible t thunders of the disaster the whole world to pay attention to the most frightful and marveous and actoniching disaster ever known to happen or probably will ever huppen. The region of Abbieans and sengal County became the ocone of the outbreak of a twofold disaster so appulling that it will be dostined to be remembered

throughout the existence of the world. " "But was there not even the alightest evidence that the enemy was going to make

such a disuster,?" usked Angoline sichees her self.

"It is hard to say" said the general. I have heard however that in the spring of this year, there were symptone that the disaster was to come from the fact of other great explosion and flood disasters before this. Other notable warnings were given. From the perodic explosion disasters strungs secondary, earthquakes had teen felt at every given point, and deep far distant rumblings preceded from the explosions, showing that the onomy was in properation of something unusual, and that the foc was about to do something that would be a surprise to the world in general. There is nothing known then about the disaster than what we investigators have discovered which we can tell you later, for we are going to take you to the scene and let you investigate first. At first as I believe you know, though the preceeding disasters were of a serious nature, not no one know or even believed that any such horror would occur at Abbicann, which is about two hundred miles southeast of malverine. In fact the good people of Abbicum city, so far at being terrified at h what twas in progress elsewhere in calverida, or of the news of floods, and forest fires. and depredations of the enemy,, continued to live in apparent security, never dreaming that quite a long distance away abot dangerously near just the same secret enemy engineers were working at preparations to start a world fling disaster.

Many others , am ours would have been delighted to have been able to see the people of this good city before the horror came, but not I am eure to witness so

terrible a spectacle.

As we all know the menths of this dread your continually advanced and passon, it first being April,, and to may and the veger vigor of the disasters of explosions, fires, horrors a of battles, and ruids steadily increased since the first disaster in the late part of 1912. The noises of each explosion disuster became more and more wehement, terrible forest fires started in southeastern Calverinia, and herrid floods carried all before them, and bloody massacres of ch children occured, which also broke all records for massacres, some of these explasions were presently heard for a hundred miles from their source, but still other explosions occured whose noises waxed loader and loader, w untill the great thunders of the explosions before the Abbieann disaster, now so rapidly occuring, astonuchi astonuched the whole nation, and there were other symptoms of the approaching worse catastrophes of this war. hich with each successive week of the months passing by, the forest fires in southeastern Calverinia as we all know continued to spread, hurling unusual quanities of dense smoke also far beyond the highest clouds in the sky.

The winds of fierce gules it is said could not carry this smoke away as rapidly as it was hurled upward by the seas of smouldering and blazing forest fires, and accordingly the atmosphere became heavily clouded with the suspended smoke. This is the cause of even now of the pall of musual darkness which hangs over a good portion of Culverinia, and a over the adjoining chores of the Culverinian and Mic-Whirthian seas. And even now such is the thickness and density of these atmospheric volumes of forest fire smoke, that for hundreds of miles around the scene of forest fire dangers the darkness of midnight still provails at midni midday and all over Calverinia the sun never shines. This is causing many plagues to break our, from lack of sunshine, and crops and other growth do not thrive without the sun, and some bablame the smoke for the luck of rain.

Then the awful tragedy of Heid! Junction and other places took place. Many thousands hundreds of thousands of the unfortunate inhabatants of that city, and other towns and villiages were destined never to behold the sun again. They were presently swept away to destruction in an invasion of that part of the country, by the tremendous flood of that time, which only was exceeded by the Abbieumn torrent which came later.

This shows that gradually but q quickly the development of the disuster energy procued produced by so vile a fee proceeded, and gradually the terror and apprehens ion and suspicion of the inhabatants of every city and town of all our southern Abbicunnian states rose to a climux. May had just about neared its last week before the manifestations of a disaster at Abbieunn should come. As the days of May passed by, disasters far and near of every kind as all of us know maxed more and more vehement and devastating, and the forest fires ran wild. By the end of ay the panic was wide spread, the christian armies frequen by fled before the forest fires, little dreaming that the supreme catastrophe of our side was at hand.

On the night of May 31th this awful year, the bluckness of the smoke clouds now much thicker than ever over the skies was only occassionally brightened by the lurid flashes of fire from the forest conflagration. Fearful was the fifteen minutes of horror midnight of June 1th . Even though the explosion thunders of the sudden blasts had been puon the point of attaining their complete development no one in the whole region thought of devustuting floods that would follow ... At the city of Calverine, more than two hundred miles distant, every one were routed out of their beds, as the houses trembled and shook with the unusual violence of the mysterious secondary shocks, and the windows rattled and broke and fell into the streets as if great explosions every where were going on in the streets, and still these shocks seemed to be only rehearsing for the supreme display. The shocks had by this time continued for about twelve minutes. By fifteen minutes after twelve, there was a sort of overture consisting of six secondary great shocks , which was succeeded by a frightful convulsion of the country for hundreds of miles. while crashed down many tall buildings in calverine, and scared the population out into the streets. In that finall afforts all records of all previous explosions

even of volcanic explosions present and past on this whole earth were compleently completely broken, so great was the force of the explosion, that nearly six hundred miles of country were split into millions of cracks and fuss figures by the concussion and a large part of the fields and plains in the vinicity of Abbieann was scar scattered to the four winds of heaven. This caused an investigation of persons who to this day are trying to learn from some evidence that might be left of what the glundel inlune might have used used that caused this awful series of explosions. The most supreme effort cannot be said to detail it properly, but nevertheless this surrome effort of disasters disasters it was which produced, not only the mightiest noise that so fur us can be accortained has ever been heard on this earth, but also the most world breaking ruin of towns and cities ever known of by the concussion, and also a flood that broke all records for a combination of the worst floods of the pust the world has ever heard of.

Yet it indeed must have been the loadest noise over recorded, which could travel from the region of Abbicann to Calverine, and preserve its disasterous vehemence over so great a distance, but novertheless we Calverinians should and would form a very inadequate conception of the ener energy of this eruption of explosions, if we thought or dared to say that the sounds of the crushes were heard by those merely

a little over two hundred miles off.

Indeed for compurison this would be little indeed, if it can be claimed on testimony which we have found it has been absolutely impossible to doubt, deny or exaggerate. Westward from the city of Calverino stretches the wide expanse of the great Culverine County, full of towns and woods. East lies the city of Evangeline St clare a distance of four hundred miles scuthoact, while Pandore city in Abbicunnia City or gtate mean is a distance of nearly five thousand miles. It i has been proved, general Sturring by thousands of hundreds of evic evidences, which cannot be doubted under any condition that the thunders of these great explosions, attracted the attention of all the people in Pundora, Abbieannia, who carefully noted the character of the sounds sounds, and the time of their occurance. They had heard them just five hours after the actual explosions, for this was the time the sound occupied on its

Probably general Starring, we can better realize the extres extraordinary and immedaureable vehemence of this tramendous series of noises if we imagine a similar event to take places in lol localities more known to most of us, thum are the fur

anstarn regions.

If any volcano in our wou w country were vicerious enough for only fifteen minutes to emit a sories of thunders like these explosions, how great would be the consternation of the world itself. Yet the report of these explosions were heard by properor Vivian at Angolinia Agathia, three thousand miles away, and by Emperor Hanson near Vivian Wickey, where he was conducting the besieging armies. It astonished those great Abbieannian rapporors and all the Abbieannians , The sound renetrated to the seclusion of the States governments of Abbiennia at Pandora. Those at far Jonnie From Town and Crowley heard it. It had extended to the nources of the Mic-Hollester Run, way up north-It was heard in Fastern Calverinia., and it had been heard by the governors of Angelinia State, and Angeline wine. It reached the ears of the inhabatants of Porothy Galo city further away yet no inhabatants in Abyesintile were beyond the range of sound, while crews on besieging warships around the sections of the seaward sides of Vivian Wickey also caught the mighty and unusual reverbration.Ot yet, to take another description, let us suppose that a similar earthshaking event took place in a central portion of the Europeian Mations. Let us say for example general, than an explosion occured at Mt Vesuvius. "uch a report might shake cities with bad effects on windows in nermany. At windsor the King of ingland would see the magnificent windows of the building crash out, and the Czar of all the Russas at Moscow would wonder why windows in his city streets would rattle as if artillery was beingudischarged in the strees streets and also hear a hundred strange booming sounds follow each other in rapid succession for fifteen minues minutes. The s gultan at Constantinople would see his houses go to ruin before the shock and lots of his people buried o under the wreckage. It would have been felt and heard by the Mohammedan pilgrims at Mecca with energy enough to scare them into fits into fits.Or lets say it happens in central United States. Bu supposing an explosion occured at a pleace called Mt Hood in what ever state you call it, an explosion as fierce as those near bbieunn. It would certunly certainly scare the inhabatants of that state far and wide, and give their cities and towns a dreadful shaking up. The cars of dwellers in neighboring states would recieve a considerable shocks, and they would see the window glass of their houses come tumbling down into the otreets in perfect showers, Not with intensity that would be semewhat less the sound would spread further around, indeed it could be . heard and felt all over the United states.

The terrible and sonorous waces could have rolled over and across the vert very Atlantic acean, they would have been heard and folt with great and telling effect on the shores of all the occurs, even outh america would not bee too far to the south,, nor the northpole too far to the fiorth...... If indeed general we

could believe also that the sound traveled traveled from the site of the exlis explosions in alverinia to the northern coust of Abbicannia, and we can suftly declare that every ear in our Abbieanian states might have listened to the thunder of the awful explosions near Abbieann. The reverbrations were somewhat audible by the landelinians in their own states, therefore can we doubt that the greatest noise that has ever been recorded were produced by the explosions fifty miles northwest of Mbbleann. ??????

And general gturring, among the many other incidents connected wity with this this explosion, we can specially mention the wonderful system of dir divergent ripples that started in the atmosphere from the point at which the great explosions took place. We may call them ripples if anything else sir, from the resemblance which they can be made to confirm to the circular expanding ripoles or circles produced in a pool of water by a boy flinging a stone directly into the senter-But it can be more correct to say that these objects might have been a great series of undulations which started from the scene of the great explisions, and spread. forth in ever onlarging circles through the atmosphere. The unascell and initial impetus was so tremendous that these waves spread for many thousands of miles. .They diverged in fact, untill they put a mid mighty girdle round the whole world, on a great circle of which the explosion region near Abbieann was the pole ...

The atmospheric waves with the whole earth now well in their grasp, advanced into the opposite hemisphere. In their farther progress, they had from necessity been compelled to form gradually contracting circles untill at last they converged to a point in the control point of the greater seas at the very opposite point of the diameter of our earth, eighteen thousand ales from Abbieann.

Thus the waves completely embraced the earth. Every part of our atmosphere had been set into a tingle by the great explosion. In America the great waves affecting magnetic needles in all houdquarters passed over the houds of the people the air in the streets of every city trombled from the explosion impulse. The very oxygen supplying the lungs of the people responded also to the sum supreme convulsion which took place so far away. It is needne needless to object that this could not have taken place because we did not feel it. Self registering parometers all over the world have enabled these waves to be followed unmistakably all over the world, for it also caused a magnetic disturbance felt all over the sorld. It was reported that by both the air waves and other disturbance of the blasts that such powerful electro magnetic waves were shot forth by the explosions that the magnetic needles, were disturbed all over the world for many hours.

The superintend of the Abbie unnium Coust survey reported to the government that the magnetic needles at the Coust Survey magnetic observatories, at all places on the coast, inthe plengiglomeneum Islands, Catherine Isla, and also of the consts of foriegn flations were disturbed on the early morning of June Ith are at the time of the explosions fifty miles north of bblown. The needles are very delicately suspended and always register automatically by photographic means the mun minutest variation in the direction and intensi sintes intensity of the earths magnetic force. The magnetic disturbance began at the Concentinian City observatory at a time corresponding to about Twelve, twelve , and again at twelve fifteen, Abbicann's local time, and at the Imperial Observatory, at Twelve Fifteen, Calverine time. Reports from that region stated that the explosions occured a little before and after twelve in the morning.

A clock in the city of Culverine was stopped at Twolve oclock in the morning..... As I was told by the aurthiroties aurthorities of any governmental tates official the magnetic disturbance was thus almost instancounty recorded at the Angelinia agathia gurvey observatories. The needs had been disturbed again and again for every explosion that had occured, and these disturbances were plainly due to the magnetic effects, and was in no sense caused by plainly mechanical vibrations.

It is for ar scountry the first instance that magnettic effects caused by distant war explosions have ever been recorded at magnetic observatories. Machanical vibrations of magnetic needles caused by concussions of far distant blasts have also been proviously recorded. For instance the Lake gelicia crush, and flood wovember 13th 1912 caused a distinct mechanial c mechanical viberations of the magnetic needles for ut least two hours, ad a magnetic disturbance also was recorded afterwards. But the distinct magnetic effects of the morning of June the first pulled the magnetic needles anide from their usual direction for many hours indicating a great disaster had occured somewhere..

Yet in explosive violence, , the eruptions of Mt Poles, grakatea and others volcances put together in one was to this great series of explosions at Abbieann but the explosion of fire crackers of small size. Krata Krakatoa was heard distinctly about three thousand two hundred miles away,, the sound of the explosions at Abbicann p penetrated two hundred miles short of II,000 Krakatou sent its dust round the globe, the forest fires raging still in Calverinia and Angelinia a is also carried around the world according to recorded statements made. And such was the enc energy with which the vibrations of these one hundred

explosions withinfifteen minutes were initiated at or near Abbieann, that even when the air waves thus arising had converged to the point diametrically opposite

the coast near the Calverinian seas their vigor was not yet exhausted. The waves strange to say were then reflected back from their pint of convergence to retrace their steps back to Abbicann. Starting from pentral Mic-whirthan Seas they again go whead and describe a series of enlarging circles, watill they embran embraced the whole parth, Then advancing in the opposite hemosphere they gradually contracted untill they had again regained the central portion of Bengal County, or near Abbicann from which they had set forth about thirty six hours previously. Here was indeed because of such explosions a unique experience, for the air waves had twice gone from end to end of this globe of are. Even then the atmosphere did not subside untill after nome oscillations of gradually d fuding intensity at last they became evanescent....

The explosion also from experience known drove into the upper atmosphere for nearly fourty wiles so that easy a prodigous quantities of dust and powder smoke, and rained down on many towns and villinges a veritible torrent of debris and earth as if the plains had broken into a volcanic eraction as violent, so that these towns and villiages suffered destruction in the same fashin fashion as St Pierre did when lit Polee blow up. Hundreds of miles of air were thus clouded with that rolling ball of smoke, and the winds of the uper atmosphere were compelled to disclose those movements about which only after Krakaton and we any opjortunity of learning. The forest fires als also sent smoke clouds equally as high all the time they were and are burning, and with eyes full of blank antenishment many of the population of our states have ... watched those want volumes of smoke start on tremendous journeys in any direction according to the actions of the winds. And yet like a mighty tempest of fire striving to wipe out our country the "Red Plugue is indegently harrying with a speed much greater, than any other awful fire ever head of pefere vertunately for us this forest fires have been prevented by the floods from coming within less than twenty miles of our bigger cities ... Angelinia Agathia, Derothy Gale and other his cities though wrecked by the floods, are thus preserved from fearful and total expissiont destruction that the flames would produce, blases which whole forests of trees do not even stand before, and which

in ten minutes do as much demans to a fifty hundred acro forest, as would the most violent ternado. Then this great forest fire makes so much emoke, then for 5y3 first for the first time, and , may also add for the only time, has the smoke ever kept a whole country side in total darkness for months and kept the sun shi shining all over the states for the sunch length of time."

"It is said" declared Stirring," by many witnesses that these forest fires puts them in mind of the earth being turned into a hage fire mist. Even Abbieann: a and foriegn acton actronomers tells as that the forest fires might as well be licened to the vast nebulas seen in the heavens These het forest fires raging for hum reds of miles around and ever the country will I'll bet if they keep on burning prevent Calverinia from seeing much of a winter this coming year. And as I have kept record of, and so as have violet, and her sisters, there have been since the war commenced about three hundred and sixty five disasters throughout Calverinia alone caused by only the enemy himself.

This estimate includes mostly smaller disusters, and disasters which which within the lust number of months have been in a record breaking force and fury. Secause of the forest fires a ring of terrific blazes a surround Angelinia Agathia or has surrounded her starting at the southeastern section of calverinia in June 1912 several hundred miles south oust of Angelinia Agathia, a belt of forest fires had burned their way up the sust central portion of Calverinia, extending also to the extreme east, and west, and to a sustern Angelinia gtute, from there it crossed crosses the Jessica liver, and spread along the Evangeline St Clairs to and off the city of the same name, thence it follows first the east edge of the November River through the Enstern gobals a present, the eastern section of the Mic-Hollester woods, and finally extends up tward Angelinia Agathia.

The series of forest fires forming and sweeping in all that region, have in places raged in long ranks or lines man, miles wide, and no one knows how many miles long, as along the Calverinian and Angelinia boundary, and near lake Selicia when Irienetown burned, elsewhere probably the forest fires may have been seperated by long distances, but nevertheless in time they connected with each others, gometimes they as, the line of fires, was either narrow or wide according to how they burned as in Central Angeline, ine, and then again some others broadened in a fire of hundreds of miles in extent, as in western Calverinia, where the worst fire of all is raging.

Within this great stretch of fierce and terrific forest fires, hundreds and hundreds of miles in length, are many big cities and towns, which fortunately through the floods have been spared the horrors of the confliggration. Bastward from this dread point, another branch of fires extends through gentral Calverinia. On the broken points between Big Girl Knool and Francis Atlanta, are over one hundred fires burning, many of which are striving to make a junction with each other and are so fierce that they might as well be volcanoes belohing forth lava and clouds. This is the great focus of forest fire horror in Calverinia caused by the enemy and blamed on the von battles. Touch nearly throe sides of Angelinia Agathia forest fires rages. In the far north of Angelinia Agathia, the Mic-Whirthian woods

are ablaze, and nearly one score or others of forest fires are raging, cutting off all communication with the north. We can also draw the atention to the fact that the gr great conters of the war disasters in western ad and southern culverinia and in Angelinia State, are converging tward Angelinia Agathia, and Vivian Bickey, and that these centers of activity, are west and southeast, and sither one or both may terminate the whole war.

wheories about too sir, un to the cause of the forest fires and the like, but of actual causes we know little but that the enemy did it. And perhaps the most probable explanation of the explosion disasters can be as follows;

"First...In all probabilities the enemy engineers might have worked deep under ground, forming by laboring crows of soldiers under their instruction instruction great mine galleries. The laboring men gradually place in the unknown kind and ammount of dangerous explosives, and as time goes on, more and more explosives are placed. Then the ammount of all these high explosives is constantly increasing, untill the time comes when the ammount desired by those who are suched this vite work to be done its placed. Probably then batteries from an unknown source but at a great distunce is therefore placed, with long electric wires. The charge is let go and the whole like an ernormous volcanic cruption explodes with the most terrific jury. The proper strength of the exp electric might be applied which would hasten the explosion, but it is doubtful if there was used enough rever to do more than this.

The concussion shocks of the Lake Solicia Disaster probably timed the explosion that produced that terrible November flood. But in all probabilities the great Abbieum horror is the last straw, it brought the last since of cressure to sear on the patience of the people of Aubieannia, once one more ounce than even a steam boiler could bear. The local explosions of Mullencatt and other State districts were also unusual, Two other factors may assist this rocess; "The making of mine galleries under river leves, which explosions either violent or less violent allows the river waters to pour out over the land and generate an ernormous flood more rapidly h than a natural break would have ever been able to o do. Of explosion wilsasters in genera; general I say that the cause is still a matter of discassion. Certain geologists content that gun cotton and T.M T.N.T was the sole motive power. while others consider that explosives known only to the Glandelinians have see, ased coming from only the Glandelinian governmental munition works. The view perhaps most favorable entertained at present in reference to the general natural o nature of these explosions is that the Glandelinians dusquised as Angelinian leves engineer chieftians and the like insert explosives anseen, explosives that go off by time and not of batteries and shock wires. But what ever produced the most conspicious and the most terrible phenomena accompanying the Abbieann explosion disaster is a profound mystery."

"Tou might be right at that general Starring" said the leader of the Culverinas who e whose name we will mention later. "The recent disturbance of the Abbieum horror were explosions of the eraption type if they had come from underground volcamic cruptions as many people believed, and which cruption had exploded through the surface of the earth. But from the smell of the smoke produced from the blusts, the odor was that of T.N.T. Gun cottom, No Mitroglycerne and Dynamitte. These explosions were similar to what would happen if a munition factory with as much explosives would have created buth a disturbance and they are worse in currently that have created such a disturbance and they are worse in cruption than grakatoa ever could ever boast of."

"Maybe if I was there, and could do some investigation of my own" said starring I could light upon the mystery. I'd have Masses offered that Our Blessed bord for the sake of our holy cause would allow me to succeed. I know that those who at i first did not know the true nature of the cisaster thought the accompanying shocks were natural earthquakes accompanying the terrible cruption of some of our volcamoes,. N. ne of them have ever yet been eruptive. One ment told me some time ago that one of the least of the explosions left a crater in the ground over four hundred feet deep, now filled with water, but the rim of the hole shows abo above the lake. Earth debris fell over the country for many miles around. The people in the noighboring villiages fleeing in terror from their tumbling homes were caught and crushed under the shown, which buried fertile fields of crops. The outburst was proceeded by concussion shocks, and the shocks of the explosions were felt with "avoc resulting affects as far as Angellnia Agathia and neight and neighboring cities and heard just as far just as you told me for I heard evidence of that."

"You may have the chances to make the investigations when you got there on time" said the captian. "But let me finish first. On our arival four weeks ago to the scenes of Abbieunn, our parties were forced because of the nature of the disaster to separate. I and many others in boat boats when on the flooded site of that we still believed was left of Abbieunn, to ex examine the flood itself, and what might be left of the buildings of the flood torn city, while the rest of the party proceeded to the scenes where the explosions had occured to invistigate to investigate conditions in that section. The expedition of which we were a part had also been advised to enlarge the party if posible, to accose associate ourselves with the supreme Persons of the cemini, pargar, sinigore, and Whilliams Schlooder who

The accientiate whom we had hoped for did not arive,... General pargar himself embarked on a row boat, and examined the localities of the explosions as far north as St Anns Point, the north nd end of the Great Mic-Hollester River, making frequent landings at points where the wreckage floes still remaining in the waters were not to think. After landing at a little villiage, or what was left of it from shock and flood he walked or rode on boats; ean through the flood covered sections, making an effort to locate so sight of some parts of the devustated city of Abbieum which was said to appear above the flood at the southern end.

General Durgar according to the ass. Associated press of Angelinia Agathia, in dispatches from North St Ann was the first man to discover some of the craters caused by the explosions, fissures in the earth beyond the flood, or the innumerable wast cracks. During this trip along the region of diseaster, a trip attended with considerable peril, in addition to his work of investigation, Durgar rescued in his boats many poor persons of violet Lansin who a had been tempted back to their flooded homes by the apparent sading of the flood, and had since found themselves in great danger. On his return to St Ann he issued a brief statement as to his observations, which has been published in many magazines and books and also in the news papers. The immense zone of record breaking catastrophel in the Abbieann regions and gongal gounties is of an endless extent it seems for we were only able to go over a snort oval space of it, containing only about eighteen miles of

This oval is partly over the river region. We could find no trace of houses of beliann appearing above the seas of mater remaining oven up to that time. The cracked sections of land nearest Grater Ho One, is bounded by a debris covered paral district extending from Helda Junction to the peak of the Abbieum Lake, as we call the remaining flood, thence curving around to remaining the remaining flood, thence curving around to remain there were three well marked zones;

"First a complete center of Annihilation by explosion horror only and not by flood in which all life in big cities and towns, vegetable, homen and animal was atterly destroyed. The greater northern eastern and western part of Abbieann city was in this zone. Thirty cities suffered like St Pierrie at Martingue when a volcame on that island exploded.

"Become. A zone of singing blistering flame caused by the shooting of the explosions, which also was fatal to all life, and growths as well, killing all people and animals, and suffocating them with smoke and dust, burning the leaves of the forests, starting forest fires out of the flood zones hich still burne, and accrecing scorching but not utterly destroying the still stending buildings themselves.

themselves.
"Third. A larger outer, non,destructive zone of fallen earth and other debris wherin rural distructs was covered with great loss of property and crops, and ci ies and cities and towns covered with the debris.

The focus of annh annihilation to was the closest explosions, midway between Abbisann and Wickey Lansin, where now exists a series of large craters, with hundreds of big cracks, looking like cracters of miniature volcances now covered with water and extent. The explosions as is evident had also thrown up into the air clay, sand, and and other materials erupting like volcance, probably hurling high into the into the air mushroom shaped clouds. The explosions from evidence had great superficial force, acting in radial directions, as is evidenced by the dismounting and carrying for hundreds of yards the towns on the hills south of Abbisann, and a big church in the same locality, and also by the condition of the ruin d houses in the various towns not hit by flood.

According to the r testimony of some persons who survived there was an accompany ing flame. Others think that the debris, and the force of their ejection from the exple explosion made craters were sufficient also to cause the destruction. This must be investigation investigated. It was on the following morning on the sixth of August also that Dargur started on hos horseback from the land side for the explosion or a er No Two-He reached the point nearest on the following morning where he succeeded in gettig a number of photographs. A close approach to the scene was impossible, so he started back in a southerly direction puring these two rights while camping out he made some important observations of flood action, and the results of explosions, and on his return issued the following statement.

"My attempt to examine the explosion crater has been fulile. I succeeded however in getting close to crater number one. It was a large one, as large as that of a big volcano, all filled with water, and sho had ever witnessed from a safe point one of these big explosions, might have noted the accompanying phenomena, while these explosions raged no one could live within t n miles of them. Following the salvess of detonations from these explosions, eithersee said the rolls of clouds ascended these high into the clear starlit sky, and then apread in a wast 1 blak ascended these high into the clear starlit sky, and then apread in a wast 1 blak k black sheet to the north south and east lirectly over their heats. Through the lower sections and upper sections of the clouds they also said, vivid and a f awful red flambes appeared with clarming frequence frequency frequency. They followed distinct paths of ignition, but were not like lightning, and this may be the indisputable evidence of the explosive exidation of the powders and T.N.T after

they went off. This is a most pimportant observation, and it explains in part the arful catastrophs. This phenomenon is entirely new in i explains. He tool many phosot photographs, but he did not he situate to acknowledge hat that the war terrified by the excess, but he was not the only person so frightened. I was also. Mearly all the phenoment of these explositines are new to even science scientific compunies, and hey and many of them have not been explained. The floods at that location even in August I was still intenest, actional and no one can make any estimations and predictions as to what the flood will

dowin the near future.
But it was told to me that both whilliam gohloeder and inistone under date of Arment
31th had succeeded in getting to the edge of the flexylegion crutor. He claimed
31th had succeeded in getting to the edge of the flexylegion crutor. He claimed
a portion of the fleed He spent two days also studying the first formed smaller
cruters on the north side of the explosion area. Then he attempted to reach the main
cruter, and with this purpose in view he get out over the fleed.

The fleed in that locatilty he told me was very crift and general but amid a

thousand dangers, he reached too the erater and looked over the hope erater. Here also he spent some time in taking cereful observations. The approach was exceedingly difficult owning to the reter and most that covered the locality, but the ground was hard. After a tiresome trip, the rim of the cruter by heat afterwards was reached by middey. There was no trace whatever of vegetation, coundings of the crater was lately and and to appeared to be a dreadful hole over two thousand feet deep. The party with Ginginore did not venture at any other point to make a rigid inspection of the crater for the cround in that direction though not covered by water looked to be dengarous. Though there was no trace of vegetation there was no change in the topographical outlines of the landscapes on that side, and the far distant foreste retained their old hearty. The great mass of flood water that lay over this section has partially disorgened, and the lendscare here was probably intact, but near the river a subsidence of the chos to a shore to a dopth of one hundred fest occured for over an area of a mile. The explosions, he says we more violent north west of Abbienna, where the bigger craters are located, than on the western side. One particularly violent explosion as he observed covered the town of St Peter sixteen miles north of Abicann with hedious mud and dobris. Many of the buildings were razed as if a ternado passed through. The explosions rained water over the cities further off to the south. There are many other v explosion craters, difficult and dangerous to visit because over opening on the side of the river formed by the explosion main of a tremendous crater like gorge, and it was the explosion that made this gorge, which may have made the flood. The explosions were almost incessant for those fifteen minutes, and in the towns a hundred miles away which were also shaken disasterously the people had been for some time afterwhe explosions been complaining of a strange oppresive at each like sulphur from ma ches matches or as ches chemists claim, something from exploded powders, and that they had heard for fifteen minutes a long and appalling rolling thunder noise, a noise compared by the inhabatants to the hollowing rouring of thunder in the clouds at some great distance but infinitely louder.

at some great distance but in initally locals. These sounds had continued in successions of noises, and at the ending of the thirttenth minute the noise was terrible enough to fill all the population of the towns with alarm and the shaking drove themfrom the housen into the streets. It was therefore assertained with prefect satisfaction that he main force of the explosion had been exerted within a distance of twenty miles, and that the terrific sounds had been produced by the quantities blowing we. In the hope of allaying the general alarm, priests even at that awful hour after the subsidiance read Litanies and Said wass. A committee

A committee appointed to make an investigation, and who prepared an official A committee appointed to make an investigation, and who prepared an official report from other sources found that a number of strange rents had been torn in the flank of a hill nearest the scenes of some of the mightlest explosions." Starring found when he had been with them for a day that these soldiers and their officers were very courteous men, and therefore before taps soldiers and their officers, of his dang dange ous journey to to this part, which was thrilling and profitable news for the Calverinian generals and their staff. He thrilling and profitable news for the Calverinian generals and their staff. He told the officers also, when he saw concerning the conditions of the country told the officers also, when he saw concerning the conditions of the country through which he plodded, and how unwilling some of the rangers were to go with through which he plodded, and how unwilling some of the country their without their not the expedition, insomuch that he was forced to go on it without their guidianship, for he duret not run the danger of that destruction which he feared would come by staying behind in the forestw too long, wherefore he had left the rangers and departed.

left the rangers and departed.

No it so happened through the hindering of his own advance, that this Calver
inian general had been much hindered and kept back from his wonted movements
into these parts which he so desired to reach, and so could not even now obtain
into these parts which he so desired to reach, and so could not even now obtain
on opportunity to go forward, or make further inquiry, of how the country lay before
him, that he might make a junction with general Vivian or some one class. Therefore

having met with Starring and his scounting party, and knowing the two girl heroines with them, and having some concerns about the disaster at Abbieann he decided to advance his army thitherward again, and have Starring and his party with him. Therefore he proposed it to gtarring, h who for the sake of the full accomplishment of a part of his mission decided to go with him, and therefore he took up his bdgings lodgings with the compare which were 10,000 strong. Next morning during breakfast, the Angelinian and Calverinian general fell into

discourse, and the talk happened to be about Gingigore and his travels, for

thus he began with the general;

nummgir" said starring "What town is that that stretches like a paradize city far below the woods and hills, that lay on the right hand of our camps."

"That " said general Aurand" for that is his name"It is a small but beautiful forest dwelling in the midst of this c " Country of Destruction" but possessed with a very good conditioned and thrifty sort of people. To morrow a number of Scientists are coming from there to aid me and they'll be glad to see you."

"Ithought that was that city." quited Queited Starring"I when a young man I went once myself through that town, and therefore know that this report you

give of it is true. Not in the path of the conflagrations I hope!"

"So far Far I don't think so. But danger lurks for them, and that is only too true. I wish I could speak truth in speaking better of the situation, for the eafty of them that dwell within."

"Well sir" quoted gtarring again, "Then I percieve you to be a well meaning man, and so me that takes pleasure to hear and tell of that which is good, pray did you ever hear what happened to a man some time in this very city, whose name was John Evens, that wont on a long scouting tour about three weeks before

the abbleann disaster . ?"

Hear of him, ay and I also heard of the melestations. troubles, fights. and every difficulty that he met with in his mission. For what he accomplished nevertheless I must tell you that all our country rings of him, there are but few persons that have not ha heard of him and his doings, and also have sought after and got the records of his expedition yea, I think I may say that his hazardous journey has got many a person wishing to be in his boots, for though when he started out he was believed to be a fool by every one, vet now he had gone and succeeded, and he is highly commended by all, for it is said he recieved a good commission and commands a good army, and there are many more who are resolved never to run his hazards, yet wish they had his gains."

"They may "Qouted Starring," Well think, if they, think any thing that is true that he succeeded well what he went out to accomplish, for he now commands a division , and had has a command to his orders what he hank has never had

since he became a commander of any division of troops."

"Yes, and all the people talk strangely about him. Some eas that he now rides a white horse, that he has a very excellent and splendid uniform, that he has a hat for a commissioned general on his head, others say that the main generals sometimes accompany him on scouting expeditions, and on all missions are become his companions, and that he is as familiar with them, as you would be with your best of friends. Besides, and this is confidently confirmed about him, that once Emperor Vivian, had bestowed upon him already a very richard pleasant headquarters tent, and that every day he eats and drinks, and ro rides and talks with sur superior generals, and recieves the smiles and favors of the very Vivian Girl Princesses themselves. Moreover it is expected of some, that Emperor Hunson himself, the Lord of the Middle Abbieannian county, we will shortly come into these parts with a vast army, and will know the reason why any enemy can stop him. For they say that now he is so in the affections of the two properors and that these Covereins are so much concerned with the awful indignities that has been cast upon Calverinia, that he will look upon all as done to Our Blessed Lord Himself, and no marvel for it was the love the Calverinians had for Him that Calverinia suffered, and John Evans revealed a lot. He is coming to morrow to help me, as I have begged the mperor to send him. He'll be a great help to you too general Starring."

"I dare say" quoted Starring"I am glad to whear of it, I am glad for his and the countrys sake. For that no now he is well commissioned, and for that he now reapeth the offects & his work with joy, and for all he accomplished he may soon cause it to be that Calverinja will be beyond gunshot of the glandelinia enemy, and out of reach of the country that hates her. I am also glad for that the news of these things is noised abroad throughout the country. And who can tell but that it may work some good effect on other spies who have not tried their best to accomplish anything. In fact it inspires me to a greater effort. Put pray sir, while it is in my momery do you hear any thing of Gertrude Angeline and her own scouts. I wonder what in the cau case of things th y they do since Violet, and her sisters were frustrated in their own mission y the forest fires hitting

Manleys lines.... """, ??.,

"Tho! Gertrute Angeline, and her boy and girl accepta? They are even like to do as well as John Evans himself, for though they were forced to leave Manlots lines and floe from the fire as well, they would by no mouns b permanded by either the tours or entra entractic of any one to prevent them from going else where, and follow Hanleys army as it retreats, so they are going after him keeping nim well in eight untill they can enter again."

"Better, and bettet" quote Starring. "But what. G rtride, her scouts and all?" "The true."I can give you an account of the matter, for during my advance I came near or within sight of manleys retreating armies, and became thoroughly

acquainted with the whole affair.

"I'a like to hear it "Said starring XZ "Well This famous girl scout, after she had bid good bye to violet, and her sisters betook herself on the journey to follow the retreating ermios of Manleys. despite the peril of the persuing forcet fires, and when impeded by a large stream, waited atill the enemy had crossed, a portion of the nearest division) a long footbridge, then not waiting for the bridge the arom over the river, the scouts with her, some awinming, r some riding across, and some using the bridge for a quicker crossing. They at this time could not hear of what camber himself ad had gone, therefore ne she told a later her thoughts began to rock inher and mind first, that one had lost her first or ordenly, and that for the hope of success seemed again broken between her and her followers, for you must know, as sho hadagain said it to me" nature can do less in aiding a person but intertain the hero and the hereine with many a heavy cogitation in the remembrance of the loss of a good operaturity, making you feel nearly as grief stricken as the loss of loving friends and relations. This therefore, of her lost opportunity did cost her many a teur.

But this was not all, for Gertrude also did begin to consider with horself, whenther her unsuccessful attempt, was not because of the fire, and then the river, whether she would have the attempt to see Manley again or not, and that in such a manner he might have escaped her watchful eyes altogether..... would success be taken away from her for good now? And also came into her moind by swarms, all her efforts, to aid her friends, which was successful, and they now trying to aid her were also not making much progress, and she did so went the worse way to discover the cause of why glandelinia gave forthewarms of her wicked disasters unatural and ungodly horrors to Calverinia, which should have clogged her conscience

and load her with guilt before the world .

he was moreover much broken with calling to remembrance with her menyexperiences and sight seeing, the restlessogrouns of the disaster injured , brinksh t cars of those who lost whole families, children, husbands, and wives and friends, and self bemanings of those losing property, and so forth, and how could any one harden their hearts, againstall the entreaties of those who were so torn with anguish, and there was not a thing that the refuggees said to her, or die cerose did before her, and suffered before hor eyes, all the while that the horrid burden hang upon calverinia, but it seemed to return upon her like a flash of lightning. and rent the caul of her heart asunder specially that bitter outcry of meny rendered homeless and with loss loss of dear ones""Has all gone from us" did ring in her ears most dolefully.

When I was with her for a whole I had heard her say to all her scouts who were assembled before b her "Boy and girl scouts hear me. If we do not succeed or if Starring does not succeed, our cause and we are all undone. Glandelinia has sinned and destroyed the holieis of holies of a holy nation, Calverinia is in danger of being rendered a country of the past, and therefore we must work hard for even our own homes and friends and parents are in danger." with that all the

scouts fell into tears, and cried out "Let's try at any peril.

"Oh " said of trude"If it had only been our lot to see Violet and her sisters siststers succeed, than had it fared weel well with out cause beyond what the situation is likely to be now For though I formerly foolishly imagined concerning the troubles of Calverinia to be over soon, it was only a foolish fancy I had, then also , thought I was overrun with melancholy humours, yet now it cannot be out of my mind, but that fears spring up in my heart, for that yet the enemy can do something more terrible than the horrors of Abbieann, but by the help of the discoveries we need so bad, we can cause Calverinia to escape from the snares of such horrors." then they continued to weep, and cried out,p;;;pp

"Oh woe is those days". The following night dertrude Angeline had a dream, , , and behold she saw as if a broad parchment was opened before her, in which were recorded the list of all the horrible disasters, with the number of those dead and thouse those who suffered and died,, and the times,, of the disasters,,,,,, and this situation she thought looked very black for her and her cause. Then she cried out aloud in her sleep"Lord have mercy upon poor Calverinia, and help me or Walter Starring succeed in looking for the information we are after. " and all the little girl scouts not asleep may have heard her.....

After this in her drawm as she told me afterwards she saw two very unly and 111 hated forms at ending by her cot, and saying one to another. That shall we do with this girl, I for she strives to found the our plans, waking and sleeping. If she con affered to go on as she begins in her expections, we shall see classifier war a aimst the christia, the cherrors we must by one way or another mask to take her off from the thoughts of such an adventure, also all the world cannot help it she will learn ever, thing so she seeks after.....

Now as she told me this dream of here made her awake in a great sweat, also she was tramering, and cetting up she ordered more study by her tent. Soon she fell slopeling ag in. And then she thought she saw Starring before gmperor Vivian, among many generals and other efficers, with an unusual yellow parchment in his head, of which he handed to emperor Vivian, ghe saw also as if he sewed his head with his face to the ground, that was under the great kings feet saying; "I have succeeded in locating what you wished so much to know.Here is the paper that tells who were aulity of the flood and other alsosters. Then should a company of the generals that stood round acould acout, but no one could tell what they said, but \$farring, and the Dmporer.

Heat morning, when he she had rison, and had proyou to sea, and talked with her soy and girl secure for a while, her goard told her that some one wished admittanced into her tent, and then she sent the goard with the words;

"If you come to see me in God's name come in." So theman man said "Amen" and the goard all wed him add admittance in t into her tent, and saluted her and said, "Miss Arrenburg, do you know for why, have come!"

"Instead gertrude demanded "Who are you sir, and what do youwant!"

"Then he said to her" "I am an Angalnian military secret Service men, I have been sent by payorer Henson. It is talked of throughout most parts of this country of what informations y a desire to obtain for the good of the countrys cause, and also there is a report that thou art aware of the evil Glandelinia had formerly done to the states, by making all these diseaters, and causing s ch suffering. Miss Arronbur, paperor Hanson vivian has sent me to the tell thee that he is ready to have you continue the mission, and that he will take great delight in seeling seeing you or tarring successful he also will have these know that when either you or he even are successful that he will invite you and your followers and he to come into his presence, and that he will sraise jou all to an honor that will be a surprise. There is comini Darh paraga Dargar, with legions more of his companions, over trying for the same goal as you and starring are doing, and yet they too vill all be glad when they shall hear the grand and gloriousness that you or Starring have been successful."

Gertrude Angeline at this was greatly surprised, and the visitor proceeded, "Miss Arronburg here is also a letter for these, which have brought from Emperorr Hanson Vivian."

she took it and opened it,, and the contents of it read as follows,

"I the Emperor of Calveriniu and her states, would have you dear Gertrude to continue on the mission, and if possible join gtarring if you ever meet with him. You two can succeed better than one. Try and find him."

Then she cried to him"I will do so as is asked."

Then said starring:

"Mertrude if she does is facing the bitter before the sweet he will go through many troubles, even probably more than we have already to accomplish a mission of that sort. Wherefore I adfise thee general, to break camp as quickly as possible and continue on our own quest quest as we may find her on the way. We can go through the town over yonder. I got this pass through any part of the country hidden carefully always in m my bosom. Also when I have to return when have secured the information I will have to reture it at purporer Vivians headquarters, the father of the Vivian Girl Princesee themselves."

"Yes I presume so, but I believe on second thought, Abbieum should be our

goal first." said the general.

"But can, stand the nights that may be there still?" asked Starring "You must percieve of late sir. I have been always much affected with the thoughts of the situation in calverinia and elsewhere, which I verily believe is by nature still very miserable. The condition to the country is a great load to y my heaet therefore maybe I would not be able to restrain myself if y saw too much. The thought of these things is enough to kill a warm hearted suint outright. But if it is necessary, then let us break camp, and start off, and I can use my ewn judgement us to my feelings accordingly."

Then did all the others burst into tears of joy for that Starring finally was so inclined. The Calverinias of Calverinians therefore started to break camp, and they began to precare to a sot out on what may be a dangerous journey, over d vas a devastated lands, big floods and horrible nights. But while they were breaking camp, I wo of the Calverinian soldiers said to starring;

"Pray sir, what is the meaning of such an expedition?"
"Starringlooked at him in surprise and answered;
"It will do for the good of country and cause."

"For what reason sir, I pray you?"

"What is it to you, But just the same my purpose is to seek important information from the enemy."

"I hope you don't intend to go on such a risky trip as that good sir.Pray for the sake of those of whom you may still have to command o do not so unwantomly cost away yourselfin such perilous conditions.""
"Nay" said Starring, I know what, am doing, and oal of my followers shall continue

continue to go with me, for not one of them is willing to stuy behind."
"I wonder in my own heart" said the soldier, " what or who has brought you into

going on such a dungerous expedition, when you could have a sent expert spies and agents as well.

"If you know as much about the situation as I do, and about scouting as much as I do, I doubt not but that if you were in my place you would do the same."

Yes. "Yes, and pray what knowledge have you got now sir, that vorks so upon you that makes you tempted to so to demorpase of which no one knows about."

Then Sturring replied;

"I have been as well as the whole nation has been sorely sufficted, since all the suffering has come non the people of the disaster devastated states,, but spe i out specially over the awful Abbiecon disaster herror. But that which is troubling me most of all, is that most of the country cannot go to the aid of those who are thus rendered to suffer and made h m homeless, and of clandelinias churlish carriages to the helpless Calverinians while under their distress. Masides I feel as if I was one of those unfp unfortunate beings, therefore nithing nothing will serve me but go on the jounrey till it is finished come what may I was a dreaming last night that witnessed one of the disasters at its vorset .worst. Oh my soul I felt as if Iwas one of the homeless. I dreamed I saw my mother perish in the flood and was unable to rescue her. All this to go on while those dreadful Clandelinian generals dwelleth in the resence of the whole wicked granleys, and sits and eats with them at their headquarters dinning table, all them of them have become commanions to the wickedest kind of persons ever known in history, and T always believe either one of them know something or are responsible for the series i of disasters. Only when the secret is known can the horrors be stopped. mmpero Emperor Hanson vivian has also sent me on the mission with promish of honor and higher commission from amperor nov Robert Vivian himself if a succeed. is messenger had several times met me on y my journey and I have a parchment which shows my rights to continue the mission. The Vivian Girl Princesses desire me to do it too." and with that he fick plucked out the parch rool roll and read it and said to the officers round him:

"That will you say to this now!"""

"Oh the madness of any one who has sent you to go out on errands and face such perils and difficulties. You have I know remembered what you did meet withalready even in a manner at the first step that you took on your way, as many witnesses can testify, you were fired on from ambush by the two clandelinian Professional Spies, who resemble nutt and Jeff, and who knows that they might not yet be shadowing you to get you sooner or last later. We also heard over and above, how you met with the fires, plowed through a portion of the blazing country known by nickname now as the "Fiery Valley of the Shadows of Death" and many other things. Nor is the danger that you and your followers met with in the ravine to be forgotten by you. So if you who was hard put to it went through all this for a beginning, what do you expect to meet with yet. Consider also you are a general of high commion commission in our armies, and you cannot be spared. herefore should you be so rash as to cast away thyself, so better send some of us instead, and assume personal command of your armies which you left far away at general visians camps."

But Starring said unto him;
"Tempt me not, you under commissioned officers, I have now a price into my own hand to get gain for the sake of the cause, and I should be the greatest fool in the world if I h should have no heart to strike in with the op ortunity when it presents itself. And for that you tell me of all these troubles that I am like to meet with in the way, they are so far off from being to be me an discoir discourage ment, that they show me that I am in the right. The bitter must before before he before the sweet, and later on that also make the bitter sweet, and the sweet the

swenter. wherefore I am not going to back out."

"Well have it your own way, said the officers, where he goes we must."

Though they tried to persaude him again continuing the mission these officers were evertheless at a stand, for they did not Iko to advise h him against it but never theless they felt for hi safty and since they could not persaude him from gowng

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they felt therefore like accompany him at any risk. First they all yearned for the same adventure, so they said within thomselves; "If Starring will insist on going, we all will accompany him not only to Abbiemen to see the results of the disaster there but will accompany him on his most dangerous journey" Secondly they yearned ever the awful situation of the cause of their own saidly (_vastated state, for what Starring had said had taken come hold upon their mid-wherefore they said within themselves again, "We will have yet one more talk with general Starring and If I find truth and a wi uning of the holy cause of Abbieannia in what he shall say further, curselves with our full hearts will go with her." Therefore they said to the officer who near questioned Starring;

"Colonel Herdrides" I did come with you indeed to help you interview Starring this profit, and since he is as you understand taking of himself a probable farewell of his country, I think to accompany him ourselves will be a great i p.

He will need reinforcements .. "

"well" said the colonel, "I see you have a find to go off on such a hazardous unact unactualing too; but take heed in time, and be wise, while we are out of danger we are out, but when we are in ,we are in."

So the colonel returned to his tent, and there he sent for some of his officers, to wit, Captian Handon, Lieutenent Hanson, and wirst Lieutenent Action also Major Henders, when they unswered the summons, he told them the story of Starrings process purpose.

Well boys, went to interview general starring, and I learned he had been on a i mission that was quite dangerous. So I asked him what his modning was by it, and he told me in enort(short) that he was bound to get information of the floods cancer within the enemys lines, lie told me also of a dream he had, and how the King of Calverinia and her states invited him to prolong his mission."

"There gold Cartier Handon" and what go you think he will still continue on

the expedition?"

"Ayo, he surely will go, whatever danger he will have to meet with, and policyed know it by this, for that which was my great a argument to persuade him to give it up and send some one else, for a dreaded the troubles and minfortunes he was lkely to meet on the way, is one great argument with her to pub him forward on the journey-For he told me in so many words" the bitter goes before the sweet2""" Yes, and for as much as it may do, or does, it makes the sweet the sweeter-He means if he is successful, Manleys secrets will be out, and disasters in the future will be unknown."

"It seems a blind and foolish undertaking, said Lieutonant Hanson, but as long as he does not take warning by his recent gerils he went through, nothing I fear will change him now. For my part many of our spies would rest content with whole skin, and never run so many hazards f for nothing."

"The officer comisce also replied;;,;

"Away with such a country as Glanuclinia, from the world---a good riddance, for my part I say of her. Sturring is right in his process purpose. Should be give up his expedition when there is chances of his winning in the rad, who could live quietly by if he failed because he did not continue. Wherefore for my part, I shall never be sorry for his adventure, let him go and do it, we can accompany him, twas never a good part of the world since the whimsical fool of a glandelinia came into it."

Then the conol colonel maded,,,,,,,,
"bom come put this kind of talk away."I was yesterday out scouting to see the lay
ofthe the land, w and who do you think t should see, but a force of claudeliniums
moving southwestward.and dare say, it was a column of troops bent upon going

some place. That looked mighty suspicious to me."

By this time, the army of Calverinians were well on its way, and starring and his followers went along with it. And as they went, Jennie urmer and her girl and boy friend being there still also, Starring began his discourse. He said to the

general in command of the calverinians;;;;;
"I take this as a very unexpected favor; that you should have me and my followers accompany you, to bring us forth to the views of the disaster regions of Abbisan." "It is because it would be for good purpose to you, and if it was not for that reason I would never rish to go near the arful location any more. It is a uangerous adventure, full pf peril and excitement.""""

"But I'll take the chances " said starring......

""Well" said general Saunders" "you may cast in your lot with me and my soldiers and Calverinians. I do not know for fullness what ight be the result of your great and unusual mission, but if you succeed you'll get a better rea reward than all the gold in gold mines and the like. Wor shall put a myeror Vivian reject any proposition you may a great, though you go only upon the invitation of the Vivian Cirl Princessee and not for compand. Appearing me error Vivian bus invited and advised you to go, and busides if yo, wish you can for the time being be a part, of my comend, only if you desire gold thinks for your benefit come to Abbicann..."

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PBut how shall I or my followers be over ascentained that we shall gain success by just having a view of the ruins?" demunded Starring Had I this hope but from one that can tell I would make no stick at all but would be still more willing to go, being Helpled by Him that can help, though the way was never so tedious."

"Well sire said the Calverinian general"I will tell you what you should do. Co with me to the scenes with me to beleann, and there I will further advise thee shall there you have not met with encouragement, I will be content that you and your followers can continue your route alone as formerly. I will also pay thee for thy Mindness in accommanying as far at least, which you also showed me and my proper paying us this visit, and iin thy accompanying of us in arrays as thou do the starring which we have not as the said that the starring of us in arrays as thou

to both non" said Starring, I will go with you thither, and will take that shall follow providing it is for my now good, and Our Blessed Lord grant that my bt lot at the beation of Abbieann may there fall even up the King of Heaven and His Blessed Mother shall have their Hearts pon me upon my me and my itentions."

The Calverinian general was now happy at heart, not only that he had a famous christian gene a general as a companion, but also for that he had prevailed with this general ande ad his followers to fall in love with a new part of the adventure. ... So they went on together, and for a time Jennie gurmer began to weep. Starring noticing her said;

"What is the matter, Jen? Why weepest thou."?

"Alas" said jennie," who can but lument that shall but rightly consider, what a state and condition, poor Calverinia, and her states are in, and prtions of our country that yet remain insuch an awful condition, plugues, and suffering everywhere and that which makes my grief the more heavy is, because there is no way to bring help to the sufferers and the homeless, nor any one who can even know what can be done.."

"YesBut crosses comes before the crown" said starring. "And you do for the suffering of Calverinia, as every one else throughout the whole world is didding when the dicasters were broadcasted, the world itself mourns, but remember Our Diesed Lord will gather up the tears of the suffering of Calverinia, and those who moder mourn for the peple, and at them into His Chalice, and both you and I and every one who feels for the efferers, are reaping fruit and benefit from them. I hope Jennie these tears of yours will not be lost, for the truth has been said that they that sow in tours shall reap in joy, and in singing, and those that go forth and weep bearing precious seed of sorrow for others, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his shieves with him."

When the army of alverinians came up to the river, not far from the town they began to be at a stand, for the river was wide and there was no boats in sight. The general in chief percieving also, that notwithstanding the size of the river it was line apparently all its length on both sides with forests, and the situation was worse than formerly.

"nut, said tarring" come let us venture to walk along the shore untill se wil find a place to cross.Only let us be "ary."

Asthey moved along, they looked well to the steps untill they came in sight of a large forry boat tied to the shore. This they took, and they had no sooner got across, when they halted for a few minutes of rest. Then the army went on again and Angeline Reste to And Angeline lione said to Starring;

"Had I as good ground to hope for a grand success in our mission, I believe no

ammount of exciting adventures would discourage, me."

"Well" said StarringQ" ou know your own part of the countrys misery, and I know mine, and my cod girl scout, we curselves shall have enough evil before we come at our journeys end. For how can it ever be imagined, that people like the wicked, Clundelinians that design to attatch such ureafful horrors upon a country, as they have access, can always get away with it. And we was are on adventures cannot but full to meet with what fears and scares, with what troubles and difficulties and afflictions that can possibly come upon us, and how to we know we may not be associted by glandelinians also."

After two hours of thus traveling, they all reached the town. Wen they hat halted near the surfurbs the officers bett betook themselves to a short debate about how with y must they must find the easiest and shortest route to the region of abbiesan, and what should be done when they came in first sight of the new so called Lake Abbiesans; of it was conl concluded, since Starring was a good professional spy, that he should direct the column through when they got there, and therefore they discided decided to speak to him about it as soon as possible. They sarted started for the town slowly .Starring and the two girl scouts thanselves were greatly tumbled up and down in their minds, and knew not that to do themselves. Back out they durat not for fear of failure, go back the way they came to continue on the advanture by themselves they also durst not, for fear the Calverinian leader should capy them

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"Let not you two Christian leaders be offended with me, for that _ have to come

up to speak to you, as it is very important." "Starring looked at the man, and then said;

"Where from did you come, and what is it that you would have?"

"The can answered;

"I'm the Mayor of this city, and . know where you and your force did come, specially especially from whence you did come, and I know that hundreds of others have been on the same errand as you to wit, to be, if it shall please you and the rest, I will graciously admit you all into the town, and direct you after you have ben been intertained by the rural route tward the road leading tward Abbieunn, a railroad that had been operating and now reparie repari repaired, and I tall you once again that I am the city's mayor, and I have been informed of you by a telegraph from Emperor Hanson wivian," and he showed starring the telegram.

With that Sy Starring did narvel saying;

"That is my doing broadcasted. Yes he said I accept your invitation but please

keep this information from the enemy."

Then the Mayor remounted his horse, and led the way, and said also;

"Let 's hope sir by Gods help you'll be auccessful in your efforts. Thousands have

recently tried what you are doing and did not succeed."

As he proceeded on, he called a ps policeman to lead the way and keep the street clear as an admiring erord was gathering, and he obeyed many other police also keeping the croads in place o on the sidewalk, and a ban now accompanied the

Calverinians, and filled the air with melodious notes.

For Jonnie Turmer herself was almost trembling and crying, for fear that the disasters that she know of would sooner ot later be fatal for the country because of the impossibilities of aid coming to the suffe rers. But when gtarring had no suddenly recieved admittance for the whole party into the town, then she began to take more heart, and prayed often that our Blessed Lord would make direct intercession for Calverinia, and her devastated sister states. and she said as she rede or alongoide to starring;

"Your excelency I have a hinch of mine that the series of disasters will make a fatul one from their results, and that makes me much dejected in mind, for I sometimes think that nothing will bear fruit even from our adventure. Yet sometimes I am very impatient, to be near the scenes of Abbieann again, for I was one of the witnesses of the early part of the disaster, for each minte during the first horror was as long to me an as an hour, thile Heaven alone presume prevented me from perishing with my compaions who also escaped in the ensueing flood, though the roar of the flood was so loud, that it made us all scared.

"You as one of or girl guides" must keep good heart." said the Calverinian leader himself. "Where we is that little black haired friend you met in that city

before the flood. 'Is she among the lost!"

"No sir" she escaped with us fortunately." "you did she manage to escape wi with you. #?

"The accompanied us. We were in her home at the time of the first explosion shock. She is often with the Vivian Girls now. At the first shock , felt so faint I could have almost swooned, I felt as if the very life was shaken out of me by the concussion. But when my soul fainted within me remembered our Blessed Lord and my r prayer came in unto Him."

"that part of Abbieann did you come from when you escaped from the flood .. "???

"From the q eastern part sir. I came for or from that unto which section the

flood did not come so sudden."

"Did any of the other girl friends desired thee to come with them to that disaster

"Yes" said ennie, and as any one may know we all had a trying experience. I have continually briayed for all those that have been victims of such an awful disaster which dis destroyed the city. If and if there is any grace or forgiveness for sins I beseached Him that I may see clandelinia brought either to reason, or be punished which ever way He desires test. For my being in the city itself, I did go, even though , was never n invited, as my friends were. They were invited by the Mayor of the city,, and my invitation was from them, wherefore at first I feared I would presume. They coaxed me and I did go then I at first refused. Gertrud & took me by the hand, end led me on. And so I did go. But I never could think, not even believe that so glorious a city, like Abbisann, rould be like shecis i like she is now."

The whole parts now was brought into the lar e yard of the Mayors home, where they were recieved by the Mayors wife, and two grown sons, who praised the whole force highly for the purpose of their mission. Then said Starring t to the Mayor; "We are highly sorry, as sorry for Calverinia and her affliction as a Saint would be for his sins, and beg of you good advise, and information what me must do to gain

a easy and quick route to Abbieum, or its locality." "I will pant t grant the permit to have passage, free passage on the vailroad I will toll you" or you may succeed in your mission, probably by word and dead, by word in the promish of doing your work right well, by deed in the way you may obtain the information you are looking for Take good arms with you though as you'll need then. "He spoke many good words to them in advice advice, whereby they were greatly elated. He also led them to the top of the roof of a tall building and showed them by route they should take to reach the only open railroud, the famous Mic Hollester and Pandora or Abbieannia, Bondial, and Calvering as it is it also called, and told them elearly that that sight they would have again as they continued along in the way, to their comfort."

So he left them q awhile on the roof, where they entered into talk & by

themselves. And Angeline michee hercelf thus began-

"Oh dear Bl essed Lord, how glad I am that we have get this far already." "So you may well say" said Tadeliffe, "but I of all have cause to leap for joy-

It is a splendid, exciting and interesting adventure."

"I thought for one time" said Angoline Richee "As I stood in one o' of the streets in Abbieann, than when I saw such a beautiful city, and now think of what happonee, that all the labor of the nation had been lost, erecially then that ugly

flood made such a heavy overwhelming rush up n upon the city .. "

"But my worse fears" said Jennie Turmer was after I saw that the flood had destroyed a good part of the city before we were out of it, and that we were in danger of perishing with it. Now thought I then" when watching the progress of the destruction "It is fullfilled what is written" when the water s are let loose the land shall mourn. The one population shall be taken away, and the other left unboarably miserable." I had much ado t forbear crying out when I saw the buildings co before the waters " Calverine is undone. Calverinia too is undoe undone. Wee to the nation. And I was afraid to even see an any more, bt when we were on that float in the river and we saw the flood bearing down upon as suidenly, I thought also we wire were lost. I connot tell, yet how we escaped, for in that dangerous flood it was a struggle betwix life and death."

"Can you not tell how you did escape" asked Rudcliffe. "I am sure your prayers for delibe deliverance were so earnest, that the very sound of them may have started the whole of heaven. You know an escape like you and the other girls had was sort oa of a miracle. I never heard of such an adventure all my life. You and your girl followers surviving through a flood horror, that took the whole nation by storm."

"Alas" said Jennie, to be in my case it would be impossible, how could I tell how we so resdily escaped. We saw the water rush on us like a tremendous tidal wave down the river, and that we were helpless on a wreckage float. Yet we escaped across in time. Yet who I say was so fainted hearted as I at that moment, that I i wity with the rest would not strive to escape as we did. But pray, what said Violet, and her sisters about our escape Wore they surprised."

"Thy I should say they were, to even hear of you being there. Yet I believed your escaped pleased them well enough, for they h showed no sign to the contrary. But I marvel in my heart that you and your followers had the opportunity for such a tremendous adventure. Had I known that before, I fear I should not have had heart enough to even think of venturing myself in thiscmanner. But you you went through it, and you are out safe and sound, and I am glad with all my heart heart.

"I think , will ask, this general gaunders of the Calverinians if you please when he comes to interview us again, why he went to view the scenes of the horrors of Abbisann. Maybe he did so to try and discover something also which would help our armies to get exicted excited enough to drive such a filthy cur as Glandelinia

out of calverinia. I hope he will not take it amiss?" "Aye do" said Radcliffe" if we could only find out who were responsible for the

disasters a and hang the guilty ones it would bechetter." It was not so long after, when this Calverinian general came into the yard, and

Angeline pichee rode up to him for she still was mounted,, and said,,. "I would like to ask if it does not offend you for the question, wherefor did you go forth to look over the scenes of Abbieann and the surrounding country

at the sint of whoch which many forigners are ready to fly for fear?"

"Well" began general Saunders"That was a particular mission of mine, I still have another section of my force, there that has another commander, he is also kept in close contact with all investigators we know, only my force here you see returned purposely to look for you, and Starring and his followers, to get them to come as we are doing this work for you at the request of , iolet, and her sisters. Another company is going to come along with us, they are getting ready in the camp which

you see there at a distance, and they will soon march up here. The situation of course at Abbieann has frightened many a brave and honest forlegne tourist from worse to better from the awful scenes he has witnessed, and by the great voice of the roaring waters. Indeed those who made the disasters did not do it of any good will to our country or our Blessed Lord, but with the inent intent probably to keep the Calverinians from being able to open the routes to which our armies can use to go against the Glandelinian armies, and that the horrors of the disasters may also make the armies afraid to proceed anywhere through Calverinia for fear of being wiped out by a like disaster. The government tries to give the unfortunates timely help, so that Calverinia is not d delivered up to glandelinia's power to do to the helpless refugees what her devilish nature would prompt her to.My dear girl I to trow, had you known beforehand, you would not be worrying of these disasters. It will bringevery nation on our side, which is already happening, and therefore shall a nation like wicked Glandelinia invading the provinces of Calverinia, whose disaster making will yet surely turn to the prof profit of our nation, i keep armies from moving against manley and his generals. That cannot be done as is already being proved. The government in short time will deliver Calverinia from Ca glandelinia. their darling state from the power of such a sicked bullish country as glandelinia."

"I confess my ignorance" said Angeline Riches, I did not understand properly when I questioned you, but we can in time ; know do all things well."

Then Jennie Turmer began talking of their journey, as the otherdivision from the camp in the cityo square had arived go within another hour the whole command was marching in parade down the street, being on the way, a bund following and playing lively tumes. The weather was not and sultry, there was enew no sunshine and this was aken taken for granted of so much smoke from distant forest fires.

Now there was in the western outskirts of the town, in the way they were to go a orchard, and that orchard was city property. Many of the fruit trees that grew in that archard shot their branches over the streett, and being permitted to, by the one in charge of the orchard, they all gathered up what they could for to eat on the way. The two girls, and Radeliffe were pleased with the trees trees and with the fruit that hang from the branches, and they also helpled themselves and hegan to est.

wije Time passed , and they continued on their way. No one did know what they were going to meet against on their way, or otherwise the whole column would have stayed together a wand would not have seperated. Starring and his own force was some distance, ahead, and as a change of luck would have it, the Calverinians were some distance behird, the two girls, and adoliffe with them. The former column had not gone but about five hundred yards, when the formost men being in the advance espied coming tward them on horseback, a large party of men, dressed queerly in similiar form of the "Ameria American KU.Klux, Klan but of strange gray uniforms.

with that, two of the men, raced back to warn Starring, who sent a messager back to harry on the rest. Not knowing who the party were, the men unslung their shoulder repeating rifles, and Starrings whole force met together, and formed a barricade on the road. Then some others came down to meet them, and Angeline Richae riding up" said to some of her followers "Stand back, do not go too far, but deploy to the rightres you should. The men in the distance seeing the array before thes. non naited, and Starring taking out his field glasses took a good look at them from a distance. At that moment Jennie nurmer and Radeliffe, waxing very wroth at the sudden delay in their advance, came riding up. Jennie suid to Starring"While the rest of the force remain behind why not you go forward a little way and engage the leader of the strange men in conversation, and see who tney are before there may be a fight."

Starring decided to do so. With Her advide he and the Calverinian ceneral rode forward carrying two standards. St arring then asked in a loud tone who they were, and he recieved an unswer that surprised him;

"We are the well known Cargoylian Kurds of landelinia, and knowing who you and your followers are, we make no assault upon you for no other procee but to to prevent your progress this way. I have come out however to tell you that if you will but grant one small request which we shall ask we will go back peacefully and not start a fight."

"That is that request?" demanded Starring. He however imagined what the leader might mean, but he wanted to be sure...lle recieved answer;

"Btand back, or go peaceubly back to t your camps where you came from and leave off from your expedition to Abbieunn. Stund back a und be gone, for we have no secrets of that country to lose to you and your followers, and therefore if you refuse we'll do buttle."

"Sturring answered:

"We will neither hear, nor regard, nor seild to anat you shall ask. We are even in harte--carrot stuy, our besiness in a business of life and death. If you do

thet give any or open combs we'll attack with ourselves, as I am willing for a hood be ap a 1 , don't seem so be.

"If you love a conflict then go to it." said the Cargoylian leader. "We intend no opposition to you enless you refuse our pe e petition. The mother thing also we Clandelinians would have."

"Ay" quoted, Starring, you would have me abandon my expedition altogether, for I know for opposition against my movement you have come, but we all will rather fight to the death on the spot than suffer wreelves to go back and and abandon gan expedition because you say so. Stand back yourselves and give us an open road or I'll order my whole force to charge."

"No" was the answer.

"Starring rode back to his command. At Starrings advi ce the to girls shrieked out to the others to come forward, and the whole rushed forward to attack the Cargoy Lians, who stood firm with the design to prevail against the Calveringan s but as brave and as fierce as they were, they saw themselves greatly outnumbered and the onrushing Calverinians without a single loss to a man swept all before them lining the road with dead and wounded Gargoylians and horses.

The others also came up to join in the fray, and knowing that Carroylians had appeared; they made haste to join in the fray, but as they come up a portion of the cargo Gargoylian column had ralled rallied, and the two parties were in a great ac ffle. At the coming of more Calverinions, the Claudelinians made their escape over a hill fringed with thick woods, and there threatened to make a stand. A percuit was started for Starring wished to take them prisoners but they did also make their escupe through these roods, and disappeared so deep in the forest that they could not be located. Then Starring rode up to Angeline ,ichee the had followed closely to watch the f fray, and asked them how they enjoyed the fighting. "Ene unswered:

"I thank you very much, only we have been somewhat surprised, but it was it seems easy to worst them."

Bo after a few more words, Starring said;

"I marvelled much that you was almost in the fighting itself. You must have petitioned our Blessed Lord for help, for that may be the reason we avoided trouble and dangers, for He granted us a sure bloodless victory as we lost not a single man, nay not one was even wounded, while the enemy must have lost a hundred."

"Alas " said Angeline" I was so taken with our present blessing, that dangers to come were forgotten by us, besides who could have thought that we would in this wilderness have come in contact with a force of Glandelinians. It may be so that some main glandelinian army is close by Indeed it had been well for us that we had asked our Blessed Lord for help, for it was only to our profit, but I wonder the Cargoy lians did not come with a still bigger force than they had."

"It is not always necessary to go through these kind of adventure adventures lest by doing so, they become of ittle esteem" said Staring"But when nevertheless the want of a thing is usually felt,,, it then comes under, in the eyes of those that feel it,, that estimate that properly is itis due, and so consequently will be thereafter used. Had we been prop prepared accordingly we would not neither so have bewailed that oversight of are, in not acking out for glandelinian enemies, as see we now had occassion to sa do. So all things generally work for good, and tend to make us more warv."

"Shall we go back to the town again, and get o some more men to join us?" asked Radeliffe."

"I don't think it is necessary" said the Calverinian leader. "For in all places where we will be going, you will find no more danger as long as our force i is reliable, for in every portion og this region, there is sufficient troops to be found to furnish us against all attacks whatsoever. But I will go back and ask for more help, for it is a poor thing that is not worth asking for .. "

A NUMBER OF BUILDINGE ALVESTURES WILLE ON THE WAY FOR THE REGION.

With he had thus snoken the calverinian general, tward back for the town, and the remainder weited for a time untill he should return, and when he returned with the reinforcement the whole column went on its way. Then said Angeline Riches to Jennie Turmer 11:11

"that A sudden blank to here. I made account 'we had now been pasta 11 danger and that we would be all right and neversee thrilling accounts more since we

apparently had outdistanced the raging forestfires."

"It might be our innocency on that matter." said Jennie murmer to Angeline."that might es excuse us all, but as for me my fault is so much the greater, for that I saw this danger of the approaching dargovilans from a long distance, before we met even the camp of the Calverinians, and yet aid not provide for it or even report our find. I am therefore much to be blemed."

"How aid you know this befr before we came in with the calveringang Pray tell

"I will tell you easily enough, pefore we set out for the comp , from some high righ rise of grounf, saw a trace of these gargoyllens. But of course I did not think they knew of our intention or that they wouldn'try to block our way. This you know ug ought to have made me take heed, and warned the rest of us. But _ had forgotten formotten all about them."

"Wall" by this neglect we have an occassion ministered unto us to behold our own imperfections, so our Lord anyway came to our help. For knowing our parit he has follow followed us with , is unasked kindness, and has delivered us from their is power

and their intention to stop our work has been frustrated. "

Thus no w (cow) when they had talked away a little more time, they draw night nigh to a another small town that stood in the way, a town occupied m stly by forest rangers and their wives and families as you may as you may find fully related in the first part of these records of starrings adventures. So they draw on tward the town, When they were about to enter the villiage they came non a upon a group of people, and they everheard a great and exiciting conversation among them. They listened carefully as they approached, and heard as they thought Starring, and others mantioned by asme, for some reason or other, as the reader may know there went along, even before them, a talk of starring and his followers going on this marvelous and ateresting adventure, and this thing was the more pleasing to the town folk, for they had heard that starring was a Professional Christian apy-the apy and coldier who it is generally said most glandelinians who know him are so unwitting to meet in open fight. Thus therefore the column salted as Starring heard the good people of the town commanding him, who they little thought was almost in their very midst. At last starring rode up to the crowd end the leading man said as he salured;

"Good evening general. With whom would you speak with in this crowd."

"Answered Blar n Starring;

"We understand that this is a town for ranger s and their families, and we have just arived to this villings on a bag tour, wherefore we pray that we may be partakers of your villiage for the night being, for the day as you know now is very far apent. and in such a forest we are very loathe to night go to go any further."

"Pray, sir, whey the gray uniforms of you and your followers, and by what may

I call your name, that , may convey it to the Mayor of the town."
"I am general writer Starring. These are my followers. I have come all the way from general General Aviana lines. These girl scouts are also my companions. The troop of Calverinians are my escort, and are leading me on to have a chance my self to incestigate the regions of the devastated Appleann city and other places.

This man ran back to the crowd, and said to all those gathered,,,

"Can you think who is the leader of that big force of soldiers and others come to the town just now?"

"They all looked and he went on,

"They are General Waiter Starring, and their troop, all waiting for loding and entertainment here."

Then the whole crowd leaped for joy. A tall stately doking man came forward and looking at Starring said!

"Are you general Starring that traveled all the way fro from general , ivians

odmp† " "I am that very man. I first started out on my journey alone, but now this is my force force, and am now convince ed no way is right husbut this."

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"Then for the good of our cause is to be fullfilled , hope, that which is also written of the country, that suffered from war after war and yer never lost, and for which the enemies finally repented."

"Bo be it amone said starring. O"God may make it a true saying for Angelinia and her cause, and grant that , may succeed in finding what . have been cent for and not fail, for in her cause cause Abbicumnia is spotless and plaine planeless." "nut why remain out in the street sir. Come forward and share the town hall with us during your stay, we was talking of you and your followers but now, for tiding tidings have become to up a few days before how you had set out on this aventure

with your followers. come into our bit big town hall. C .: Come in."

And he led them all to an imponso long building, and when they were withinthey were bidden to sit down, and rost themmolves, and while they all conted themselves those that attended us upon starring and his followers, came into the great hall to see them. After a while became supper was not ready, the Mayor of the town himselv came to see them. hildren of the town came to look in upon the adventurors , and they all smiled for Joy that they had such daring friends in their midst. The Mayor himself took starring, and the two girlscouts and Radoliffo, nit into his significent rooms, and showed them some thin a to remember. Here therefore they saw magazines telling of the flood and explosion disactors, saw photographs of the devestated section s of Calverinia. This done a and after these things had been pendered upon by granning and his three companions, the Mayor takes them apart aga gazain and brought them into a room, where there was a man sitting by a round table who was engrossed in a map, and even at their entrance he did not look up, but continued to write fariously with a pon. There also stood another and at his rist right side, with a bondle of envelopes in his hand, but for a time the man who was writing did not look o up or regard, but continued his furious writing.

Then said it starring;;;;""

"I somewhat know the meaning of this:

"This man is busy on comothing extremely important. Is it not good oir," ?., L "You are perfectly right" said the Hayor. "He is busy writing a report to the Abbicannian government on the discovery of the rains of the cly city of Abbicann of which he had observed. And as you see him rather give hand to try your own lo luck at discoveries when you arive there, for it is believed by many that such a diseaster is only a dream, a fable, and that such a thing never happened and that it i is only exaggarated reports. Now as it is also showed you that this man is too busy just now to be disturbed, it is to lot thee knew that he was successful in his investigations, and he is quite count do wow by his work. When his report is finished he will send it on to the Government."

"But" said starring" his work also shows his own part of the mind .. And where you see him rather give heed to continue his work in uninterrupted, than to what any one else might expect of him, it is to show that the situation of Calverinia from the disasters, is but a terror to some, and a probable fable to others, and that things that the enemy can and would do are counted only as thi ngs much to be exagrerated. Now whereas it was also showed me that while so busy the man would not look either up and down, it is to let me know that he is so engreesed in his work, that his heart is quite carried away fr m from everything else but his work for his countrys selec."

Then Angoline Richar said;

"Oh deliver calverinia from future disasters of my Bloomed Lord." "That prayer" said the mayor "Will I hope be answered soon. "Give Calverinia a better show is the prayer to day of tens and tens of millions..... Herugges and now nomes are the great things now looked for " """ with that Amerine Richee and Jennie murmer wept and suid;,;

"It you seems to be in vain."""

When the Mayor had showed them this for experiment ne led them into the very best room on the hall, and hig them look around at the pictures, and see if they coulf could find anything profitable there that would would help them in the cayse cause. Then they looked at the pictures, going round the room, but there was nothing there to be seen but pictures and photographs of the disaster scenes, and of refusees, and yet they overlooked nothing. Then said K Jennie;

"Sir I see nothing but pictures of devastation." But Angelink Angeline gichees held her peace.

But said the Mayor.

"Look again, and closer .. "

They therefore looked again, and said:

"Here is nothing but a small map with a design as of a spider in the center." "Is ty there but me spider in the country in the map?" Then the water stood in Jennie's eyes, for she was a little girl quick of appre-

hension, and she said ... "Yes sir, there is here more than two, yea and di designs of spiders whose wenom is far are destructive than that which is in a Tarantula. Those spinders on the map are Clandelinia, and her armies in Cal v Calverinia.... ""

The Mayor then looked pleasantly upon her, and said;

"You have told the truth."

This made Jennie blush, and Angeline to cover her face, for they all began now to understand the riddle.

"Then said the Mayor., "Clandelinia tries to take hold of Calverinia, with her bloody hands as you see-and is now devastating the land with fire flood and explosions to gain her ends. And wherefore is this recorded, but you must know that is is to show you. that no matter how full of vonom of wickedness Clandelinia may be, you our own country can by the hand of faith, and trust in god lay hold of Glandelinia and throw her out in due time."

"I thought" said Angeline Richee " of something like this, but I could not imagine it all. I thought that Clandelinia and her wicked armies could be compared to wicked spiders, and that she And the armies could be compared to ugly creatures, but but that by this terrible, venemous and ill favoroured creature, we were ourselves to learn how to assume faith in god to help our country bring clandelinia to a fall some time to come, yet for a time untill now that did not come to my mind...and Yet alandelinia ha taken hold of Calverinia with her bloody hands as 7 see by the may and dwells in the best o part of the beautiful country. Glendelinia it seems has not made the disaster horrors in vain."

Jennie and Angeline looked upon one another and then bowed before the Mayor. After this he led them into a smaller room where there was a number of children playing playing, and bid them observe a while. Soone some of the children went to the window to look out.

"See" said the Mayor, " these children, how innocent they are and what they do, and learn what could happen to thom any time because of such foul o enemies as the Glandelinians are. Observe and dok look see what they do now."

So they gave heed, and observed that the children took time to say their prayers when called for supper.

"Now" said the Mayor "Compare, these children, supposing they were your own. "Think well how you would feel if they were victime of flood" .. "

"And sir, said Angeline Richee," Pray let us see a little more." "So he led them into another room, where there was a picture of our nord

hanging upon the _ross. "Then said he;

"You must learn of our Lord to suffer for his sake, just as we Calverinians put up wrongs without murmurunigs and c9 complaint c complaints even when wicked Glandelinia devastates us. Behold how quietly He had taken his His most cruel death at the hands of is wicked enemies, and without objecting e suffereth them to nail Him to the Cross. We claim Glandelinia done to Him what she has done to calverinia."

"After that he led them into a beautiful garden, where grew a great variety

of flowers. And he asked; "Do you see all these!"

"Yes." said the girls.

"Then said he ugain: Behold those beautiful flowers are unusually b divers in stature, in quality color and smoll and virtue, and mm many are better than others. But think if the enemy came here and saw them, he would devastate them."

Then as they were coming in from the flower garden, he led them into a field which he had sowed with wheat corn and grain and other crosp, and he said; "Thisground was dung,ed and ploughed and sowed, but what would the enemy

do with the crop." "Then said -ennie;

"The enemy would destroy it."

"Yes, the enemy would" said the Mayor as he led them on tward his house again. "We went to beware that the enemy do not cause a terrible famine in our land." "Yes, said Angeline ichoe."Glandelinia is am an emblem very apt to set forth before the world of her menance, for to sight Glandelinia as as dangerous as a fabled dragon, horrible of features,, color and carriage, the wicked country like the dragon seem also to have a very great love for disasters and fires, and to goble up her victime, and above all other to acc associate with and be in com pany with other dragons as wicked as herself, if only she can seize all cou good countries and pt them uner her power. Glandelinia pretends also that she is to take charge of goodly things, but when she is by herself as the snake, she can catch up and gobble up christian people, she can change her diet,, drink the worse of iniquity, and swallow down the blood of her victims like wine."

They had not entered the big hall again, and as supper was not ready, Jennie and Starring again desired that the Hayor would either show or tell of some other things of profit for the adventure."

Then the , Mayor said it; The ware devastations clandelinia causes, the more she assires to make to gain her wicked end, therefore she in more o prone to evil. The more stronger she

she is the more gamesomely she goes forth to try and conquer the christian cal cause. and the mo. more ammunition she has the more she'll blow us up. There is a desire in the Glandelinian Government to conquer the world itself, and it is a comely thing to be thought of, when in god's sight that in her cause is a world breaking crime. Tis easier said than done, is custor for one to say he, 11 de this and he 14 ue that, than to held out as he she la in the end livery cuitian of a great ship in a hurricane will willingly cust everbourd what endangers his ship. But he does not throwcout the best first. One lik leak will sink a ship, one blunder in your expedition will destroy our cause as sure as a mortal sin will destroy the sinner who suddenly died without repentance.

The provers is that those that makes disasters upon others will suffer disasters unto themselves. The nation that wars in unfairness, and looks for success is like the man who lives in mortal sin, and looks for han incan hereafter, and yet sows cocke cockle, and thinks to fill his parn with wheat or party... Such disasters proves that Clandelinia wicked as she is cannot be trifled with, and therefore proves the effects of sin in the world. If Landelinia loves disaster, aking, and aces not live well, then at also disaster will always be her company maker. If the world which God sets light by, is counted a thing of that worth with men, then why leave clandelinia to possess it if she cannot or will not amend .? wery nation is crying against the doing of clandelinia, but who is there among the nations affected with the goodness of God who takes her part!None! Nowadays our people seldon set down to eat, that disaster of some kind does not stalk us as prey, and there has been and is more disaster horror than the whole world has need to

when the Mayor had finished speaking, he led them out into his big garden again and led them to a line of treus, one of which was rotten and destroyed inside, yet it grew and had lots of leaves and whole and entire branches. Then asked gertrude

"this tree" said he whose outside is fair, and which yet is or rotten inside, it s is to which many may be compared that are the suffering in the garden of god, who like Calverinia suffer for Him, and despite of thier misory speak of God and His Heavely host with their full heart, and in behalf of him Him, whose leaves despite their suffering and ass loss are fair, and their hearts are almost like His, and wish the davil to be tinder boxes for the flame."

About ten minutes later supper was r ady, the table being aproad for gtarring and his whole force, and every thing placed that every body likes to east. So they seated themselver, selves said ther grace before meals. And the Mayor to be more good did un usually entertain those that lodged with him with hymns and music and speeches at meals, so the band came and played ... hen the supper, songs and music had ended, the Mayor asked Starring, what it was that at first aid move him to start out on the mission to discover why the enemy made all the disasters so listed since October 1912.

Starring after some ponder on the aubject unewered;

"It was no invitation of mine. But I il tell how it ha, ened. First, Violet and her sisters tried to do it, and failed, the loss of their efforts came into my mind, at which , heartly grieved grieved, but al that was natural affection. Then after tha for several weeks came the news of so many series of other disasters following closely upon one another, and lke a churl . I revited the Glandelinians for it. The guilt of Glandelinia and the horrors of the scenes I heard of and read of came to my mind, I dreamed of the horrors time and again, and finally one day I was talking of it kind of excitedly t excitedly to my own officers unconsciously in front of The Vivian Girls who overhard me. "You are just the man we wished to see" said the girls and they then beseached me to try it myself telling me of their plans to try too. I went after I recieved a report from some source that they did not win. The horrors of the disasters, and the result they might bring in the future if they continued forced me to this way."

"But met you with no opposition before you set out. ?" "Not right away. I was able to go about nearly fifty miles, untill I came to a stream. Here I was shot at from ambush. Many of my officers fearing for my safty had pried to persaud me not to undertake it, every ne urged me, and tried to do what they could to dishearten me to it, the hardships, perils and troubles, I may mest with in the way, but all this , went through so far and got over pretty well.

Of course If I knew the future and knew my mission would be of no avail, I really would give it up now. Many have tried to make me miscarry in my journey, some of the forest fires have troubled me and my followers much, yet it still runs in my mind, and makes me afraid of every glow I see lest a forest fire should surprise me and my whole force and do us a at of mischief, and to turn me out of my way or force me to alter my course. Yes y tel you sir, though I would not have every body know it, that between this to n and another smaller one, we w r were halted by a column of Gargoylian Kurds, but we were the better in the fray, and fortunately came off without a single loss though the fighting was hot."

"Your beginning's is good" said the Mayor, thy latter end should greatly increase. But you'll be soon in enemy territory I'll warn for for all of the Abbieann flood region is possessed by the foe now and many armies abound there which are fierce and more dangerous than a flock of big Blengiglosmean creatures are to the enemy, so be on your watch."

Then he addressed himself to Radcliffe himself and said to him: "And what myed you my boy to follow the general."

"The Vivian Girls had me do so sir."

"I see. And you Angeline. why did you do it?"

"Tryl Truly sir, my want of experience in answering such questions makes me surprised to have to answer, but it is the same reason. I know the whole country of Calverinia as I do my AN A.B. & C'c and therefore I was asked by Violet and her sisters to accompany him and be his guide. When the forest fire hit general Manleys camp and frustrated our work, and drove us out for dear life, we took a short cut, and here Violet and her sisters knowing you have also gone Now speaking for a moment to starring," suggested I and Jennie follow you and Radcliffe too, Gertrude Angeline coming to meet us before we reach Abbieann. Violet said she met not sent us sir to go to aid starring as his journey at the sarlest part near the forest would be dangerous and then they told us how to take the route to. find him. We had a hard time to locate him, as hard as if we did not know the country for though we could follow his tracks the forest fires frustrated our eversmove to find and join. We could not get through anywhere. I sent Radcliffe occassioanly occassionally forward to scout, and then he would only return and say though he too located horse prints in the reads and trails, yet a forest fire was coming and we would have to beat a hasty retreat. Now ' thought, while he was telling these things to me, my heart burned within mo, and , said in my neart if this be true , we will be competted to leave off our hunt, and will have to go neck to netter playes places, so reasked padeliffe further of the truth of these things, and asked him if we should return to the lines and give up the hunt, for T thought I saw no hope of finding starring and his friends, but he refused to give up, he being of a kind that nevers gives up in anything, he is stubborn at that and des perate too. So I continued on with a heavy heart, when suddenly we came upon Starring and his followers unawares. Thile we were on the search for him, he had found us."

"Your setting at was good, for you have given credict to the good, "ASaid the Mayor. "You are a good girl scort who did for the love of Country and God leave the s safty of camp and army to come out, and go with a force of scouts on the most risky of missions. The Lord recompense your work, and a full reward be given you of the Lord god of Israel, and aid you to help Starring succeed in his worthy mission."

It took half an hour before supper was ended, and then preparations were made for bed, the little girls going to their own quarters, and the boys and men and officer officers by themselves. Now & when the tow girls were in hed they could not sleeged sleep for joy, for now that her doubts as to the outcome of the mission was ended,, they therefore lay blessing and praising God, who had such favor for her and her

then the u sum rose in the morning of the gloaming, they arose, and prepared for their departure, but nevertheless loathing to have them go so soon, the mayor desired for them to remain for a little while longer, for he said to them;;;

"It is best for you to go in better position. "Then he said to one of his servents-"Lead them to Bredring creeek, and there allow them all to swim to their hearts content, so they can therefore be clean from the soil which they all have gathered by long and hard traveling.....

The servent therefore led them, tward the large creek outside the little town, and told them what the mayor had said. They were indeed glad of the opportunity, and they surely went in and washed to their hearts content, having lots of fun in the waterrr water, they and gthe children and all, and when they came out of that most,,, glorious swimming not only sweet and cleannn, but also much enlivened and and strengthened in their joints, but they looked better a good deal, then when they first entered the town,. When they returned out of the woods back into the town, Stu rring thought to himself when he looked upon the girl scouts"Fair as the angels" They were then again interviewed by the Mayor, he said to the servent .-

"Go into the vestry, and fetch out proper garments and disguises for these advent

urees adventurers."

and he venting in, and fetched out all kinds of clothing, civilian and other more like those worn by glandelinians than anything else, and they all took their choice and put on what they found fitted to a T. The girls choosed to retain what they had but Radeliffe and penred put on something new and funnier. When they were all thus adorned, they seemed to be a surprise and u j ke to one another. for some even were dressed like strange clowns. The child scouts also stood to

amuzed to see into what fushion all their comrades were brought.. As they were then all ready to continue on their journey, Starring and the Calverinian general went before them, the girls also being in the lead, and the Mayor said " God speed." All who followed for a little distance in the town, crowds of people, followed and cried out all sorts of good wishes.

Now they continued on, and as before Starring and the Calverinian general was before them, and after traveling several hours they came to a large glen. Here

then they made a pause, to rest and bless God. "How" said Angeline Richee"It suddenly comes to my mind, what was once said to us when we first started outto wit, that when we come closer to the region of Mullen town near Bengal County, that we should be more on our guard. What we should guard against of that I know and suspect something, but what else we should meet with we do not know. I sopp suppose general Francis I suppose you know whereof

if you please, glet us hear your discourse thereof."

"The general looked at her and said;
"Main thing to be is watchful, for if we are watchful success can be obtained by come one for another, that had need of success thereof, not by the persons doing nothing however,, but in the way for another, in which he rightfully has obtained it. So then to speak, to the question more at large, the success that you and the others with you including all those who may help you in the future and the girl scouts also would have attained would be onlt obtained by the help of god , to wit, by Him that died for all of us, and if we all have faith in wim He will obtain it in even a double way He can do anything to cover you and us during worthy adventures, even though He spilt blood for the saving of all sinners, including Glandelinians also.

"For a moment Jennie pondered, and then she said; "But suppose He does not see that the petitions for our success would be

worthy, h what will He do then?"

"That is almost a doubting question." said the general reproachfully. "Anyway we ourselves should know whether a petition is worthy or not, our conscious should warn and tell us that. To pre pray for something not worthy is a sin. He has more right to grant what He might see fit for, even more than you expect or have need of, or that He sees a person needs. Its Up to Him to do the granting as is best for any one petitioning for anything he or she desires."

"Row car. any one make that appear" asked Angeline Richese. "ith all my heart, but first I must premise, that He of whom we spoke of this moment: knows what is best for all of us, and if any prayer is a worthy one it cannot go ununswered. is we know the great disasters have two natures, one flood, the other explosion, both plain to be distinguished, also also to devide. Yet without a true cause and responsibility know, they are something which it is impossible to stop the enemy from doing into each of these kind of disasters, a strange mystery belongs, and each mystery is absolutely essential to their natures so that one may easily cause as it seems nature to almost be exte extinct, the other can devastate the whole land. Of these unusual disasters therefore not only Calverinia but her sister states are made partakers therefor so as that they or any of them shouldto looked into before they and their nature are again sent upon us, or otherwise probably they'll come as far as Abbieannia yet. Besides these there is a disaster which is however only one. And this is not only the unusual forest fires as distinguished from flood horrors, nor the flood terror as distinguished from the forest fire, but a 3 series of disaster horrors which seem about to come combine in the nature of many into one at one time, and may properly be called the complication of Record breaking disasters of a warfare beyond comprehension that is essential to capacity of dominating Calverinia and her sister states. If for instance these big forest horrors would part into several it could orphably part into worse disaster for our states wherein they retaining into one stretch does not therefore spread beyond measure as yet, if the forest fires parts into a score of di d different once, they could gradually form as many big ones that wou would destroy the forest lands of the whole state. The disaster storm has therefore another Student of its own which make their their own performance, or drama beyond what any moving picture could rortell, and that is it it puts upon other sections of the forested country, the whole state would be covered by fire." mout without our success in our interprize would the cause of country pe or

any avail to us?"

".NO I don't believe so, for the enemy therefore could devastate us into sub mission. These disasters are essential to the success of Glandelinia in her own interprize I'm sure, and it is by their effects and the nature of them that the extent and frequency of them justifies glandelinia for her success, and is for that purpose efficacious. The knowledge of the lay of our land gives capability to the errorts of Landelinia to succeed, and the nature of every kind of disaster that sweeps over land and sea and hill and through the forests gives full prr proof to the results if we fail to do the work for which we are ordained. So t here then

here is a nature of the propagle greatest of all disasters so far, and that is of the horrors of Bengall County County, for the calamity is can calamity without parallel, here is a disaster that I wiped out a numbe numer of Liggest cities in our country, for it is a perfect disaster without one acid otage of nature anguagain here is a a nautre of the disaster that he one can explain, its strange force, like a humareu volcanoes, the nature of the ulsaster, which no one knows or, yet is perfectly devastating throughout a good part of the state. Here then too is another nature that the explosions, as force, extent of snock and vioration han no explanation with reference as to the effect, and therefore no one can justify its true cause. Hence it is called the Mystery explosion. This explosion which blusted cities like a volcano did on Matrinque but a hundred of them and in the same fushion with hot cloud and flame has made more devastation byshock resulting flood and force, than anything known since History t started recording the events of the world, for the law only does bind historians to do so much in historical facts and no more, wherefor no one knows why the explosions occured, whether they were actual strange volcanic outbursts from the level plain or with or whether they were explosions caused by the enemy. Now Bengal ha county had two disacters explosion and flood. And thus Starring, Angeline, and Jennie, and the rest of you that are here do the country a good deed by making this effort to learn whether the enemy did it no or not, but it was my idea that since you starring are a good investigator and a famous scientist, you should first for facts learn whether it was a convulsion of nature of explosions committed by the enemy. With repeated potitions for help from heaven God will lead you to the true facts, for it is frequently disputed that the disasters are natural and not from the enemy himself.

But again to in order to gain success for the interprize, there must be something paid to God as a offering or price, as well as something prepared to cover us withal This sin of Glandelinia had delivered her up to the just curse of a righteous law. Now we curselves can be u justified by seeking redress, making Glandelinia pay Abbieannia g a goodly price for all the harm she has done, and this by all she can give up if she wishes to recieve quarter for her transgressions against Culverinia. An Abbicannia also wishes to save the slave children so Glandelinia in price to recieve quarter must surrender all these in general. And in the future also to save herself from destruction she must cover her polluted and feformed and deformed country with righteoueness. But our success comes not without God's help. We must never cease to pray for success."

"This is the best information. Now I see there was something to be learned by our being aided by God in our interprize. So let us labor to keep this in mind, and let us and our followers remember it also. But sir was not this that made other scouts and spies sugcessful in their interprize, and thus do some fo goofd good for the country."

"Yes it was that, no on other means am sure, and therefore gave a proof of the virtue of this that we all are suffered to carry burdens with us if we wished to succeed."

"I thought so" said starring" for though my heart was lightful and joyous before yet it is ten times more lighten lightsome and joyous now. And , am persauded by what I have felt though I have felt but little as we yet that if the most bravest man in the the world was here, and did see and believe as . do now, it would make his heart the more merry and blithe."

"There is only one comfort " said the Calverinian general, and the ease of the burdens of adventures brought to us by the sight and consideration of these but a an endrared affection fr for such adventures. For who in the world can if he does once but think that success comes, not only by his own efforts, but by his faith in the aid from above? """""

"That ess is true" said Jennie," yet it makes my heart bleed to think that all of Calverinia should have to bleed because of the enemy, Oh thou unfortunate State. Calverinia you deserve to have a goodly name in history. You deserve to have the best place in the whole abbieannian Nation, thou hasepuid for the freedom of child slaves a hundred million times more than the best of them are worth .. No marval that the news of thy affliction made the water stand in the eyes of violet, and her sisters,, and which made them so desperate to find out how the enemy did thie, I um personded to wish they had succeeded, but the fires inthe forests have frustrated them.Oh Angeline Richee, that violet, and her sisters and gertrude angeline were here too, yea and mildred Maxwell too. Surely , too they could share goodly in our adventures, nor could no the fear of one or the powerful efforts of the disasters to come, prevail with them to go back to the cames again, untill their mission had been accomplished.

"Vell" said general gammders "T you speak now in the warmpth of your affections, will it, think you, be always thus with you. Besides all the horrors of these disasters has not been net communicated to every nation throughout the worlddd as yet bit, nor to eve y one who would have chanced to see them. There was some who

strod by ,and that saw the floods of bbieann run its course over large sections of the country at the start, and yet were so far off, that instead of lamenting, they laughed over it, and instead of coming to the aid of the stricken, did .. harden their hearts against the s the sight of misery. These were _lendelinians.... So you my daughters have a great mission for the sake of your country to perform, R Remember it was told to you, that God will help a worthy cause, , """...

They were still continuing on, untill they were come to a place where there were a number of big trees growing, and behold two men were hanging from the branches. Angeline pichae and the other girls were for a moment horrified, but

the Calverinian general said;

"These two men were Glandelinians of bad qualities, they were hanged for attempting to start a forest fire in this locality. You know the penalty in all parts of this country for starting fires is death. They were for starting another . big forest fire themselves, and who ever they could persaude with, they made follow their wicked incendarial ways too, and withal taught them to presume that they should do well at last and succeed by great fires by driving all christian armies out of the country. They were caught in the act of starting a blaze blaze in a gien, and now as we pass by here, we see they are hanged for even the attempt to make a forest fire ... "

"But could they persaude any to be of their opinion .. "

"Said to be successful" said the general They made many follow in their foodsteps. There was a Glandelinian ciz i citizen, that they persunded to help them. They also prevailed with two other men to aid them in their foul o work. Besides they prought up an ill report of the situation in Calverinia, persuading others that the christians made the flood themselves. They also brought p an up an evil report of Calverinia saving the disasters were only exaggerated and were not occuring at all. They also began to viling the christian generals, and to count the very best of them as meed meddlesome, troublesome bus pusybodies, further they would c 11 the call the cause of our country ,as more wicked than that of Glandelinia the comfort of the people of the nation as lazy, the chirs christian Catholic religion of Abbicannia a thing of no purpose.

"May" said Starring"If they were such, they never shall be bewailed by me, They have but what they deserve, and I think it is well that they hang so near the highway, that other glandelinians may see and take warning. But had it not been well if their crimes had been engraved upon some board or iron or bruss, and left here even where they tried to do their mischief, for a caution to other glande! inians. ?"

"so it is as yumight percieve if you will go closer to one of the trees?" "No not ." said Angeline sichee, 1" let them hang, and their names rot, and their crimes live forever against them. I think it is a high favor to the country that they were hunged before they started a blaze or other wise maybe we our selves would not have been able to come hither." Thus they went on till they came at the foot of a high hill. There was a spring close by, and Starring dismounted to secure a drink.

"Lo" said he This spring sometime before I know was clear and good, but now it is dirty and muddy, which we cannot use therefore."

"But Jennie said"How did it be spoiled. It looks like it was done on purpose. ?" "It is probably done because glandelinians are trying to frustrate our progress tward the place we intend to go" said Starring. "But the water will do if it is taken up. and put into a vessel that is sweet and good, for then the dirt will sink to the bottom, and the water come cut by itself more clear."

Thus therefore, Starring and her his friends were compelled to do. They took it up and put it into their canteens, and so let it stand still till the dirt was gone to the bottom, and then they drank thereof. There were two byways that ware at the foot of the hill. After investigating them a little distance Starting came back and salu:

"These are usuagerous paths, and for some reason or other these puths are stop stopped up with chains posts, and a sitch, and yet there are it seems many who will chose to venture on these paths, rather than take the pains to go up thr up the hill s. It is a wonder they can get into these paths without danger of breaking their necks. They will venture yea, if at any time they choose a closer direction, even if rangers do happen to see them, and call unto them, and tell them they are in the wrong way, and do bid them bewere of the danger, but they I suppose do not harken. If you bok a little farther, you may see that these wass

are made cautionary enough, not only by these posts, and ditch and chains, but also by being hedged up, yet they will choose to go there." "They are inle, they love not to take pains, uphill ways is most impleasant to thom. So it is fullfilled unto them as it is written" the way of the slothful man is a hedge of thorns. Yet they will rather choose to walk upon a rusre, than

to go up this hill, or round fout it on their journey. Generally the shortcat. way leads to danger .. "

Just as they set forward, and began to go up the hill, gtarring spied a sanvedpp thitk ev envelope thick and large lying open the ground.

Starring picked it up and opening it, while the column had halted it read it over and was surprised by its content.

"It(s a long letter" he said written by some one whose name is not on it.But I'll read it aloud so all who are within hearing can observe;

"To Hanson Vivian.

Chief general of Abbieannian and Angelinian Armies.

Your Gracious Excellency;

"I sent in my firm and truthful report of my investigations of the recent horrors at or near Abbieann, State of pattingth M Bengall or County County. I had proviously made a number of visitin visits to the region as far as I was abla to make explorations and was somewhat familiar with its topography and goology. My researches consisted of twenty days study of the County of nengall, from August Ith to the Twentieth incl s inclusive. Most of the time was epent to studying the effects especially the strange physiographic effects of the volcanic eruption like explosions, the nature of the blasts,, t and the sjacts blown up by the explosives, and the procuring of evidence from eye witnesses concerning the facts of the catastrophe, and whether it was a natural phonononom or caused by the enemy. I and my followers traveled most extonsively over the surface and margins of the unusually large area of the distaster by foe foot, on boat, and hotseback and circumseribeat the river shores with boats.

During my stay, I was placed under repeated obligations for courtsies extended by the many refugees I met with In the present article of my statements I have endeavored to present a good statement of the actual events of the greatest of all disasters known. The time has been too limited for me to completely describe and intrepet the data collected. As soon as , am able , shall present some further remarks of my final conclusions on the phenomena in all mazagines , can place such statements in . It is also but just to remark that the accompanying article in this long letter does not pretend to be a complete or final presentation. I will state as follows:

"The Lord rained fire and brime stone, and the emoke of the country went up as of a furnace...From the Bible. This seems with Calverinia. The present year of our unusal war seems to be one also of unusual, disaster and forcet fire horrors. In angeline Vine, Angelinia, Calverinia, Bongall, Mullencatt and even Austemala County Calverinia, and Avyssinkile disturbances of unusual severity, accompanied by great loss of life, flood and expl. explosion and fire horror, while the regions of southeastern Calverinia and contral north Angelinia State are also surfering from disasters of marked violence. Yet it was reserved for two great disaster, that of Lake Sclicia, and Bongall to give us an exhibition of sudden and coadly violence and to awaken a world wide serrow and sym, athy for the sufferers of these disaster phenomena.

As we all know your Excellency, the first news of the flood outbir outburst from the Bengail region to reach the good safe parts of An Abbicantia was a dispatch August Ith from the city of Pandorn, to the Sacremento Journal of Abbicannia State, announcing that Calverinia was being devastated by an unusual flood from an unknown point from the north, a flood begun by an explosion deveral me months earlier, and which within a short time was destroying more cities and towns them any other flood combined, and a report also of a rumor that Abbicann city was hit, and had ontirely disappeared. It was not until July ninth however that the frightful news followed, announcing that the beautiful and large citybof Abbicann with all its inhabitants had been annihilated on the proceeding day of the rices up the lores and abook of a terrific series of volcanic like explosions that blasted towns and cities for miles around like Mt Pole did to St Pierre in the island of partingue.

As horrible as are unusual explosion disasters, they are always exaggerated in the first reports, and the whole nation at first really laughed the news to scorn, saying it was the greatest joke of all ever heard of, and refused and were loathe to believe that a city of eight million inhabat inhabitants had been swept into eterninty i within fifteen minutes as was described, and then the remains of the city, with all the bodies in the ruins being swept away to no one knows by an ensuing flood, gitting in my office where at the time I was preparing a long deferred report upon the nature of floods of the past, to be published by the presses in two cities the news was made known to me by reporter 'he Pandorax Daily Herald, who asked me to give him some information, upon the nature of of explosions of the past, andowhether they were greater than eruptions of volcances or not. From that moment untill I started off for the region to see if the truth was there, I was besieged by all kinds of reportsere and correspondents for information, but I could not give any. I had no information to give.

On Agud August Foist, the officers of the Ceminian Investigation Committee re---quested me to accompany them on the expedition for not only to investigate the region of unusual calemity but also on a relief expedition, which was to sail on the following morning. Being a dangerous trip at first I hesitated, but finlly finally not wishing to be a coward. I after having a years Masses said for me during the meantime joined the river shipp, and on the morning of the thoid was well on down the big Nic Mic-Hollester River, headed for the scene of the disaster We had hardly settled ourselves on board this river man-of war, for we need such a ship because we heard the region or disaster now is in possession of glanuclinia, armi s in many pice places, when we lead to speculate concerning the conditions which we "would find awaiting us when we reached the scenes of Bengall County first. Every where down the course of the river we saw desolution for many miles desolution seeming never to come to an end. Immediately following the news of the unusual catastrophe at Abbieann proper, tward where we were literally heading, the report were full of accounts of many startlin; phenomena. Among t ose these may be mentioned the rumors that the tor of a hill had been leveled by the concussion, thatva whole town had been blown away by one of the explosions, the top of a hill from another, that no volcanic eruption of all volcances going off at once could compare to a single one of these explosions, that the region of the river by being drained by leveled levees were rivers no more, that the entire norty yeast coast of Lake Selicia near the explosion region had disappeared, that the level of the lake nan sunk one thousand feet, that up north few streams of water were flowing and that the configuration of the languages in nengal county had been changed from the shocks. Finallybas we left Mildred Greensonia town the afternoon papers pre printed rumors that Mildred Greenburg city had been devastand by flood, so that for many days we sailed in ignorance of the still worse conditions than even reported awaiting for us.

From all parts of Abbicannia also came notices of accompanying phenomena that seemed impossible but which happened. . Craters as big as those of volcances were found where the explosions had occured. Some craters were seven miles wine. The earthquake snocks produced by the explosions were reported from Sacramento "Abbie aiina Abbieannia State to Glandelinia, red sumsets were really seen in distant parts of the land where forest fire smoke did not obscure the sky, floating bodies and debrie ricked up far from the scene of the record breaking disaster. Even recently it has been reported that the surface of Bengall par County had caved in since the disaster, which we ourselves actually seen with our eyes, and that those who first discovered this unusual fact, was coming to Genton city the State Capitol of Bengal County to see if h it had suffered a similiar subsidence. We ourselves went there, and there is no trace of the city. We were horrified. How glad would be the fortunate result if we could only have found that most of these reports had been only founded upon imagination, or over excitement and over enthugiagm, but this is not really one third told. Two floating islands are in the river, and one almost crashed into our boat.

It will be impossible for me in this letter o to take up each letter or rumor and dissect it specifically, but I shall lengthen this letter for your benefit and shall endeavor to proment every fact which has come under our observation or been recorded by me from the lips of with witnessee, la leaving to the end the presentation of deductions concerning the immediate cause of so world record breaking a disaster.

We all know by now, that hurricanes of forest fires, plagues,, and terrific massacres, battles, buring of cities and towns, and other war dramas have played terrible havoc with the whole states of Angelinia, and alverinia, but the awfulll awful calamities resulting from such dreadful explosions, and floods were some of which they hardly droumed off..... As we soon when we reached the Explosion territory, within the region of Mic-Hollester Run, and a portion of the Lake Selicia pegion, on the southeast corner of engal County, two of some of the most serious of the explosions were the most appalling and destrucive the world had ever heard of or observed. Near Mic-wollester North Bend, ten miles west of Lake Selicia, and one mile of Hihi Adeleheid, the scene appears as if the whole country side had literally erupted. This explosion was a most fatal and far reaching cataclysm being equaled only to the eruption of ten thousand times the probable force of the well known volcano Krakatoa, excepting this former is not an eruption as the nature of the region proves. In the town of Adeleheid II,000 persons were buried by falling debris in a single moment,, and from the concussion of this and succeeding explosions as the scene is from a height, ruin was wrought within the whole region as far as we can observe. The crater caused by this explosion is several hundred feet deep, and is partly f 'full of muddy water. The crater is fenced in by almost steep banks. It is two miles wide and six long... gome force this explosion must have had.

The second scene of explosion is near St vincent De Paul town, where the terrific mine eruption was double to that between Mic-Hollester North Bend and Adelaheid city, for it buried the whole territory for scores and scores of miles

راید ایستاد استاد استاد ا توراستر و د Of course your gracious Excellency is by now surely aware of the general features of this great national tragedy which took place in Jume. This article,,,, of the li letter will point ould so far as can be learned from the reports of to day the essential features of the groat catastrohpe and their interpretation. As witnesses said to me the people of the destroyed city of betann looked upon their part of the state i with pride and love...The charming ravines, rivers, and forests and rolling hills were the homes of myth and legend of poligious worship and the big rivers pleasure reso rts resorts. That because of explosions the waterways here would visit the city with algender, the inhabatants could not believe. But the people now gone, had as witnesses told me felt the chocks of ogn other far distant explosions. During the first greatest horror at Lake Selicia there were some shocks that vibrated Abbigunn, rather unusual occurances in this history of all parts of Calverinia, although some of its ne ighboring states are quite given to real earthquakes but of no severe natures.

The explosions at Lake Selicia in that fatal October or November 1912 startled the city,, and when day broke the pwopl people found their hourstops and streets covered with mud, grass, twigs of trees, jayers of stone clar, and even sand and gravel which gave the city the aspect of having been visited by a strange cruption which might have vomited this strange ejecta, and this debris covered all the country between Abbieann, Wickey Lansin, Violet Paul, and i prientown. The city of Abbieannia however was not inu injured by this explosion, soon the scene passed and Abbieann forget the intimation which the wicked enemy had given of what was to come in the future.

Just when the present explosions of such force came no one can tell, but many who survived told me that before the terrible blasts, that there had been all day and part of the night of May 3jth a series of smaller booming of a far distant nature rolling like thunder. A woman living at the town of Bt Troase which alone survived stated that on May 3 Ith at seven oclock in the evening, she heard sixteen district shocks or reports in a long thundering roll in the direction of Lake Selicia which were so great that in her home the dishes from thrown from the cop cupbeard shelvescand broken, the house rocked, and the furniture danced the tango and highland filing. These your Excellecy as she said were the first effects of the present series of more disasterois disasterous explosions that destroyed the big city and many others and lot loose such a record breaking flood.

At the same time others said they had seen a great cloud of powder colored smoke tward Adeleheid Junction, and from that hour untill the catastrophe at Abbieann smaller explosions had occured. These were noticed from seven to eight thirty. At eight thirty several children of the town of St Trease observed a roll of smoke rising from a distant plain from a high hill they stood on, and in the slowly gathering darkness the cloud was a remarkable black mixture of cloud of different black shades. Another eye witness had discovered what should have been an alarming fact that strange men had been seen in the region several days pefore, just at the time when the distant lanuscape many miles away nau bean emitting strange clouis of smoke for three minutes, but the smoke seemed to have b en been produced so normally that even those who were always inclined to looke on the dark side of things seemed not to even think of a coming catastrophe. For a strange reason or other, in many near by towns there came borne on the wind a blizzard of dust, for a moment for those outside in the streets breathing became uncomfortable, eyes were dust filled, and some chocked. At this time ominous rumulings were heard at Abuleann, and white clowns rolling upward spread over the sky. At that time strange fine dust real over the i city. Rivers began for an unknown reason to swell, and some streams became raging torrents, carring carrying debris and dead fishes in the current. At eight oclock at night the first series of real alarming shocks occured, and debris of trees and graval and grass and even flunks of water fell on the west side of Abbieunn. Coud thi could this have come from the explosions many miles away. After this date it was continually noticed that columns of debris and earth had been hurled up by a blaut ten miles north of "deleheid. This occured at eight oclock but its effects did no harm to any city or town. The rivers were of a dark hue, and as shocks repeated and fearing it was of a strange natural phonomon phenomena many began to depart from the town. When it grew dark flames accompanied with rumbling noises lighted the sky causing wide spread terror. On thi c this hour the first railroau line

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disrupted north of Abbieann at an unknown distance from the v city. A rain of of debris term from the earth began for a few moments, and the action of the river prevented river craft from reaching abbieann. After eight thirty oclock the strange incident ceased, and a calmer state prevailed, although some smoke clouds still seemed to rise near the city of adelehals.

Strange to say however a stream of musdy water as witnesses told me flowed out of place ever the landscape, and reached the olg river, Michellester in three mu minutes, and in its right the strange flood swept from its path, plantations, towns, Jactories, cattle, farmers poultry, and hundreds of people ever a breadth of of fourteen miles wide and six y miles long along the Mic-Hollester Run branch.

At the junctions of the river stood the town of La Palos one of the finest villiages in that section. It was completely entombed in muddy water. Church spires alone coul, be gg observed above the flood. It is estimated the people of the whole town had perished, but the officials give a somewhat smaller number. And this your Excellency before the main and horrible disaster At the same time a most remarkable phenomenon occured during the rush of the muddy water tward and into the Mic-Hollester River. The river first apparently slightly receded, all along that section for a distance of about two miles, and then overflowed elsewhere with g gradual strength covering a large landscape not far from Adeleheid and swamping the city in some places to a depth of three feet. This created a general panic, and the terror stricken people were said to have fled to the hills, though later the river resumed its normal course without doing any great damage. At that time the most terrible detonations were heard hundreds of ales to the miles to the northwestward, at short intervals, and continued untill midnight when the main and most frightful crashes came. In Abbieann city at this time the electric lights for a uninown reason failed, but the city was lighted by strange flashes of from from the far distance. Terror stricken the inhabitants of other towns thinking the very sarth was breaking out into volcanic cruptions rushed for the hills scream ing and wailing.

It happened that at seven thirty oclock the railroad lines from Cav Calverine to Abbieann and Wickey Lunsin was swept away to the west. Gemini great who published a news of the disasters of the south, noticed that the river Mic-Hollester at this time was furnisheding furnishing a hundred times the volume of the greatest power and carrying even stones and rocks weighing many tone, and even ships could make no headway against the current. That this occured before dark,,, Some refugees from Mickey Langin stated that on the hear of Seven fifteen most terrible detonations broke from the direction of the stratstraight north at short and irregular intervals accompanied by dense powder smoke and luris flashes which are seen in distance attributions.

This was awiux so early in the evening but when darkness came on it appeared much more terrible. This awful phenomena was so terrible that even in Abbicann people in their night clotges carrying x crying and frightened children, and lighted by any sort of lamp and candle they had caught up in their haste ran out into the dark streets wailing and screaming and running aimelessly up and down the streets. the mental strain becoming unbearable, and refugees from towns near by go on board ships and started off for the north for safty. At quarter to eight, the distant explosions apparently were in full sway. The detonations were heard as I was told as far as Calverine for naif an hour, and thick clouds overshawoed the whole northwestern horizon line. The town of Handon was abandoned because of the awful concussion, and debris fell in Abbisann. Debris fell even in mickey Lansin. a foot of earth, grass and all kinds of ground and other debris was reported even in the Lake Selicia EgioR Region, and the majority of same debris fell in Abbieann. People who survived former disasters were departing from Wickey Lansin, on foot to neighboring villiages, and by river steamer to Culverine. At this time all telegraphic and wire communication between a hundred cities was interrupted. There were six main line trains leading to Abbieunn city, all of wh which were eventually broken or destroyed. The hour before the end, was one of horror in Abbieum and elsewhere, though the strange distant phenomena did not seem so vivid as before. Detonations like the heaviest parks of artillery were heard from seven thirty to quarter to eight. People as far as Pandora (Calverinia) heard detonations as of artillery firing in their streets. These even reached as far north as Calverine, and as far south as Francis Atlanta.

Similar detonations were heard even in Mic-Hollester City but these were believed to have been from some other source. At that moment the telegraph operator at Adolcheid recieved a message from the operator at Wickey Lansin saying;

"Creat concussion felt here, don't know how long I can hold out. Many buildings have fallen. Great horror raging in believen. Buildings falling there as if from an earthquake." gimultaneously the Counsel at violet paul sent a message to the railroad telegraph office, and was informed that all railroad communications were broken, great concussions were shaken shaking down cities and towns a elsewhere. pefore this untill midnight the frequent detonations had apparently ceased, and the Mayor of Abbieann in the town of Wickey Lansin at the time tried to stop the panic

while which the strunge disturbance caused. He declared that probably some big battle was raging near somewhere, that the danger they feared would not increase that there was no great volcanic activity anywhere, and sent a large detatchment of soldiers tally the ally the panic, and help those who wished to leave to get the earliest boats and trains and other cars still raramning, and later he himself went with his wife and children to Abbieann, where they too were killed, when the great disputer.

At about twelve twelve, June the Foist, the steamer dertrude then approaching Abbieum, and her fate,, reported strange flaches all along the distant herizon and the sky was red closchers, and comething like rain was falling, aloth although the night was rair, and the moon and stare bright and clear. Indeed the rays of the riging moon had hardly descended over the eastern hills,, back of Abbieum on the midnight hour of June the Foist, when at fifteen a after twelve, as witnesses tell me of other towns a great series of most terrible apparent oruptions occured raging half an hour at different point in a perfect relling fuedlade, and not only suddenly destroyed the city of Abbieum and its probable eight million five hundred thousand people, all river craft and ships in the river anchorage, and all the country places within a region of fifty miles, but devastated many towns and villiages in almost the name fachion as its Pelce ucetroyed the city of St Pierre on many years ago. The presence of these series of most craormous immediatured expressions so far as I have been able to ascertain them were are follows;

The witnesses Witnesses of these terrible events were indeed numerous, but there were not many of them who survived. Of these I personally interviewed the captian of the Steamer Certrude, Captian Horns, and his engineer and so e some others, who witnessed the event from the river side, and about fourty others who observed it from the landside mostly soldiers on guard in a camp of troops near by. I have also carefully preserved the printed reports of many other witnesses. Some of the withesses if the lirst supposed oruptions because of the darkness could only see a portion of the phenomena, gix persons at Mt galisbury whose stories are the most intelligible of those from the landside as aid and see see the explosions but intervening hills and forests obscured their view of the rivet and the city iself itself. This also was the case with many others, who lived northeast of Appleann. The witnesses from the ships could see the sequence of the apparent eruptions, but us the edges of the des dense black masses of smoke appreached them the cloud itself overspreading land and river cut off their full observation of what was taking place in the city which coulf be seen by observers from the shore sine, though of course they near the awful noise of fulling buildings. All of the witnesses on the ships many or them rrightrully snaken, and injured were too ousily engaged just then in securing their own suity to devote their autention to the strange phenomena exclusively. About thenty twenty have given unusually intelligate and accurate accounts of what they witnesses. These were the crews or a steamer called the Anna. I was associated for some time with the latter for a week upon our return on the ship. Many other witnesses have noted most important single facts.

another man who did not like to give me his name, but who was a farmer near Abbieunn, and whose miraculous escape from the city before midnight, informed me that the needle of a large unercoid barmoeter batometer hanging in the house at which place he was visiting fluctuated violently, and this fact determined hm him to leave the city. These fluctuations were undoubtedly disturbances in the air from the other distant explosions heard before the destructive blasts came. Professor Hansonia who was an astrononmer of the Abbieann observatory at the time of the unusual catastrophe was on his overlooking plataue about fourty miles from the city. He told me he heard an immeasureable roar of detonations, when the disaster took place, asscribing it as a hundred thousand volcances erupting in one places with all their force at once. Jeunie Evans, a foremen of the yeldorn marm equally as far from Abbicann, but northwest, also told me that there was a roll of the most frightful and loumest detonations he had ever heard in the direction where the apparent eruptions came from All witnesses agree that Abbleam and many other towns and cities near her were overwheamed by the concussion, and by terrific landslides that buried many villiages with an unknown loss of life. Great clouds from the explosions also wrecked and destroyed towns, which travled with great rapidty over the cities nearest the crash. One witness said he saw a great series of black clouds boiling upward in great balloon balloon balloon or mushroom dh shapes with numerous rolling convolutions, dissipating above, and floating away in great horizontal ribbons, preceded by tremendous flashes. According to the engin eer of the ship called the Gertrude, was looking at strange glows in the sky tward the northwest, and suddenly noticed there were about fourty miles away about a series of ernormous apparent eruptions, big puffs of smoke coming as if from blendrede of volcanic cruetions at one time which mushroomed and spread out, and accompanied by a deafening thundering rolling sound, which shook the ship and togged the river into great waves. Then after a noticeable inerval interval, there

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there was again a second series of apparent cruptions a hundred times worse than the first, and while lower portion of the clouds aid not ascend but suddenly fell and rushed down tward the ship, and the city of Audieann in ten great horizontal puffs. No one could tell what caused this part of the freaks of the explosions, but on seeing this which was known as one of the first fatal apparent eruptions, the crew of the ship run down into the engine rooms. One of them with the Enginner Engineer when all was quiet again took nerve enough to return on deck, though strangely purned and suffering as they were, and saw a third and apparent more severe eruntion at a longer distance which took place about three minutes after the second one. There were quite a number of others after that, at which the eingineer described the very landscape seemingly to open over an area of twenty to sixty miles, at a point probably fourteen miles northeast of Appleann followed by a most terrific eruption of .lame and smoke accompaniou by an most Immeasuremels your once he could not describe. The caption of this ship had a clear view of that locality but not of the city of Adeleheid, and of the nearest explosion. However he saw a most tig and dense column shoot up and sideways from the surface of the ourth full of fire to the very top, which spread out like one of the biggest of thunderheads seen at the approach of a du distant thunderstorm. The cloud was full of fiery flushes, which even sourced above the cloud and fell like fiery rain with a great hissing. Then be was terrified to see the cloud coming forward tward the river still retaining its flory color, and he ran for to go below deck. He declared the cloud did not go up in the air however like a volcanic eruption, even though of course it went very high propagily thousands of rect but not like a volcanic eruption and it spread like a ball or cauliflower, and then burst into columns like clouds of smoke viewed in explosions. Three women i on deck at the time saw the immense column of sucke issue from the surface of the land at that distance which as they claimed at the lower parts did not rise but settled down in a fiery rain like a cloud of fire works display tword and upon Abbieann which suddenly became obscured in a dense cloud of dust and a terrible roar of falling buildings

Strants indeed was the composition of the cloud. It's visible composition was of cours a most dense mass of fire heatened powder smoke which everywhere filled the air mixed with dust, lirt, sund clay and debris of all description all of which was heatened or caught fire from the tremendous flash of the exploding materials. Basides this, explosion made powder heatened gason, and superheated smoke were apparently presented as will be shown. A ten of heatened and was found in the officers cabin on the Sentrude From fifty to six hundred tons fell upon the docks of the bigger ship known as the St Ann, less than a foot in all the bigger explosions fell on the streets of budly shaken Adelohold. These were piled highest against the northern section. Examination proved it all ground dooris, and fragments of trees and stones.

The immense clouds as seen approaching from the source of the apparent eruptions were dense, opaque, and of the varied colors produced by the blasting of high explosives added with a brownish black color. It's size and density was so great as to obscure the whole sky over the scene and to cause more total darkness of positions it enveloped than the night hours did. The cloud not all of smoke but debris also was heavy, and the lower parts which travled alon the earls configur ations driven by the forward forces of blasts destroyed everything it touched. Owing to the heavienes of the debris either shot upward and then falling, or shot horizontally, houses, estates, forests, and people on the higher elevations beyond Abbieunn and other places were spured, except from the concussion, as well as forest and towns in the extreme northwestern section of the County and elsewhere. The lower part of the cloud was forced by the vibration of the blasts to advance horit horizontally through the air, at the speed of a mile a second, following. the configuration of the landscapes, and besides the progressive motion its con volutions surged and rolled. Many said the cloud rolled vertically. From the con cussion in the lower lands forests were prostrated, big landslides buried all villiages for nearly a hundred miles making as it is termed mountains to walk, and all fallen trees lay in one direction. And the path of the explosion clouds was from north to southeast, and the cloud came against a strong southwest wind No one can ever I believe interpret the phenomenon. Either the cloud was hot or full of flashing fire and burning sands and dust and debris. All witnesses in towns and villiages and on the ship, spared testified resting a great heat e en even when beyond its margin and great fires in forests broke out. The debris of dirt and even ground was hot for hours on the ship known as the Gertrude, and still warm about two hours after the disaster.

.The flaming debrie falling upon the St Ann and other ships were sufficiently hot to set some ships on fire, to cause ignition of the rope and rope and bedding to ignite woodwork, and atth pint tar timber on the ships forward deck.

For hours the smell of powder was in the air.

Other witnesses eight can miles northeast of Wickey Lasin felt a hot blast of powder Lanuon air.Others on the margin of the explosion aisaster testify to the

hot air and smell of powder in the air. Others have personally selt the not plast of air from the explosions. In addition to the hot deoris, some say there was an 14. visible heaten superance in the crown of smoke and deoris which penetrated clothing without firing it and yet scorened and burned the human skin beneath as attested by the burns of many survivors, and others. It is possible that the explosions dug deep enough to touch water and shot up and forward superheated clouds of vapor or

There as was plenty of testimony that the cloud of the destructive explosions were from the ernormous flash of powdor invand incandescent. Indeed all parties who that fatal night witnessed the cloud from the front and advancing and rising side testified they saw for a few moments during the uprour fmue or incandescence in it to a most terrible degrees. There indeed is positive evidence that the cloud at the under section was aflame or incandescent. The ongineer and some of the crew of the ship called the "Gertrude" who looked up through a skylight says he at first thought the heavens had taken fire even though his point of view was the outerr the outer side of the destructive region. There is plenty of great evidence that from the heat of the flame regulting from the ernormous explosions that flame developed in portions of the closes during the outbursts. All persons who witnessed the terrific explosions from any side of the region of destruction testify to see ing great sheets of flame develope within and under the clouds and and even far above them suggestive of suiden ignition of the ejected inflamable materials probably thrown up by the force of the explosion. The Mayor of Adeleneid city may a sheet of red fire in the air following after other phenomena observed by

He said that in the city of bbleann, not all of it but the extreme north side behind the smoke clouds there cand sheet after sheet of 11 mme, stating that at the time or the explosions he saw the heavens clouded with flame which descended like fiery rain in all directions with a fierce hissing roar, and then five minutes afterwards there was total darkness. He said other terrific explosions occured of more greater viol violence, and then a great cloud a parently seemed to settle over the northwest end of the city, there was a roar of falling building, s followed by a sea of flashing flame and he put his hand over his face to shut out the awrulll awful sight. He said;

"As I looked I saw an immense cloud roll upward and forward, followed by a earsplitting roll of thunder, and after having run from the shaken scene for a few hundred yards. I saw a most blinding flash over the northern part of the city. As I looked terrified as I was, there was a blinding flash of fire, and in a moment that portion of the beautiful city was in flames, while the rest was roaring withfalling buildings which finally obscured the scene with great clouds of smoke. The flame seemed to travel like lightning over that portion of the city from west to . east but it was not lightning and most of it descended like a fiery spray. It looked as if something shot up with the black clouds had been ignited as soon as they been ejected."

The Mayor of wickey Lansin but who was not in that city but in the country about ten miles north of the city saw a flash of flame within two seconds after the clouds had erunted from the ground. Many others testified that the cloud itself was not visibly afire, at the time of the explosions, but that the heat of the . flushes of blasting materials influmed all objects ejected by the force of the explosion that could burn, as well as fragments of trees and so forth, and hurled this over the north part of the city-liany said that all these blazing things when they fell set the ruins on fire. The ensusing flood the next morning had carried the fire down with it for that reason there being so many big wreckage jams and windrows aftre for many weeks after the floreness of the flood had spent itself. Tremendous displays of strangs bolts and flashes were seen at the city of San Pedro Junction and San Antonio before the flood within and far above the clocks clouds during the explosions.

The evidence of these flashes is indisputedly testified by many witnesses. I myseld have personally witnessed the phenomena in other big explosions already recorded which I happened to witness. Many witnesses in describing the current explosions that flashes of all kinds more like a tremendous fir w fireworks dis play and like bursting bombs moved the length of the sky, along the horizon and overhead at all points where the explosion occured, and that the noise was too severe to describe, saying that the whole world was noise. This phenomena was produced during that intense darkness for several minutes with a most beautiful and thrilling horror. Great sparks shot along the horizon also in every direction. Others distinctly and voluntarily testified to me that there was much display of fire works like display in every direction during the explosions, during the catastrophe. Though destruction of life was heavy in Adeleheid city there was no positive evidence of dusth from shock or concussion, nor is there sufficient data to say that there were no such kind of effects. No fulgarities even were found, no splintered trees, no shattering and most buildingsthough burned were

wrecked by concussion or shoof. . The ironworkof tracks and some buildings were bent by combustion heat of the burning city. R The only apparent phenomena reported where some of the flashes were like lightning or electrity was the alleged report of a survivor who said he found a ton of commercial iron bars standing against the walls of a shop that had been fused and somewhat injured and some parts melted down...The telegraph of ice in Aleleneta city and its contents were burned, and that some fragments of the app arutus were thrown a hundred yards. The office was believed to be burned by the hot contents of the cloud, but surely the throwing was not due to this cause. !any of the bodies looked as if they had been struck by

some unseen objects, but this could not be proven.

Important studies of the results of death in the city of deleheid by officials of the cemini in the the vinicity, this town having escapeed the ravages of the flood, being on too high an elevation to be reached by the torrent.. It is certainly an interesting coincidence that the marconigraphs on some of the boats and in towns were made useless during the disaster. The Superintendant of the Abbicannian count quard, Mr Hanson Mic -Hollester reported that the delicatly execunded magnetic needles at the many oa t Coast and Geodetic gurvey Magnetic observatories -- and me situated at Handondon, Abbieannia state, and the other at Forne southern Angelinia gtate--were violently disturbed, beginning at about the time of the unusual satustrophe at Abbieann and engal County is reported to have occurred. The Magnetic disturbance began at all points at once, at a time corresponding to Twl welve thirteen, Abbieum loval time. This disturbance was also registerated in many foriegn countries, and in the B! lengiglomean andcounterine isles.

There was direct oval cral testimony of explosion powder gas in the cloud and air, all silverware in the ruins of many towns not hit by flood were blackened. most of them re resembling black junk, gilded picture frames and other objects were blackened lke ink, and silver platters picked up in the ruins of houses were black and corrugated. Bronze silver and images made of real gold were likewise blackened, but the blackness could be removed from the gold. In fact every metal relic suspe susceptible to powder fum a and sulphur discoleration showed its blackening effect. Even twigs of many trees showed the sul h sulphurous coating

from the smoke of the exploded powder.

The presence of the sulphurous powder gases was reasonably sensed. and and it was worse than sulh sulphureted and hydrogen gases of volcances. The deputy mayor of Selson Town told me that the captian of the Gertrude picked up fragments of exploded shells in the ruined streets of Wicky Wickey Lansin on the afternoon of the catastrophe. The whole region was filled with sulphu reted smells for days after the explosion, as testified by many, the smell of sulphur of powder being so strong that survivin horses would stop and snort, and some of them drop and die from suffication liany of the relief parties and rescuecworkers in the regions not flooded were obliged to wear wet hundkerchiefs to protect them from the strong fumes of powder sulphur. One of the very few survivors of Abbieann city who arived in Calverine on August the eighteenth, and whose name is HicNallie claims to have escaped from Abbieann to a ship in a raft, and that he was picked and that he was picked up by the Gertrude. He said the air was filled with mud and falling debris, and the sulphur fumes in the smoke was so strong that breathing was absolutely difficult. The d deputy Sheriff said that when he approached Abbieann on the night of the explosions there was afterwards a most terrific ofor or odor of sulphur and smoke in the air. Governor Evans of Rengall State said that in his city there was little sulphur smell but the smell was like something dry like steam with a itt little sulphur, team clouds were seen by many others rising from the erupt erupted clouds which no doubt was produced by sudden heat of the water. Strange it seemed but steam may be inferred, and the burning of persons bodies through their clothing without firing their clothing indicated the prosence of steam, and the great rain of wet mud and stones and clay and fragments of trees and leaces which lollowed the catastrophe from the cloudless sky might theoertically we assigned to the condensation of the steam with the ejection of the clouds of dust plown upward with the steam during the explosions.

Also one of the most tremendous destructive forces on record wasupresence was present during the explosions. It approated forests of trees, destroyed many villiages and towns far south of Audieann, threw all the people out of their houses, made the river momentarily change course, overturned river ships and boats, destroyed their rinn rigging and for many miles caused tremenedous landslides. It is impossible to concieve that the force was initial from the explosion blasts,

fourty miles distant from Abbieunn.

Whole walls of b ildings in north Abbieunn which was too high to be reached by the flood were thrown down, foundations were uprooted and displaced, pedestals with statues standing head down, rigging and upper works blown off all ships in river streams and small lakes, hulle keeled over, and ships literally hurled out of the water upon dry land by the force. Hundreds of big buildings were shaken down or torm asunder, and thrown great distances. The Statue of the Sacred Heart and of the Virgin as observed by me on the upper cliff on the north side of the city

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was thrown to the south withtheir heads I ing to the north, but not duning in the least, not even scratched or discolored by the flame. In the cloud. Hany parts of the woods southeast of the town which were too high to be reached, by the flood on foothills were thrown southeastward as against the clist, authough cothers in the north side of the city were apparently rooted sufficently to to withstand the blasts .. Against a cliff near the no southern part of the city h which was swelt ama, by the flood are are hundreds of strange rocks thrown there apparently by the explosion. However, in the cliff line abl above the city many trees are seen still standing with their branches and scorohed foliace foliage, and a green roofed building preserved there, with furniture and fol ago folloge stact showing the line of explosion fire cloud did not reach there..

The shickhock was felt as far as Calverine, eight hundred miles to the south or northwest, and Angeline Junction nearly a thousand miles to the southwest where many people reported in letters that they were thrown down.

According to Engineer Huns of the ship Gertrude there was a great horizontal disturbance in the water of the river caused by the strange aerial force produced by the explosions. This atruck the port side of the ship, her head being on shore. She keeled to the starboard, so that the tridge got under water, and water came into th the hold through the fiddlers.

.The ways lifted the Certrude, so that her anchor chain broke, and she was enabled to escape. It also took several of the crew off the deck, but the return return movement brought them back to a busy, from which they were rescued. This return wave tore up the river beach. In the south end of the remaining portion of the city of Abbieann which was too high to be reached by the flood objects were blown southeastward by the force of the explosions in the northwest, the north and south ends of building buildings being blown in. The Gertrude at Buoy was struck by force from the northwest, other ships were destroyed by force off the west and northeast, trees and forests of them in the vinicity of Adelehedi were blown by force from the northeast and southwest, all trees of the slopes of the Calvering wills tward the roads to Francis Atlanta were bent by force from the west and gust, and many other points was destroyed by forve from the straight north and south. This seems to have been near the north end of the remaining portion of the city where destruction was greatest, the strange effects decreasing radically in all directions.

Among the evidence of force are the fact that in the smallnorthern part of the remaining higher sections of Abbieann the b i buildings were absolutely pen polyeraled pulverized. Not a vestige of many little villiages near the city were left, and not a piece of the buildings of these towns could be found.

Also a return force is absolutely evident by the south end of buildings of all explosion torm towns blown northward, and by the testimony of witnesses. The engineers of the ships said that the force had the strength of a most wild tornado , send noted that it went out, and then when the explosions ceased came back. All who felt it, tenfied that they were blown abour as if a harricane was raging. Evidence of great earthquake like shock was also noticed to an unusual degree, and the buildings bridges and eary earth embankments within a milet a hundred miles of the zone of explosion disaster, which showed disturbance also to disasterous and most appalling effect, urvivors similarly located testified that at first they thought there had been a most violent earthquake.

Also many witnesses on the perimeter of disaster testified they were not suffocated by heat, sulphurious fumes or powder gases, but could get no air to breathe. These worus to its effect is the testimon; orthumdreds of witnesses from the ship officials to the survivors of ruined towns and villiages. Even the engineer of the ships that were in the zone of disaster stated they could get no air to breathe on deck after the explosions untill they went below.

Governer Evans of Bengall State said- " It was not at all hard to breathe untill all was nearly over, then the wholepopulation felt as if they could get no air. The engineer of the ship Certrude insisted there was more noise than any one could describe to save their lives, a most terrible deafening roar that injured his ears a good dealSome describe the falling objects and flame making a hissing noise like escaping steam from pipes. I have heard evidence of the most resounding explosions ever known on record for the testimony concerning noises was inquired for throughoutly. All witnesses testify to the sudden and instancous instantaneous conflagration of the north part of surviving Abbieann, all other cities and towns nearest the blasts and of whole forests. Un Many noticed that the seas of sudden flomes swept rapidly from northwest to south. All combustible materials in all places was destroyed, but in the southern and northern edge of devastation large forests of trees stand which were only singed of their leaves and twigs.

And the whole catastrophe, outside of the fires, from the first tremendous world record breaking explosion to the main and final most frightful convulsions, was over in less than fifteen minutes muni minutes, lalthough the forests even now up here are still burning. Immediately following the terrible destruction there was still more strange to say according to witnesses a tramendous rain of

wet sand . muxl. clan clay and torrents of water. This muxl and wet debris plastered all objects upon which it fell with a thick coating of wet slush, housen ships, lans landscapes, and heads of human beings. The landscape was everywhere coated with an envelope of this strange mud from the sky. This rain of mud continued for one hour after the explosions. Accompanying the rain of muddy debris, was a shower of rocks of all sizes. These stones were indoubtedly those which had been thrown higher in the air from the force of the explosions than the other ejecta and which with a long trajectory came down last of all. These stones of small and large sizes falling on the soft plastering of the landscapes, rolled down the hillsides, striping the plaster with their parallel paths as if it hand had been raked with a lice comb.

Death was an accompaniment of any of the terrible phenomena of the apparent series of world breaking eruptions of explosions described, and without the slightest doubts occured in thousands of wars and in different degrees of sudden ess and horribless. Many were killed throughout the region by inhaling not fumes, others puried by the same on the ships, others purned by strange steem, still others jkilled by force, and killed by flame. All of course did not die suddenly. Mearly all those who were wounded wove burned burned survivous of the ships and the eyes of the injured were not affected, and the eye lashes were said to be intact, on the other hand remains on share and in the towns were harribly burned to the quick. Many children were found who mounted for water, but who were una hunable to swallow because their throats were scorched ; on the inside.

It is not believed that the inhabatants of all towns died of asphyxiation in the position in which the disaster surprised them, for many were found in positions indicating flight in search for shelter.

The caption f of the Gertrade told me he saw many pe ple running along

the river edge for several minutes. In the town of St and a woman was found dead in the act of putting on a nat, a man was killed walls lighting his pipe.

Another one wi ness told me he saw in delened a man helding a straighing frightened horse of his deliverywagen, both being killed in this posture. The man at the pi piloet house and steering wheel on the Gertrude was killed almost instantly where he was sitting, for he never moved. The First Mate was giving orders whon killed, and yet near by some children and their mother and father were only burned and recovered...It is also stated a man who died on the same ship was burned badly and internally.

The effects of the proceeding explosions of that fatal and most fearful Midnight of June first, and of the results and awful floods which had taken place and raged for many weeks and months sin ce the day of the great explosion catastrophe notably that of the main flood, all of which devastated large parts of carveringa and northern Angelinia are so intermingled, and their results so terrifying and so conglomerated that it is difficult to distinguish them. The area of devastation as seen by me and my followers, represents mainly the effects or results of the force and concussion of all those rintern minutes explosions. As a whole this ilm immense area includes all the country, between Appleann and down south further than ressica Angelinia bounded by the north and south, and along all points near Angeline Vine state, previously mentioned in all the n wapaers and in the description of the configuration as constituting the most ernormous and immeasureable and horrible amphitheatry of death and destruction

This area practically as , discovered in my many months of t trav weeks of travel and by eve witnesses includes the country between Hengal County and mengall State all portions of southern calverinia on the south, and all of the Central Cart of of calverinia and the section of the Lake selicia region, with the addition of southeastern Calverinia and wesern Angelinia State, added with Angeline vine State. The whole of this area, both the included sections of either stae and state and. and territory was enveloped in the tremendous flood. This flood had covered a confined and well defined zone, reps representing the the area of the main catastrophe. Yet in the area of the explosion outside of the flood zone the whole of the explosion area, both the included valley and the faces and summit edge s of the escarpment and landscapes is enveloped in a smooth compact casing of gravel and md plaster, resembling a coar coat of black gray cement. This cement also covers a well defined zone of the disaster area, the shower of mud and gravel following the explosions. It may be noted that the mud was the unusual feature of the results of the ernormous explosion, and was extensively found in all sections of the explosion area.

petween mud rivers made by the flood of mud in the streams south of Wickey Lansin is wrackage of buildings hurled about in all direction by the blasts of the explosions. Along this bluff extends the remains of what was once a most magnificent and costly highway and also crossing it a portion of the Yollow Brick or Big Girl Knool Rad road. Their surfaces is now covered a depth of many feet from the landslides caused by the concussions, and obsetured here and there by fallen trees and buildings. In the labris there are numerous bodies of animals, cattle horses, hogs, whickens and birds of all kinds, with large manbers of numbers of occassional human remains.

All the houses of the Lany millions of people of Abbieann are destroyed, three quarters of the lower sections swept away by the ernormous found floods the other sections thrown down by the concussion and blasts. Outside of the big city in the area above the flood line there is not a visible sign remaining of any of the towns of the numerous of thousands of people t who lived in them are and elsewhere.

For all these section the only term for good and complete description is absolute annihilation of both population and buildings. while two quarters of the number of hourses remain in abbieum and only in those sections where no flood reached high enough the annihilation of population extends northward to as far as La polama City. Among the many country towns destroyed of which a few I was at and which I can name are El Verso. El pazo, Eurcaun and Telldon. Over this entire area the vegotation is entirely denuded by the force of the blasts with the exception of a few larger trees standing in the unflooded sections of Abbieum, from wickey Luisin southward, stripped of all leaves and twigs and even bark, only the trunks in most cases remaining not even the largest branches. On the edge of the hills above Abbieum a large forest with part of the foliage singed remain standing in

In deep valleys especially in the gradients of the valleys and of the head-water ravines, ferents of trees still stand untourned but badly shaken from their roots by the concussion. In proted protected lateral ravines, other vegetation is still green though trees are slightly standing inclined in every direction from the effects of the concussion. The vegetation on the summit of higher hills nearest the explosions strangely enough was killed or blusted and singed, but in the deep valleys of the Algrove streem entering the Mic-Hollester giver southwest of the city of Abbieum, trees were not affected though partly inundated by the flood.

Along the stretches of the river vegetation was thested as far south as Wickey Lunsin twenty miles south est of Altieum. Till further south the trees are green. To the north near loucher city as far as the north bracen of the Still water creek all forests is also denicled or turned and blasted to an altitude of three numbers feet or more.

For or Mic-Hollester Town doud forests and other trees are broken down three or four feet from the ground and lie to the southwestward. The whole region of all this explosion horror had recieved a sprinking of the destructure force of the explosions. This ad is not comspicious or discolering however, except within an area or two coyona the wreckage covered region close to the explosion area. The quanity and extent of had and debris and dust and foliage and rock wreckage wrupted erupted by the explosions carnet be estimated, nor is it material at present to do so. Heny crocks are filled up so with debris of sath earth and mud that they are absolutely and torribly obliterated. What was the lower valley of the Crock Babbly for miles down is so filled up from landelides that now it is a convex elevation, build up by the great slides from the adjoining mills. The river Palto northesst of the city, and the St Anna have been the site of mud torrents from the effects of the explosions.

.The river Know is still flowing mud in intermittent gulps from the region of crater number one which is full of muddy water. elsewhere are there many conspicous mud streams near Adeleheid and Lu Palo, presumely from the other mud filled craters above that town but it is not proven. Two other mud rivers outside the area of devastation are elsewhere mentioned.. One mile south of Abbieann there were two small gullies or canyons in the bottom of which there were two flowing streams now these canyons cannot be found, where they were there is nothing but a lake of water to a great depth. Besides the mud streams there are many great stretches of plasted rocks scattered all about. On the mouth of the St nna Creek is a status thrown by the blast and where the river border is extending from the deposited mad and gravel. A small islet one hundred feet long, and twelve feet. from the shore has appeared above the water to the north of the mouth of the St Anna. From the River stretch down from Abbieann to Wickey Lansin there are many strange and large and small triangular bights in the river beach on both sides and on largement of the mouths of analler streams entering the river cut by the force of rebounding waves. The mouth of the Creek Johns has been deeply incised and prs present new vertical cut bull bullfs, some thirty feet in depth, which renders the crossing of it utterly impossible. The probable movements causing these strange brights consisted of a strange after movement of the water from the shore and a return wave. They were naturally caused by strange explosion within the air and not by any movement of the bottom of the asu.

The waves were observed at Mildred Greenburg. It has been reported from Mildred Greenburg that at the time of the explosions there was a strange commotion in the river as if the waters were boiling over a large area, or as if two big waves had met. However this report lacks any verification. It is also rumored that tward the north the hill known as St Anns ridge had broken down from the concussion that a town at the edge of the summing is gone having probably disappeared in a tremendous landalide. One man informed me that several fricers had managined the

an altitude of Mt ganders had found that its side had broken down into a big slide, and that a portion of its summit had lowered sixty meters by the concussion of the tremendous explosions. Again a part of the hill is ruined and they tell me that during the flood Lake Selicia was a sea. The configuration of the lundscapes around the rivers show serious change. Every hill, valley, scarp, precipice, or other surface feature of the relief as laid down upon the map of thirty years agging absolutely beyond rate recognition. The lorse worse changes however are the destruction of vegenation and the venering of a small triumgular area within the region of mud showers, so that it is converted from a green carpet of woodland and grassy country to a barren desert like that of volcanic regions.

Of the total area of Calverinia, besides Bengall state, about 2,167 miles have been seriously affected by both explosion force, concassion and worse od of all by the ensueing floods. The ejacta from the explosions have conclusted of limestone, clay, gravel, sendstone and also granite, together with and and waterate some places along the rivers in the vinicity of the explosions there had been some evidence of subsidence and elevation of the land, that has been recorded and recognized by me. There had been produced by the explosions serious concussion earthquakes resulting from the rending of the earth by the orations within fifty miles south of abbisann, the broduge bridges, read houses, and strees show signs of the concussion. Eyewitnesses testify thatthuy felt a sensation as of great earthquakes, and also a force in the air which tended to knock them over.

And on the other hand there have been terrific jars and tremore from the tremendous explosions felt at Calverine, and these were of sufficient force to rock buildings and break windows.

You'll this be stood for by our surviving people of Calverinia. Ack the thirty hundred thousand doud, the sixth of Abbieum mouldering dead population, which either moulder beneath the ruine remaining or swept to heaven knows where by the flood.

SECOND C SECTION OF LETTER.

THE EFFECT OF THE EXPLOSIONS.. IMPURTANCE OF TRANGE FLAME, AND MAGNETIC PHNO PHONOMENA. CHOICE OF THEORIES. OF THE CATASTHOPHE. EXPLORATIONS OF WHAT WAS LEFT OF ABBIEANN.

usual eruption like explosions, I your Excellency have almost forgettan the main part of my story the enemy who might have caused all the trouble. First I have observed that far across the seird landscape from the far distant summit of a long high hill the distant forest fires produced by the flashes and singing heat of the explosion clouds still sends forths its frequent bursts of flame and smoke coulds rising in great thunder heads to apparently twenty thousand feet above my view. At night the summit of that ridge is aglow like a seething h. II. But to go back to the explosions. I went first to one of the craters said to have been dug by the blast, and observed that outside the rim of one of these gigantic holes that existed after the explosions one can see plainly a built up pile risen a hundred feet or more, and largely composed of tremendous blocks of atone, stone sand, gravel and dried mud which have been thrown aside and accumulated around the edge of the crater during the descent of this debrie.

I never saw a volcanic crater so large, not even in the biggest volcances of I never saw a volcanic crater so large, not even in the biggest volcances of the Hwait or gandwitch Islands. Town the dreary western slope of the Valley Fairyknoll one can sow the smoke of enother forest fire some three thousand iset up the slopes of a high ridge, and not over ten miles northeast of Abbicount While the first fire sends up its great seething balls of cloud, which floats away like first fire sends up its great seething balls of cloud, which floats away like the immense thundoundorm clouds, from this lower slope may be seen enother and larger wreath of smoke which also lingers near the ground. In all the fires I witnessed which bars my approach to Crater no number two the columns of smoke ascended whole while the smoke from the other blazes rose higher first and then floated off horizontally or followed the contour of the land tward the south. The fire is far from the crater but I cannot approach it for the heat is terrific.

The fire is far from the crater but; cannot approach to the stream Still nearer this crater an inky black river of mud follows a str stream from this crater twend the big river. There did all the mud come from and the mud does not always run but occeassionally near its head great fountains of and shoot high into the air, and then the stream flows onward with a great gulp and

Somewhere on the hillsabove Abbieum there was another slowly descending mud stream. Around the northern edge of the hills near Adeleheid on a portion of the Big Girl Knool road there was another mud stream which material for a time had flow a down to Soconf Point which was partially buried beneath it. Still to the Soatward was another mud filled cruter, which is lituated twonty miles oust of the Soatward was first seen by one of my followers. It occurs in the hed of the Central pivor itself, and the water of the river is full of mad. Great clouds of

amoke immence in size were noted on July the fifth from over the horizon in the northeast. These clouds appeared to show themselves themselves intermitted. but with increasing size and augnitude, untill gult July loth, and are still continuing to appear at frequent intervals, reports having been announced that southward immense forest fires are devastating the country, wen up to not there is continued traces of the immense flood since the deadly explosions on the midnight hour of My the last. Some rlacue the flood forces still continue to exhibit themselves, and will not avain awa, for months to come. I noticed on August the Fifteenth a great black campy of cloud continuing to rise and spread along the far southern and southeastern horizon which spread out over the sky to the opposite horizon causing harkress even in the middle of the day making it hard for me to make my inves i investigations. On the evening but early of the same day a great cloud of emoke rolled up continually in the nouthwest, and was witnessed by all of my members. This cloud from the ... its appearance was timed and rose up to the zenith in three minutes. I took thotographs of this cloud, from which others made a sketch. One of the cithescer told me that the last three of the explosions wars the most violet of them all and occurred about Twelve courteen. The clouds floated over Bildred Greenburg and caused a partic among the people of the city. This was need mponied by many detionation, and it was said that in the city of wildred Green burg heav, chowers of stones of all siz s lell upon the regis of the buildings. The ralling sounded like hail and tore the leaves from all the trees in the

The explosions were accompanied by total darkness over Atticann and neighboring cities and towns, after a great explosion of flune, one half of which source up to heaven and the above half tward Abbleann and neurounding country. Hany others stated that a wave surf followed the concussion, and stones fell on the decks of all the surviving ships, rearing down like a severe nailstorm. According to many this explosion leveled many policings almost to the ground in Adeleheid and buried the dead in the city of able Ablicann bens beneath a shower of debrie. Many who witnesses the blasts thought they were frightful cruptions from the surfance surface of the groun; and that the flaches were accompanied by lightning effects believed to be the ignition of guees under ground. An account of this horrer is described in many papers already. Another told me he had seen a outburst of incandescent sand from the surface of the earth, and that vast quantities of md and mud and even maken lave flowed out of the craters in the ground and that torrents of it overegr a overspread the region. I investigated and saw no evidence of lava prumice or anything relating to volcanic cruptions, end no volcanic guses either had truced itseld. Reports of other seirexseries of of explosions have continued up to the last few weecks, and will probably continue for a time untill something is done to find out the cause, and means to n taken to stop those horrid disasters.

It is now evident that the destruction of Mobieann viewed from a broader standpoint than human and other disaster was but a general drama and episode in a group of more than general phenomena constituting the great explosion disasters of Bengall tate, and that the great explosion of disasters it is but a epinode in a series of stranger events than by mere natural occurance as many believe which have been taking place since the war began. Let us your Excellency for a time forget if possiblev the catastrophe, and consider when whether it is a natural phenomena or a disaster designed by the enemy.

That from the nature the country side for one hundred and thirty miles that from the nature the country side for one hundred and thirty miles have collo collasped in long fiscure like lines in connecting with each of the thirty six ernormous or craters, something by this is mighty mu cuspicious. something putting me in , i mind of mining galleries underground by human lebor, and also that the country for five hundred and sixty nine miles is terribly split up into millions of girantic cracks and fiscures like shivered glass, that a whole country side is sumk by the convulsion makes me think that something is pr peculiar in the whole range of disaster.

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"I.Th Where Lake Selicia used to be, ever since the explosion disaster and flood, there is now an inland sea, and the water despite the old time gap refused or refuses to drain out but increases every day. I witnessed this change.

or refuses to drain out but introduced to the state of one thousand feet above "2th that The Calverine Hills rising to a height of one thousand feet above sen level is devoid of all its scoptor slopes which crashed down in the most sen level is devoid of all its scoptor slopes which crashed down in the most terrific landslides every known carrying its forests with it and burying many terms. This according to will nesses went to destruction in fifteen minutes these.

This according to wirnesses went to destruction in illustrations source, for though the mg. That the flood which occured came from a mysterious source, for though the explosions loveled the levees of the big rivers, the rivers waters never reached explosions

Abbieann. "That the material thrown up by the explosion is rock, mand clay and debris of

ground trees and limestone.
"4 That the explosions are not of any such thing is " leaded disturbence."

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"5 that the explosions occured within loss than fifture minites and occured at many different spots and not in one place. The resulting geology of the randocapes as shown after the dispater, prove that the dispater with the dispater.

even its own nature,, and that the procent floods still remaining as I have viewed, instead of recoding are but the recent maximum of the worse flood that ever was recorded in the world since the Fourty Days rain made flood in Bible name, which in many places have continued through a long interval and is still in view. The explosion made flood of last October proceeds similar lengthening horrors, which had as we know resumed to some extent with the coming of spring, and had almost affected a similar area. The first important deduction then is that the present horror at Abbieann is only the redoubled repetition of horrid events which have taken place time and again, at different spots throughout Calverinia since last October, and that the results of the explosions and the floods succeeding have been altogether the same, though the former in leaser violence, the worse probable next to the June horror being that of the Arronburg Ruver River disaster which flooded Ancelling Arathia and hundreds of other places.

So far as recorded, the flood symptons is the same as it was the date of the horrid October disaster, no re new kind of results have been recorded, but morely same symptons in different degrees of violence over and over again. The second principal features of floods, is the opened explosion made outlet of the great Lake Angeline or Selicia, which made a flood of record breaking force for days. The fact that there were serious earthquake like shocks for every explosion horror recorded, shows that the explosions were more exceptionally severe than they were either recorded or known, in fact no vie volcanic eruption ever recorded in the world were as severe as many of the alighter explosions which have taken place from October up to now with such deadly earthquake like effects, without which nothing was at first really known to full conditions.

No evidence us yet has been dec deduced showing that the present explosions was produced by the enemy or not, or by accident or design, neither is there except in the craters any condition which yet enables us to hypothesize a deposit of materials which would show the cause and so forth of these great blasts.

The c confo configuration of the landscape, the repetition of the floods one after another at different locations, the absence of many well known creeks of times gone by, the failure of many towns to reconstruct, indicate that the natures of the disasters taking in also the forest fire plagues, indicate indicate that something in the country of Calverinia and Angelinia, is wrong with either one of the State governments for not taking means to prevent the repeat of such calamities after the first and most horrible October one. The floods of June this year which even now is still in progress over wide territories has been one of most progressive intelsity for many months. The waters of Lake Selicia despite the gaps fail to drain out because recleving the waters from the still remaining floods and all the same territory flooded by Lake Selicia before in still under

Conspicious activity succestive suggestive of intense flood waters was first observed since the beginning. The strangeness of the floods of this one with the othere before, and explosions of a similiar but different varities of force throughout Calverinia, to say nothing of disturbances reported in other areas throughout the war zone, is strangely almost positively suggestive, that the causes of such horrors succeeding as after another was not the c development of strange volcemic srupti eruptions under ground as many believed, but upon the contrary the nature of the explosions and their results show that they resulted from far any natural means, and if the enemy cannot be blumed or proofs cannot be forced from the foe, then we will have to take the matter as that of natural causes whether they were or not, as there is no other outlet to the mystery.

Finally as witnesses declared there accompanied every explosion the strange phenomena seen in volcanic eruptions except electricty, gases and magnetism, but some do declare that there was such occurance, which while not probably really ocuring, yet such news have been conspiciously brought to our attention, and should lead to important deductions upon the origin of the magnetic storms that followed every explosion, and whether the nature of the earths interior under ground had anything to do with it or not. The strangest thing of the Bengall Terror was that the 7,678,888 people of Abbicann city were by the concussion, flume of explosion and other horrors exterminated withina few minutes, death resulting from being caught under falling buildings or killed similiarly like the people in the city of gt Pierre by volcanic activity, the town on the upper landscapes gut on fire by the sudden cruption of the explosion cloud, and flame, and the rest with all the slain carried away to heaven knows where by the flood.

This is the investigation by many of the doath caused by explosion also in Adeleheid town which was the same in Abbiscann. The fatal clouds of the nearest explosions came from the North Bend of the Adeleheid River, fourteen miles north west of the city. The flash of the explosion singed the cities and leveled the ground itself around it from the hillsides by concussion and set fire to forests and buildings and changed the course of streams.

The smoke coming from the cloud were sulphurous from powder and other explosive material added with positions of great destructive nature, I something like that of Mt Peles but reaching a greater distance than twice the extent of the island of Martinque which left much evidence that heatened powders within the clouds exploded from

terrific heat from the blast after having reached the air. The unusual explosions were accompanied by a tarriffic and atrange fire works like do dispuly display. A unusually great magnetic storm accompanied the explosions which were recorded all over the world and which indicated a connection between them and the explosions. In connection with the magnetic phenomena it is of interest to note that many others presented a table showing the relation between explosions of such nature, and those occuring during buttles, which were absolutely the same and had the same effects. That does sound suspicous does it not your Excellency. One is r was during the four battles or four days battles at Delight's junction or Eva Crania. Of thirty eigi explosions at Cedernine, seventeen occured near Hemirick Junction and fourteen near Nelkingburg and had the same effects of concussion and blusting things to destruction and death, The maximum of number of explosions occured during battles and vice versa. There is evident that flame accompanied every explosion. All the evidence indicates that the fatal explosions were always different in places. All the circumstances show evidence, and much is strong in evidence that the destruction of towns for every distant blast was caused by the far reaching nature of the blasts, and their effects.

The foregoing data and a mential facts concerning the great catastrophe I have not dared to interpret, nor do I wish to be observe the understanding of the events by individual interpretation and hypothesis, nevertheless it may not be presumptuous TO suggest that conflagration, death, and fatality in Abbleann and other cities may altimately be explained by either of the two theories.

I.. The heat blast theory. This hypoteonic assumed that the unexploded powerful powder were sufficiently heatened by the flash of the blast to catch fire and fire the air and cloud and debris hurled up by the explosion, and became sufficiently hot to have inflamed the city and neighboring places and destroyed the people by singeing, suffication and asphyxiation. It does not however account for the forces exerted radically and herizontally, nor the flat flame.

2.. The strunge serial-explosion theory. The explosion of powders within the explosion crupted clouds after their tremendous projection into the air would also account for all the dreadful phenomena observed by many witnesses. The t strunge serial explosion which there is evidence that it really occured was most probably aportion of the emexploded portions of the powder that shot into the air and caught from the flushes, but not accounce is still anothe to solve or state whether this can be true or not. The discussion of anexploded powder catching fire in the air involves a line of accountific specialization which I do not possess, but as saiden and as mysterious as was the great servet as it has left its terrible traces and clues which the detectives of science may follow up if they come to do it. Metal surfaces of all kinds of objects in the ruins still left can be examined and analy analyzed for traces of blackoned pader smoke/. Even the finer debris and dust thrown by the explosion will be submitted to investigation. And then there were those fright ful fireworks display and bolis. What of them, and their own igniting powers.

See geveral days later I headed for where the unflooded sections of the higher elevated portions of Abbieann la buried in debris, and explosion thrown wreckage an and dust and mud. Vast cloud banks shrouled alike the terrible explosion region and the silent victims a distance off. A few smouldering forest fires were visible where the once beautiful forests and towns had been, the sullen glows of the last smouldering embers. The morning had just approached when I approached the city On nearing it I first came to a scene beyond a desolate ridge, where smoke in large clouds and volumes was rolling upward in dark colored sheets and wreaths, and beyond could be seen, the gray blasted eastern slope of the wnearest of the nearest stretch of the Vivian Hills. Rounding a promontory, the desolate silent city was in sight,, where Abbieann but a few months before was embowered in magnificence and beauty, but elsewhere for the site of the main city the and eye must needs be strained, or field glasses used in order to distinguish the outlines of gray ruins rising up through what appeared to me a sea of water stretching as far as eye could reach, with wreckage floating as thick as log jams here and there, and this is August, the water nearest me stretching against a background of barren blasted slopes where once grew the fairest forests of this portion of calverinia. In the central portion of the waters not a single house appeared above the water, and it was still flowing southward at a rate of abouth ten foot a enout ten miles en hour.

To get to the high portion of the city I with my followers had to chance a trip in a quay over the slowest part of the flood waters. After perilous work and difficult travel, in which we had to work like mad to avoid collision with parts of houses protruding out of the water, or grounding on something under the water, we came into the readstead in front of the higher part of Athican, and the jusy beat was made fast to a wrock of a wall. Foats were lowered and quickly filled with m with men eager to study in various ways the evidences of the great disaster before studying the flood itself. I gave command that all who went unhere should r turn to the boats when a blast from the quays h whictle should sum on them and that no one so all bring off objects of value from the ruined city. Therefore I take pleasure in recording that these commands was obeyed with alacerity as well as the accord. Our wicht to the city was repeated and our explor ation

of the ruins extended for five days but it is not necessary at present to be precise as to dates. While rowing from the quay to the stone quays along the river front of the dead city, we pussed much wrockage and even apars of some of the ships that went down on the terrible hours of midnight June the First-Se far no attempt had been made to raise the sunken ships, probable a great number-like ruined portion of what was or is left of the city lay before, us silent, desolute, and covered with dust and debris thrown from the explosions. I could not see a single person in sight, and not once during those five days did we see a living thing during our clambor over ruined walls, and through deeply debris filled streets, and while walking along the edge of wrocked elevated train structures still stunding, except the members of our squad.

It is unecessary at this time to attempt to describe in any detail the scenes that met our view as we passed in gloomy sorrowful silence over the dust and and rubbleh beneath which thousands of human beings lay buried and probably decomposed to the last by this time, as this has been already well told in many news appears. We glanced uside in horror in passing the grim remmants of what on the right mid night hour were living but sleeping men and women and children. We could not aid in the work of a cromation going on some places, and avoided no far as possible the gruesome sight still lingering. On passing to the higher portion of the city however where the soldiers had not as yet performed their sanitary work, the piles of dead almost skelentons now could not be avoided.....

The best general impresssion of the present condition of the once beautiful city of Abbieann, was by me and my followers obtained from one of the high rises of ground to the extreme northeast end of the remaining end of the city, termed St Marie, where formerly stood a colosal Cathedral, year the f vacant ruins of this great cathedral is the wrock of many giant forest trees, their broad buttressing roots still unchored into the ground, and their blasted branches lifted like appealing arms tward heaven seeking help. Probably long ago from beneath the deep shape shade of those wide spreading trees, any one could have glanced over the once immense and peaceful city, with its almost new work or Chicago Like acenery of trees and houses and yet twice wider streets, and then beyond to follow the green slopes of the Calverinian Hills to beyond the fields of every kind of crop known on the market, upward to the dense forests of hills and mountain sides and level plains. Any person "he may have last saw that fair est of pictures, of beautiful city landscapes, verdure covered slopes, and the vast cloud filled sky -- on the morning of the fatal disaster, were swept away never to be recovered, while one even now on the days of my visit here, bodies of them lay still under the ruins with many others, heat shrivled and decomposed corpses, partially or entirely buried beneath the seemingly universal sheet of waters, or ruins of fallen buildings and under explosion thrown debris.....

This most beautiful of pictures which no artist can concieve had been blotted out, even some parts of the beautiful rivers, and the rugged mountain and hil forested alopes which were all asmoke. At my feet lay the portion of the dead city far above the still remaining sea of flood waters, silent and gray. Reyond where stretches the water, here and there in places on its probable shore lines buildings in ruine showed somewhat above the water, and jame of wreckuge floated here and there. Not a green thing as in sight. Not a tree was standing, not even on the far away mountain ridges leading down to the partially destroyed city of St Jeseph, and oven those were scorched withered and bla blasted. Reyond lay a sea of wreckupe covered waters. It is impossible almost to convey in the proper number of words the appearance of such a sea of wreckage covered water, the abson absolutely plantless landscapes, the scenes of terrific forest fires in the distance, but in this location a far as oye can see there was not a thing at all left alive, and not a tree left standing, after the explosion blusts, forest fires, and floods swept over this territory. As is evidenced here terrific firescho and flood followed the hurricans of hot blasts and flaming clouds and the rain of explosion debris and flung house debris buried what the fire did not consume.

Maybe the flood I witness here will never go away. Never before in the history of man had such complete destruction been wrought on such an ernormous area.

Caring down into the stient streets from the heights of 5t Merie I could trace their course and see the beautiful plains and hillsides and plateaus the city had been built, but now no conspicious objects were in sight. Even the big cathedral was a mass of ruins. Further northward, where the higher sections of Abbieann extended beyond the bold hi heights on the lundward side of the flood, where formerly rose the most bauutiful buildings of all and heautiful parks and gardens, the houses were level with the ground except smaller buildings which were partly wrecked and some buried out of sight in the debriscof the others.

Even the strects were completely obliterated in the debris, and probably the reason for the worse ruin and deeper covering of debris of the northern than the southern part of this highest section of the city, inc is that the former was was at the margin of a sloging plateau like surface, leading tward the Calverine hills, where the concension was worse, and some of the sections were even almost buried in slight landslides, thile further south sheltering heights intervened and the area of which debris could be thrown was much less extensive. I feel

however your Excellency, that from roading so much of this long letter already that you are or femiliar with the desolate pictures, which Abbicans and her surroundings present as any one who viewed these scenes themselves, but I may wisk to ask not only you, and all the generals but many others as well if it is really true that all the destruction was done first by the explosions within the space of a few minutes. ond end the lower sections of the city and all its reighboring towns swept away in less than three quarters of an hour by the big floods, and how this most exceptional event in the history of all disanters, came about thether it was a mysterious freak of nature, or whether the Glandeliniens,,,, were responsible.. The evidence of many thousands of eye witnesses, who were near the border of the devastated area, on the shore ofrivers, hilltops, or on the ships in the rivers, or who survived among the ruins, and all other places facing Abbieunn is conclusive that the more than seven to eight million people as the estimate is who perished with the city, and many other places died within the space of a few seconds, or perhaps two to three minutes or shoter. shorter.

Indeed your Excellency i t it may deem mufe to predict that probably the most of them met their death in less than one half minute after the nearest blasts of the explosions shook down the buildings of the city and neighboring towns. Meet no doubt us I telieved died under the ruing, of of those injured being drowned while rinioned in the wrackage when the fleed descended upon the city ... As to the precise nature of the explosions the members of your own commission, I believe differ the

opinion .

It has been stated in many various newspapers and all mazagines throughout the state and in all history and new story books and novels that the inhabat inhabitet inhabitants of Abbleann were mostly or all killed only in the ruins of fallen buildings with the isjuid drowned, while the opulation of Adeleheid city and other places were asphyxiated by strangely noxious gases, or killed by the explosion of ignited powders shot up with the clouds Or was the cloud it iself really heatened by the flash of the ernormous explosionstheny say the cloud destroyed like a harricane, putting me in mind of the volcanic eractions of St or Mont Peles only on a putting me in mind of the volcants erigitions of the best interpretion hundred thousand times bigger scale. By own observation and the best interpretion that I or my followers can give you placed upon the testimony of serviving witnesses many even children Catholic Irleada and nuns favors the opinion that the general cause of death was a blant of mysterious flame, charged with many explodions in explosions in the forward rushing cloud, the cloud which did not ascend.

Powders shot up from the mines probably in part becoming aftire from the shoots of explosion flashes, were no doubt present as all evidence shows everywhere I gp f go- as the odor of such powders, which reminds me of T.W.T. cuncetton, Mytro Olycerne and even dynimite and other dreadful charges was still noticed at the time of my visit, but the part that such hurled up powders might have played must have only been secondary. In order Your Excellency to be able to judge the conditions where everything was destroyed by the explosions themselves it is necessary for scientests to be sent my conscription to investigate and learn what took place on

the outskirts of the dreadful fire storm from the explosions. The people on the borders of the unusually devastated areas, or who were in the heart of the diseaster area and escaped, were in all instances injured to a slight or severe degrees, and it seems evident the injuries were afflicted by hot or flaming dust or powders, which on touching the skin adhered and burned, and caused among many even the dread disases locked jaw. These burns resembled those when you touch a red hot iron, and even resemble scalds, but destroyed deep into the platetof

flesh of the more seriously injured.

In all such instances the hair on the burned portions were totally destroyed, , but where the bodies were covered with thicker clothing they were more seriously injured even unto death by the clothing catching fire. Whatever it was, or if it had been ignited power or dust, yet what ever it really was what struck the injured people it was not enough to ignite their clothing, and those w o they suid had inhaled the hot pwders, death had been almost in an instant. The condition of the dead in towns north and southeast of bileann and in deleheid favors the conclusions that this adduction shows what there took place. Thile the awful inhalation of smoke charged with ignited powders and dust may seemingly be accepted as the prinicpal cause of death in these stricten striken towns, it must be admitted that in Abieann and other places too the manority of people were no doubt killed, by falling walls, by nervious shock, and by drowning in the floods that ensued. The blasts which swept over northern Abbieann on the first hour of the June Horning, passed through the city with explosion force. This is demonstrated by the manner in which great forests near the city were uprooted, the strongest buildings thrown down level with the ground, elevated structures for trains torn asunder or to pieces, and the streets torn away. The direction in which all these objects were swept, was a little tward the southeast, and southwest together, or directly away from four gigantic explosions nearest. The most conspicious evidence of the strength of the four blasts which wrought this strange mechanical destruction is furnished by the tallest buildings, which were swept from their upper sections and hurled several blocks to have their ruins scattered among other fallen buillings. All evidence collected in this connection cannot here be present, but it indicates that the blast which wrought the havor referred to push over the city with explosion

force. Though it too is a big city, Adeheiei Adeloheid gives a much less loss of life than any other city on the explosion area. As has been reported by the Mayor of that stricken city the number killed was about 34,567. Many more were injured than of any other surviving city. Yet the region around this neighborhood was more thickly populated then elsewhere, but neverthelesethere were no cities comparable to Abbieann in size, but was is significant no one in any neighborhood of the explosion disaster had been warned of the coming cutastrophe, and if they had been suspecting any such disaster probably not enethird such a less of life would have occured.

> PART THREE OF LETTER. EXPLORATIONS IN NORTHERN ABBIEANN. THE DISASTER AT ADELIGIEID. PRODUCTS OF THE RECEIT EXPLOSIONS OF THE SITE OF OTHER PLACES.

REPURTS OF VESSELS AS TO THE RANGE OF EXPLOSION THROWN DUST AND SMOKE , AND DEBRIS..... FIID OF LETTER.

The destruction of Adeleneid was due to blast heat, materials and rocks hurled by the eruptions, stones and earth, and so forth, but the sudden blast charged with burning and exploding powder swept more down upon this city and her neighbors than it did in abbieann. The area in which the materials thrown down and about by the explosions was about twice as great as any territory covered by the eruption of Krakatoa, and extends in a belt some six to seven hundred miles wide across the northern section of mengall state leaving however a narrow strip of verdure elsewhere but blasting everything every where else like My Mt Peleo did at Martinque. I reached the northern extreme part of Abbigunn on the morning of August the 14th and later the same time through the courtsey of the Calverinian Governmen who had immediate charge of the distribution of the relief stores for the refugees, I was enubled to reciever some helpers who aided me in a trip on a boat northward on the flood waters to the extreme devastated northern areas of Abbieann and her suburbs. A landing was affected without difficulty and the country around northern Accieann carefully examined. hile proceeding carefully forward on the bout calls were made at ruined and blasted villiages, and an opportunity was afforded of seeing ruine similar as at Abbieann and Adeleheid, yot as fully desclateed as Abbieann, and her sister s cities.

. Near the shore of the flood waters where a town of some four or five thousand people stood before that fatal night of June First we sadly walked over the burren wind rippled and rill cut surface of devastated and badly cracked land with a huge crater looming two miles in the distance. This town as in the cases of thr the northern portion of poor Abbisann was situated at the margin of a broad aloping upland from which the deoris was swept and piled deeply on the flat land to the leeward. After inspecting the towns Courthouse, a strongly built built structure of stone and concrete, which which was completely destroyed, I pressed on with my helpers to the bluff overlooking Mic-Hollester Rum River, and had an obstructed view of the deeply filled valley of that once beautiful stream, and of the forested alopes of gertrules Ridge even to its still smoking and blazing sides and summit where forest fires set by the explosions still raged. Nover have I in my life gazed on a more stranger or more instructive scene. We had caught the very effects of the explosions at this location.

On the slopes about us still stood the denuded smoking thrunks of trees, their sides facing the cruter in the far distance stripped even off their bark and scorching with the heat of smouldering fires about them, showing that the wind during the hot hurricans of fire had blown from the dir ection of the conflagration. The hills about us were covered to the depth of three or six feet with smouldering and smoking forest debris, and so terrific was the heat we could not dare an exploration in that direction. To the northward, we saw the effects of two tremendous landslides.

One of the many interesting sad sad features to claim attention was the wonderful manner in which the la er of burned forest debris had been cut by the rills origining originiting on it from heavy falls of stones. The cills and gaps were like channels through the smoking debrie. The steep sided trenches with well marked to terraces were leveled into slandslides by the explosions. Among the larger features of the recent horrid changes that especially astructed attention in which the sloping sides of the Mic-Hollester Valley, had been thickly covered with ruging forest fires, and the way the farlous flames were endeavoring to burn through to their own right of

who same a smoke from these blayes formed colo columns that rose for thousands

similar phonomen phonomenon was witnessed by me near Adelsheid, and was again such near Wickey Lancin, and in each instance the cause was the explosion. The upper part of the Mic- Hollester River was somewhat displaced from its former bed by the concussion, and a landslide, mainly the vast landslide which precipitated an immense ammount od debris into its channel, The debris had checked its flow and for a time had held back the water and acted as a dam, the streambed downstream becoming dry, but as the pressure of the water had increused, the dam had given way, and the large flood of water black with material in suspension, had rushed down the previously dry channel, and became a flood it its own to join the bigger one . A similar behavor of some streams near Abbleann, and also those near Wickey Lanein was or had occured. From the heights above the ruined Courthouse, the entire country side was in full view during our visit, and like elsewhere was without life... Note green sprig of anything was visible, but more atter desolution could be obser ved than it takes words to describe.

And over all of the devastated region lay a thick sheet of either water, raging forest fires, or a thick sheet of gray smouldering debris, or the wreckage thrown by the explicions. The newly added fires, which so recently formed a part of the disaster horror was being rapidly spread, and taking its place in regions that would in ammount of trae destroyed cause an immeasureable loss. every spread of the flames this way or that, caused per half day hundreds of thousands of acres of tress to be burned. The spreading of the flames which had been going on since the explosions with such a rapidity that within these few months hundreds of miles of forests may have been denuded from the hills and mountain side valley and plain, takes for northern Calverinia snother record breaking forest fires. Outside the devastated area where the fall of explosion debris was not quite so heavy and in depth did not exceed an inch or three, it had already at the time of my visit been partly sunken into the softer ground.

One of our trips in the flood waters, was precipitous, not that we harried to go off b cause we feared more explosions, but own owing to the factthat in our excursion tward the north part of abbisann our boat struck an object in the flood but under, and all we can say is we regained the shore wet to the skin and our bout broke into two places and sinking. We were comeplied to compelled to walk around in our wet clothing, and worse of all there had been no sumshine for days because of the sky overcast by smokes of forest fires, both near, and distant. We in our wet clotting continued northward along the shore edge of the flood, passing as near to the floods adge as pu prulence would permit, and we had splendid views of the very plasted and utterly desclate mountains closest to the explosions.

This part of the country of engall gtate or county is remarkably rough, and before the catastrophe presented a paradize like scenery.

we could see far up the slopes of calverine Hills where beautiful forests once were in presences like immense waving and rolling green clouds, and birds haunted the chadowy recesses, but now all was smoke and fire and desclation. Not a trunk of a tree remained in all the stern oppressive landscape to suggest the loveliness that had been blotted out so suddenly and terribly. Here we passed a town where many were killed when a landskide buried it, and obtained a full view of a great forest conflagration which though about probably twenty five miles off we could feel the heat to an uncomfortable degree, and the wind was from us to thr

Out trip here was indeed exciting. We had to avoid the fires of course as no one could live within a mile of them so fierce is the heat. On t returning a to Adeholeiheid we found the work of discharging the relief stores brought by boats still in progress and through the courtsey I of the Mayor I was enabled to make another trip on a new boat in company with one scientest and my own companions, and this time to Maleheid and then through and into that town which is situated somewant somewhat southwest of Abbieman but on higher elevation. Ariving at Adoleichid a Lunding was affected by means of a stronger line which we pulled on to shore. The Landing was no vol and to a degrees somewhat exciting and perlicus. Some distance out from the town on the shore of the flood was a mass of grounded wreckage. The shore bont munned by strong men who well understood the situation, was loaded with relief supplies for the hundrain of refugees in Adoleheld. The boat was rowed to the wreckage jum, where after many managemental attempts, the rope cable leading shoreward was grasped by strong hands. The water of the flood here was rushing past heavily, suring past the almost immovable wrackage jam, and passing with a heavy rour. By means of the long stout rope the boat with her provisions and living examples of the people

from the same lands was drawn with great difficulty, without however being almost captized to the wreckage jam, and held there, although surving up and down with each oncoming wave of the floods rush as if it was trying to dance a strange sort of back and forward steps. From the shore near the bjam projected a rude drrrick derrick made of boards taken from the jam at the end of which was a pully and over the pully pulley passed a rope from which I could noe suspended a large case like box about fourteen feet equare. The derrick and cage had been made harriedly for the purpose of embarking many of the people injured during the late dispater, and by no means seemed an attractive instrument or vehicle in which to be lifted from such a crazily acting bout. The uscent was made however with many dips and small disasting in on in which once t recieved a good ducking, and a heard on my heat, and a jam in the mouth with something else, and a bang in the ear, and other amcertainities and minor accidents too manny and finny to relate here attending it awakened the keen at sympathy for the sufferers who descended by the same neas an hour later.

A few minutes later I was viewing the rains of deleichd, with two teath missing, from my moth, a black eye, a lump on my head, a buildaged hand and a swellen gomet,ing behind my ear.

It was a fine start.

From some high hop hospitals many of the recovering patients who were buried by the flash of explosions on that horrid night were taken to the end of the wreckage jam, lowered into the dancing boat, and conveyed to a flood ship where they were then taken on board as gently as the unusual circ circumstances would permit, and placed on mattresses on the deck. All of the wounded were suffering from burns on the hands, face, neck feet and elsewhere, inflicted by hot flames. Of the injured of delcheid numbering I believe five thousand, all suffered from burns from the nature just referred to, a cexcepting others injured when caught in the wrecking of felling buildings, or strock by flying explosion flung wreckage.

At Adeleheid the fact that a terrible disaster had reciently recently occured was impressed on my mind even more forcibly than duringduring my visit to the wiped out city of Abbisann. The beautiful Abbisann city was so completely devastated by flood and fire that very little remained to proclaim the tail tale. But for the presence of some of the bodies in the ruins still remaining, the ruins might

seem to be two cen u centuries old.

At Adeleheid however although the town was only partially ruined, and less of life was only less svere, the strange dust stones and broken fragments of trees and ground turf piled high in the streets, the shattered windows and roofs, the blasted trees and tee telephone and eletric light noies, the the absolutely barren landscapes adjacent, and the still smoking forest fires far boyond, all appealed fo more forcibly to the imi imagination and assisted in enabling any visitor to picture what had occured. The people who had aurvived and been explosed to the great peril still thronged the streets, many weeping or mourning their lost loved ones or property, In the outskirts of the city, refugees were crowded in houses not even sufficient for their shelter.

About the doors of storehouses groups of eager applicants were recieving government aid but here no acute suffering was visible, except the most sad sight which were of the injured persons, although their wounds had been well call cared for by the physicians early on the scene. sadly leaving the half ruined town, after having my black eye, and other minor injuries attended to, I hurried inland with all my followers, three of which carried cameras to visit the stretch of the Aronburgs Fin river in that location and get a view of a typical example of the region on which the descent of explosion thrown wreckage dug from y the ground had been heavy. Our tramp took us across previously cultivated fields now buried some four foot deep beneath all debris , and across small streams of no hot and warm water. The view tward the volcanic lke pall of smoke from forest forest fires, and northward along the flood coast, where many plantations and estates had been wiped out, although depressing in the extreme on account of the on unusual devastation that had been wrought was highly instructive as an exemple of the explosions effects.

. It was in this region that great loss of life acc eccured. In one town which cw vintted we vinited all persons had perished. The woodwork of many of the houses were not burned, and no other seeming evidence remained of the death dealing agency, except blackened walls and strange blackened burned dust on the floor, which was extremely fine, and had a depth of about four inches. The windows of the houses which faced northward were hadly shettered, the glass being broken by rocks and stones which evidently pussed through them from the outside, and their frames were indented in such a manner as to show that the flying stones and rocks must have struch with great speed and force. This interesting observation taken in connection with other facts dh shows that the wrockugo hurled upward by the tremendous explosions might have strane strangely enough rose through the layer of the atmosphere atmost here affected by the eastward ble imblowing winds, and on reaching the higher region of the at, atmosphere where the winds might have been blowing east to west,

vere corried well to the contward and weatward of Adelcheid but on fulling vere ewept worthard by a new trade wind, associated it is to be procured by an indust tward the explosion areas and given such a slout that on striking the rang windows refored to they passed through and entered the rooms within, within, in the region of Adelcheid the rain of debrie, dust stones water and ground turf and masses of trees was similar to that which foll on abbieann and other places, and in general the material is more course. Indeed throughout the desolated area rough, angular rocks very large in size, some five to siz hundred pounds to six tone in weight foll in vest quantities and at a distance exceeding five miles more from the dust clouds descended so abundently that even at gildred Creenturg, II2 miles from Abbieann they also fell. At Pandorn, and again even at Calverine, each distant about one hundred fifty miles from the explosion area, I had received reports that rocks and stone and dust fell to even a few inches. This is a minimum measure of the deapth depth of the disasterous shower of stones on the devastated area and the average thickness of the strange deposit is several times as great.

This material it must be remembered came down, in a terrific shower, and not only were the stones that fell on Adelacid larger than those which descended upon northern Abbieann but what can also be instructive, stones of all classes are very conspicuous on the desolated fields. The greater part of the debris, consists of sand clay, and lineatone and soft earth and grasses and plants of all descriptione besides fragments of trees, sendstone and granite and much of it also was reduced to dust by the force of the expanding explosions. In addition to all this, the fields are stream with angular masses of different rock or more compact rock, which was torn from the decorr recesses of the earth by the tremendous force of the explosions. Those fragments of different rock are much more dense than the accompanying fragments of other rocks. Those that fell on the desolated area were somewhat heatened by the flashes of the explosions, and retre retained the heat when during the ground and capable of igniting houses and shrubbery. In probability these heatened rocks and flashes of the explosions set off the forest fires I see

This brief account of the mateir material which fell on delcheid will I believe show the main cause of the loss of life, and the destruction of houses, vege tation, ac etc, on the landscapes. The majority of people Miled, as elsewhere, in the opinion of physicens, and others early on the scene lost their lives from the inhalation of strange hot dust or powder, flaming flashes, and being scalded by steum charged with heatened powder gases. On the outer margin of the regions of destruction the explicion at losions must have shot up mud and water from the river for I found mud adherring to everything within view as if mud had rained down. Casulaties also resulted from the rain of fulling stones, crashing roofs and wallf walls of houses, and as had been frequently a stated, heat from the flashes was intense and frequent, and is supposed to have caused many deaths.

After returning on the boat to Abbieann, visits were made to more interesting places which T was told was slightly not so badly injured including the boautiful parks. Te erived there o at noon on the third day after leaving Adeheleid. There was at that time a slight trace of sunshine, but the vast columns of smoke rising from the forest fires which rose probably to a height of fifteen to twenty thousand feet was still a blot. On passing the main site of Abbieann we had only a view of what the raging waters would permit. All this scenery of disaster may seem intering and worth exploring for by many suppose, but it has left to me a forlorn melencholic feeling, something of a feeling that tells of a sad occurance a droudful event of the past which the world itself could not atone for. This long letter Your Excellency I trust will serve to show the members of the cemini at least in a general way the nature of the observations we were able to make for the sake of our Cause, but _ trust it will in time be followed by a critical discussion of the very characteristic explosions which desolated such large portions of country and eplit five hundred miles of country with fissures, sunk one whole country, destroyed wast forests, end made seas of water where cities and towns had been, and devastated such otherwise large prilons of charming lands we had hoped to visit.

As I know, soon after the diseaser around Abbieman the Abbiemania Weather Eureau itseld had sent to the Abbiemania geogloical survey for examination of a bit of the dust, and rocks of the explosion debris collected abourd a river attempt miles from the scene of the nearest explosion to see whether it was of volcanic material or not, so the real nature of the diseaser could be proved. To this was added later some of the erupted sund and mid which fall on the roofs and streets of mildred reenham, and the source of the material, whether from the locality of Abbieman, or Adelcheid. Therefore when recleved from Cancral mendro Eurgar for addy the material which he too collected at Abbieman north during his investigations for the Abbiemania Geographic goothies, I recleved much pleasure in cearching for the source of the dust. Headro mendre pargurar collection embraces must precise as most of which came from the region of Abbieman. All the speciments

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resulted from explosive forces. Not one particle is lava, pumice or anything brought up by any kind of volcanic eruptions. The rocks of the blanted regions thrown up by the explosions are remarkably simple, and belong to all kinds of rock, granite being the leading, and Linestone and Sandstone folliwing "The region from Abbieum past Mildregreem Mildreg greenburg is composed largely of thos clasted kind of rock. In the prevailing rock of the collection, sandstone is the main kind. In closely allied specimens, something relating to marble, and even coal, and peat comes in and increases untill in a few of the specimens it shows the rock belongs to the granite and sandstone type.

To il ustrate the strange products of the explosion activity of pengall state previous to the explosion horror of that fatal midnight, with the hope of finding evidences of what the eru eruptions really were, examples were also collected of materials found stuck to the ruins of many buildings in any ruined town or villiage not touched by the floods, and also that among wreckage found in stream and where Lunsin, and even from Mildred greenburg Junction. The other spriffers enbruce boulders from Adelencia, fragments from greatlin and many after places, and send and clay. All of these were good examples of all material but entirely lacking the proper materials so well known as lave or colled molten magma. We me the rocks look the colled of granite n and sundatone, and only on a second closer look one percieves that from some strange cause many of these are repeared full of strange holes or marks. The rocks very in color. Most of the structure is of course limestone. From the river shore near Abbicann is an interesting specimen of black sandstone. In addition to this fragments of granite were obtained at twenty other localities. All specimens differ from the others. There is only the alightest trace of quartz.

Fut every evidence of these stones, with ground dirt, found, , , endro regards as not from any marine or surface cruption or volcanic activity, for he also says, an eruption that would break out at one place, last a second, quiet down and break out anew continually at different places for fifteen minutes if happening would be an unusual case indeed. In if there could be found any such rocks belonging to those that would give evidence of volcanic activity it might have happened, and a strange thing indeed, but there is no sign of any moiten like rocks, neither is there any trace of fieldspar, hyperathem, , magnetite, , ground mane, phenoryst, pingiociose, , endedtes or other such volcanic rock. There is neither rundee accrise or any other kind, the rock fragments are generally normal.

There is suce our evidence that the explosive enegry in this section was far from the cause of colonic activity as many bolisved. The strungest material consist of merely ground dust, the color being the usual grayed gray of dust seen in a country road. The s Riversteamship the Mic-Hamer was in the river herbor of Mildred creenburg about a hundred miles from the place of the nearest of the explosions, and sand and dust and rocks came on its decks. The color of the dust was similiar as elsewhere. From dust found of different colors it is also believed the force of the explosions might have pulversied the rocks and ground dirt. A communison of the material ejected by the plasts discovers under the microscope certain difference between the two kinds of dust, but chemical analysis which deals with a larger quantity them a thin section and which recognized small difference by means of analyses being made proves the dust was from ground, and roadbods and send from river shores or from sendstons.

There is a small empount of mercel, and only a small empount of herden stone of which menume connect guess. Nest of the greater portion of the finer material which fell on the decks of surviving ships was derived from the ouden pulverization of solid limestone and granite by the explosions. Boulder stones, and even house bricks and fregments of concrete are also present, morter and forest deris debris also, but at least helf of the mass if sendstone, and the particion are too fine for discrimination with they the maked eye, but under the microscope are found to be dust of limr, lime and other stone, mixed with a larger proportion of ground dust, except that the proportion on the ground dust seems larger at the granter distance and this is to be expected for the brittle and lighter ground dust pulversizes and floots in the air more easily than the mileral particles.

Many exploded rocks were picked up from the remaining streets of the ill fated city of Abbieumn. It contained stone undertail of ull kinds, and the imagest pieces of which there are many are composed of cement stone and cobbin stone. In this rain of exploded debria the fine and light were carried down with the image fragments but it is evident that much of the finer and lighter material was shot up by the explosions to gra great heights above the large heavy fragments to be appread for and wide by the under currents. If for beyond Abbieumn, the dust had for appread so that it fell even in Calvorine.

 If we your Majest consider now the most complete analyses, those of pargar they appear chemically to fall into two main groups, granite, and saundatone, and therefore; can assume that the figure given for these stones is correct, and mount tyst that we have here a proof of cases that the eruptions could not have occured from any underground sources, and that the fragments of debris from every blast is equally alike. Therefore that the eruptions were volcanic as many believe is highly improbable, and I doubt greatly that the explosions came from any kind of natural causes. In most other respects analyses show these facts from the condition of the explosion j ejecta, likewise the high granite and limestone.

Therefore how is it possible that these eruptions could come from volcenic disturbunces, and should have ejected from the same vent as many times at the same time, and fallen with such disasterous effects upon _delehcide?

Even had this happened it soems beyond the bounds of the possible that an explosion would occur like this from underground sruptions. Is it an unwarrented suspicion that the activity was volcanic. It is hoped that this point can be made clear by the editor of newspapers, and the chemest who made who madeves.

As to so many statements the announcement in science implies that the explosions came from strange underground activity of volcanic origin but there is no proof whatsoever that this is so. The interval evidence of the analysis itself plats most points ment strongly to explosions as the source, and I and general pargar shell so regard it untill proof to the contrary is forthcoming. The wreckage left by the explosions is given in the original publication as such, without any statement to the contrary. The reason why the materials thrown up by the explosions is that because of what they consist, especially fine send wet and dry end ground earth and dust, clay, and limeatone and even mud and some portions of crusted quickennds, which were blown high into the the air.

If the above ing inforences are justified we find then that while the ejecta from the from the explantane are of the same material from the same creters and they do not vary in the composition, and between the eje ejacta they do not show ant any difference by which it is to appear easy to distinguish the product from or of one crater from that of the other.

Possibly, as I have already admitted further careful investigation will not near out the conclusions above suggested, but the evidence in their support are so strong at present that reag geologists and chemests will do well to put them to further and decisive proof. The any analyses aff afford room for speculation in other directions also. If it bistrue as said If it is true as said, that the deaths in cities not totally leveled by concuesion resulted largely from strongulation from the fumes of the explosions and blasts of power and powder gases, the source of this gas is not far to seek, for there might have been liquid explosives contained in quantty which blown in the air would act as deadly hot fumes.

In many places the testimony as to powder fumes of deadly nature in the smoke and dust clouds is overwhelming and the odor of posion gases under favorable conditions, perceptible miles out at sen itself, but it does not appear to have been formed from volcanic cruptions, as shown by my analysed, which further accounts for the nature of the explosions. It is not my opinion necessary to assume the prior existance of pader aulphates in the explosives powders, for while there may have been such in soke some there might not have been any in others. In making further als analyses chemests should be particular to ascertain the condition of the rocks, enden and not be content to report it simply as probable crupted fragments of magma without further comment. Fork of this kind is surely worth doing well, especially for our cause, or it were better to be left undone.

It may be here said that in the analyses showing much limestone and granite, and ground dust and earth are absolutely a fact. The exact error due to the fe ef effect of too quok an examination causes difficulty in correcting, and ascertaining ascertaining the total and right ammount of rocks, which serves as the bases for

calculating the rocks.

I could allude to one real disagreement between one analyses reported by the chemest of the reographic Department, and that by the Geological survey, this relates to the presence of real pumics and scorial rither we of the Ceographic Societies have overlooked straces of lava because of some inherent defect in our method, or the Geological survey has counted as love something which looked like but we not that elemental may as say as the result of our experience for many years, that I looked for same and found no trace of pumics of coria, and that handrady of realyzes have been ends without finding any trace of lava .Dargar

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mortioned with some reserve of finding much copper slate, and other kind of mineral in his specimens of dust from the elevated part of what is left of Abbisons. This absention I believe to be quite correct. I also found it in sixteen specimens from the crater adge near Abbisons. We said on report it because of the apportunities estably present for its introduction from outside, but my personal belief is they that it is as unuversally distributed through rocks as any one of the other metals, though of course in very small ammounts. Some of the points refered to in this unusually long letter your Excellency may with great advantage be dwelth upon at a grouter length in a future letter or publication, when further data are available, for examination and discussion.

From the decks of the ship called the peechnut, about fifty miles south of Abbieum the captism claimed that by half past twelve, the sky overhead became everaget, and tinted a strange sackcloth black color, and that what surprised him still more fine whitesh gray dyst dust began to fall at about one oclock or later. He conjected a volcanic cruption from some point, and reported such things to be, Therefore on my reference to a chapter longer for the latter, I can give an account of the reports of fine dust, which fell on vessels on many rivers of the country within a radiance of the explosion territory and which came from the region of oxylosions. One captian reported to me thus,

"I was astonished to find strange dust coming upon the decks of my ship, and bolieved there might have been a tornado somewhere which clouded the sky with so much dust that it settled down to where my ship was. I bottled a sample of it. On my arival in Sucremento in Abbieannia and hearing of the supposed volcanic eruption near A Abbieann, I concluded it came from there although we were six hundred miles northwest of that region.

The experience goes thus, I had arived withthe ship near Mic-Hollester City, in Calverinia, some five hundred miles couth of abbienni, the weather being fine and clear. Between Twelve end fifteen minutes after twelve midnight, I and my crew were awakened and aroused by many reports as of the heaviest artillery firing violent volleys incossantly, and cone consternation started as my crew thought the enemy was firing upon our ship. We started full speed ahead, but shortly afterward, while the ship was cutting through the water a strange dense black cloud appeared moving down from the north , from the direction of Bengall State, five hundred miles north of us, and gradually rolled and moved southeastward, and spread. Within three hours the whole sky u was overcast, there was a strange smell of exploded powder in the air, and two hours later a shower of strange dust began to fall, and it grew as dark as erebus. Policying now it was the cause of a far distant volcamic eruption that was unusually sudden and violent we headed southward, the weather being so dark that we could not dis tinguish anything at a distance of fourty feet. At this time the dust was pouring down and speedily covered the decks to the depths of one third of an inch. About twenty miles from Mic-Hollester City the dust was so dense as to cause more total darkness/. For hald the half the night the dust contonued to fall continually and tward morning it commenced to clear to the southwestward, and the early morning stars were occassionally visible. We steamed through this strange rain of dust for a disaste disa distance of one hundred miles in a direct line from Mic-,ollester city to pandora, and at a low estimate a little one two inches of strange gray dust fell on the decks. All that time the wind was north. "

From the ship called the Mayday the reo report came from the captien as thus; "The only unusual thing noticed during the passage was the strange action of the river water, glowing fashes in the far distunce, and the discolering of the river water, which was a dark grayish tint, which appeared at first to be to me volcanic ashes, but which on examination showed to be some strange kind of oil. classwhere the water assumed its natural blue.

started rising in the northwest, and wit within three hours covered the whole started rising in the northwest, and wit within three hours covered the whole sky. At the came time a strange fine white colored substance started falling, which by morning covered the decks to the depth of one inch. The wind during the incident was northeast, and blowing strong. During that time I heard a very loud booming like rolling thunder continuing for fiteen minutes, in the north and northwest, and the shower of dust covered rigging, deck and smoke stacks. The cloud northwest warm sometimes cool; the moon having a strange reddish color. And a violent vibration was felt throughout the ship for about fifteen minutes, as if going over the top of a hill, supposed to be the effect of a submarine oithwquake. "Yours truely.

I.F. minuse."

It's surely intensely interesting, long as the letter is" said starving. This "This letter if not exaggerated shows the nature of the disaster, but as it is only a duplicate of the real copy which, can tell by the carbon nature of the writing it would not do me no harm and keep it untill can present it to the deverner of calverinia. But let's go shead. We have delayed long because of the letter."

"I don't see nothing yet., said" Jennie," but have the others sit or lie down

and we can go forward and scout."

"Not as yet eaid Starring. "We cannot sit or lie down here now, for only a lttle little aboe above is the top. If you girls fell feel tired 1811 have some of the hand to help you alo g."

"no we can make it and display and property your saying that you see something suspicious has been on the elect." a d and he saw she had drawn her pigtol and so had Angeline

Padeliffe and even the Calverinian general."

Starring eignalled a commend, h h which only soldiers and the wirls could understand and they deployed into columns and at enother signal separated a little more and then moved forward more cautiously. However when they had reached the summit, they were very willing to lie down, for they were all in a pelting sweet. They were de loyed as before, and the officers commanded all to be on the lookout. "This is strange, said Jennie. "But of this hill I have heard much, but this region I have been usen before. But let us beware of being caught naping, for it might cost us doar. There is appearance we are near enemy territory. They say you know that parts of pengall county is in enemy possession now."

"No 2 flow " said starring to Radeliffe. what do you think of this advanture

no far."

"Sir" said the boy scout,"I was almost beat out of heart when surprised once by the fires, but I thank you for accompanying me and the girls and trusting us as your guar guardians. And I remember now what yield, and her sisters have told me, namely. "That the way to heaven or success is up a ladder,, and the way to defeat or perdition is down a hill. But I had rather see the adventure through than abandon it so soon."

"But " said Jonnie with intent to k joke a little; "But the proverb is, to

abandon a dangerous advanture is easy."

"Yes" said gadeliffe," but in that case the day comes, when in my opinion, deserting a arry because you are ar afraid of excitement will result in disgrace and destruction."

"Tis a good boy scout " said starring. "you have given us a right good answer."

Then the girls did smile, but the boy scout did blush ...

"Come" every one, said Angeline. "Let's all eat a bit, while we remain here to sither rost ourselves ourselves or keep a look out for the unseen danger. For we have now plenty of prosions you know."

They all thought it a good advice, and they all had a share of the things they

had recieved in the camps.

"I thought we all had something worth while" said Starring."

"Yes" so we have said Radcliffe but it shall be as I said it should, when at first we came together after you found me, that all of us should be a sharer in the good things of the camps."

flow when they had eaten and drank, and had chatted a little longer, and

kee kept their eyes and ears open in the meanwhile, Starring suid;

"The day will soon be wearing away, so let us prepare to going."

They all rose up to continue the march, and the girl scout being the guides went in defore, but jennie forgot to take her pottle of smelling salts with her, so she sent one of the soldiers to fetch it, and he returned readily enough.

Then said Jennie;

"I think this is a suspicious neighborhood.gir what is the cause of your suspicions."

"So Starring made unswer;

"It is because I'm sure I observed a sudden and strange movement o in the busishs pushed and as there is not the slightles" elightest breath of air I was suspicious. We must all keep wakeful and not allow ourselves to be caught unawares. We must all watch closely in every direction as we continue on, for I do not like the discovery. If our purpose for the expendition is known we'll have note of excitement I'm afraid, especially if we are in enemy terro territory."

When they had reached half way down the other side, they percieved a large glen, and before it tward a road, a column of troopers in gra; galloping out of sight, and starring just in time caught sight of a yellow flag with the words;

written on it.

"Let the Christian dogs that sees this banner take head, That into glandelinian territory they do not go, Lost is heading not, and into here they spead, They'll regret meeting as a changerous foe."

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This was indeed a startling surprise for starring and others who had seen this,,, and starring said;

"We are probably in the territory of the enemy already. This bet would be enough to make raw recruits aircle to continue on such an adventure. For my part I'm tempted to attack them. What you say Angeline pichese."

"It is ike like the saying or the wise"Baid shew the first attacker is generally

the surpriser. But what time shall be given us to overtake them."

"I'll try." said gtarring, "I'd like to capture that insulting ring at lount."

So Starring issued an order for all to mount, and two of the party rushed off in two directions to intercept the Glandelinian cavarry while gtarring and the rest wont on shead. Starring was a strong powerful man, and so he and his followers were not afraid of a landelinian cavarry squadron of any size, and no one yet in his cand were ever gide to cring cobind, but were always the first to meet an enough, now as they came upon the readway where they had nown the clamacinian cavarry, they heard the noise of a fray, and knew that the other two parties had successfully intercepted the Glandelinians and was driving them forward tward his cand.

now halting his column Starring draw his sword, with intent to parricade the way of the glandelinians, in spite of the flores charge they might make as he was wished to capture their horses and what supplies they had and their samey flag... Then there appeared the foremost of the retreating glandelinian column.

Then said Starring. "Come forward boys, do not let the Glandelintum pannus, go into them nara. We are going on adventures but it is well for un to have a fray once in a while. I'll do us good. We have come forth to withstand these rebels and to that end will back our purpose."

No to say the truth by reason of the flerceness of these glandelinians, and of the grim carriage of their horses. Starring advised the girls for their own suke to go to the rear, as he did not wish them in the fray. The glandelinians came thundering on, panic stricken because of the sudden attack by the two columns, but gtarring and his men were ready for them and let go a resounding volley of pistols that staggered the Glandelinians, and they started retreating for the open spaces.

"Stop them" shouted gtarring. They are going through the gien, and this is the gq way they must not go, for if they do we won't obtain our wish."

Starrings men galloped forward. Then did the carbines and pictols of both sides roar so hadiously that the din excited the girls themselves, but the landelinians though three to one against the three attacking parties were routed in panic, Starring outrifing outriding their captian, and giving him a downright blow, knowing him off his horse, while a sta stray shot brought the horse down upon his knees. Some other soldier captured the yellor banner, and a revolver besides.

The loss on both sides, however was slight, being mostly in horses, Starring lost two killed, and five severely wounded, the Alandelinians Io killed, and one hundred wounded Leaving the Glandelinians to take care of their dead and wounded, Starring and his bands took off the captured horses, and plenty of weapons and ammunition and a few prisoners besides.

When the conflict was over Starring said;
"Come now, every one and follow me through the glen, and we can get out of side before the noise of the conflict bring sether glandelinians to the scene."

They galloped through the glen taking the prisoners with them, about fourty. About two hours later they came in eight of a small forest town, while on

Investigation proved to be friendly, and they soon were riding into it with their prisoners, but they made the more haste after this to go thither, because of the glandclinians it is dangerous traveling in the daylight. So when they rode into the town there areas a hubbub among the people who came running out to see who were coming. They did not stop however untill they came to what Starring knew to be the Sheriffs office,, and he readily dismounted, and the sheriff before coming on the ouids oried ouid.

"Who is there pleaseo?"

But when Starring answered "It is I, the sheriff somehow or other seemed to know his voice and came out, for starring in his sarlier days had often come there for starring knew this town and many of the people. Then the sheriff came down from the upper prtion of portion of the hou. house, he opened the docor, and aceing starring with his large party said;

"How now general gtarring"What is your business here in this town at this time.?

I thought you was far away within the christian lines!"

"I am out on an advence adventure of a most important kinds answered starring. "I have brought my column of troopers, and three child scouts along. I had been here some time ago, had, not been tempted to attack a squadron of Glandelinians a little way down the road. But I and my troops captured their ammunition and a number of horses, since the region is teeming with plundelinians thought it best to come here and give you warning. You know there's no telling what they'll do if they come upon this town."

"I am glad you have come to warn us. 2 said the Sheriff: "Will you not go in and

stay till morning."

"Not I " Baid Starring." I will return to my command immediately and guard the town till your population can retreat in safty taking what belongings they need to telling what might happen. The two girl and boy scouts may remain with you during

the night however if they so wish."

"Oh sir, said the Sheriff "I know not how unusual you are so willing to leave our town in your possession, yet you are so faithful and loving to your own townsfolk , you have so often fought so stoutly for us, you have been so nearty in consecting of us, that we shall never forget your favor to s us. And we'd os foolien to fear hen when your column is here to protect the town."

"Then said Angeline Richaes, "Oh that we might have the company of your mon citizens to our journeys end How can such poor women and children in this town hold out in a exodus when the way is so full of troubles without the guardianship of our commands. You all need a friend and defender untill you are safe in a good

strong hold."

Then said Rudeliffe;

"Pray Mr Sheriff, be persauded to go with us, because it will be better. We'll all soon have to leave as if the enemy comes at o in strong force we would have to go and they 11 burn the town. And the way is dangerous as it is and you going along without an escort is an sucide."

"How about it" asked the Sheriff of the Calverinian officer, for starring had

"I am at general general general general gaunders. "If he should allow us to be your guide quite through, I will willing wait upon you. I will tell him your desires to night. However at present , must withdraw, and so my good child scouts adine for the night."

Then the Sheriff, acked Jennie of her mission, and she said;

"I came from conoral Vivions command. We are after important information from

the enemy."

"How said the Sheriff " are you after information." She told him then the whole story, and she then addied- "I and this girl here and the boy act is guides as we know the country and the lay of the land but the troopers and their officers do not. He (pointing to madeliffe) is the best of usecouts, and our favorite friend."

The boy blushed as she said this ... Then the Sheriff rans his b 11 for the maid, and there came to his response a

young white uniformed girl. And to her the Sheriff suid;

"Go and prepare rooms for my three guests, and tell it to my wife, that three of general vivians famous child ecours have come to spend the night with me."

She obeyed the command, andow and what a noise for joy and gladnessthere was among the household, when the maid but did just saw the first few words . Every one came with the greatest haste to the front door, the Sheriffs wife and children also, for the three child scouts estill stood at the door talking to o e one of the towns policemen. Then said the Sheriffs wife.;

"Come in my friends, come in, you girl and boy scouts of that best of all

christian generals, come in with all that are with you. Q"

So Jennie turmer led the way in, and they o followed the maid, who led them into a very large and most neatly furnished room, where they were viuuen to sit uown of which they obeyed obeyed. The sheriff then saluted them with a kies, for he really understood who that they were, and he said;

"Weo Welcome, ye servants of the greatest country, and ye vessels of the grace

of our Blessed Lord, welcome to us."

However it was now somewhat late, it was growing dark outside, and because the two girl and boy ecouts were weary with their journey, and also overexcited at the sight of the second fight with the Glandelinians, they desired to make make preparations to go for rest as soon as possible.

"Nay" said the Sheriffs wife, "It is better for you to refresh yourselves with a supper, for we have suspected of your coming, knowing you were in our location being informed by a city constable, and therefore had had supper prepared for

you half an hour ago.

They therefore had the supper which was prepared for them, and then when they had ended their grace after meals they desired to go to bed as they surely did

feel tired and sleepy. So the Sheriffs wife led them up to a bed room prepared for the two girls, and the one for the two boys,,,. While they were at rest, Angeline and jennie for a few minutes talked about some things that suited their fan fancy...

"Little did , ever believe once, that when important things are needed to be

learned that we would be selected as the party." said Jennie. "And I even as little thought of lying in one of the beds belonging to some

of the Sheriffs children" said Jennie as we do now." "nd much lest tess did , ever think of scoing our adventure through so far without hinderunce, and yet now I believe we shall be successful in our undertak Ing.."

"Hark did you hear a noise!" taked Jennie .

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"Yes I believe it sounds to me like it is music from some band, maybe to calebrate our coming.

number can surely give wonderful musics said Angeline _ichees. I like music also in the house, but there should also be music in the heart, just us there is music in heaven when a sinner repents."

Thus they talked for a short time, and then they went to sleep.go in in the d following morning, when they had reawakened, Jennie said to Angeline gichee, inwhat was you saying in your sleep last night?! suppose you was in an exciting draum " was" said Angeline Biches "And an exciting dream it i was, but are you sure,,,

was talking in my sleep. "Yes you spoke excitedly and loudly, but please tell me what your dream was

like." "I was are dreaming, said Angeline, that was riding all along in a forested valley, and was bemcaning of the sufferings of our states, and of the news of the war progressing with favor for the foe. Now , had not ridden on my way attn long , when , became conecon conscious that many were gathering about me but in hiding probable to watch me, and to hear what it was that I was saying . As I realized that some unknown parties were evesdropping on me, I also heard sounds ad as if some

werelaughing at me with that 1 sl; slyin slyly drew my pistols, in and advanced cuutiously tward the spot As I did so I happened to look in the other dire direction, and saw some one coming on me o tward me on horseback with such speed that the horse might as well had wings. He came directly to me and said;

"Angoline, what ails you. Do not go there. It's am ambush."

When he had heard me explain my suspicions, he took hold of my horses reins and said; "Angeline c'me follow me. "So he rode onward and I followed till we came to an open clearing. There he made some kind of a single, and in a moment I was currounded by Angelinium soldiers. So I awoke from my draum, but did I talk loudly

In my alcen. "You sure did" said rennie," and well you might tak talk in your sleep, to see yournelf get off no well when almost running into unseen danger. And you must give me leave to tell you that , believe it was a good dream, a good dream of warning. and as we might have almost find the first incidents alon almost like the dream so we must be cautious to the last. God speaks once, even twice sometimes a dozen times, and yet man does not percieve it. He sometimes speaks in a dream, or in a vison of the night, when we are in the deepest alsop. Cod has often visited muny when asleep, and god has spoken also to our hearts when asleep, either by words, by proverbs, by signs, warnings; as well as if one is arake."

"Well I am gind of my oream" said Angeline" but however you know we are not

suppose to believe in aroums."

'I know that" and _mennie, but I think it is now time for us to rise; and to find what me must do. I see the enemy as yet has not come near the town. Thank God." "Pray if the town invites us all to stay for a while, let us willingly accept the offer, so we may rest long to be fit for the continuation of the journey. I am more willing to stuy a while here in this town." "We shall find out what they will do" said Angeline. "B t if the enemy does come

we couldn't stay and the town would have to be abandoned.

They were up and ready in a few minutes, being fast in dressing, and then they came down. And the Sheriff anked them how they rested, and they both said it was very good, and as of the best nights I dging they had since they became girlp girlscouts in the arm m army.

Then said the Sheriff-"If you two girls will be persauded to stay here with your companies for a while, you and they will have what the house and the town can afford."

"We will be willing with a very good will." said Jennie. So they consented with a purpose o to stay there untill Starring and the Calveriniam officers desired to go on again. And because the sherff wished to see how Angeline Riches had profited by their adventure so far, he asked leave of her to questionthadtaid her and Jennie. Jennie rave free consent. Then he began at Angeline.

"Are you sure Miss Fich se, that no on one can tell who are responsible for the

big disasters.!"

"It seems that way but I'm suspicious." enswered Angeline. "I'm sure though I connot give evidence yet that the Manleyo had all to do with it, bucked by the glandelinia

"Sood girl. And can you tell what really exploded. Were the explosion a volcanic

as some believe or did the enemy do it?" "I firmly believe the enemy made the explosions of all disasters." "Good girl still. But how do you suspect that the enemy could be responsible!"

"By the nature of the glandeliniens."

"whom among the glundelinium cenerals do you suspect. !!!" "John, Manley, Huebaum Manley, His father Johnston ,acken ,anley, and their staff.

"And can you suspect who ordered their making /?"

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"But if that is the case do you suspect where the Harleys might have secured all the manitions for the making of all those explacions. It is proved the explacions or explosives could not be taken from our own side!"

"By manufacture in his own country." "How did i' be transported here. "?

"Ty slick methods unknown to us." "And who are really responsible do you think in another sense!"

"The Culverinian Government from overconfidence."

"And who could have saved Calverinia from this awful hell of devastation?" "The Calvarinian Covernment, back by those of other states if she had been more wary and and watchful. The Government did not think the enemy could go that fer, or dared."

"But how could our State Governments save her in time!"
"By fortifiying every point of such danger with troops and artillery, and keeping soldiers in strong numbers on the watch day and night."

"But how could this save Calverinia!"

"By also strengthening all river dikes,, and keeping away all persons from the territory that cannot give satisfactory answers, or show in the proper passports und passes."

"And how do you know that could save Calverinia, since the enemy also is crafty?" "By strengthening every such point of danger, where levees are, having all our standing armies not used on the fields of batte battle to guard every river levee and dike, to fortify dams and lakes, and to keep every one not known away if necessary by force."

Then said the Sheriff" You are to be commended for thus knowing and giving such good advice. I suppose I need not ask Jannie these questions, since she too would give me the same answers no doubt. I will therefore continue to apply my questions to you. That is the worse disaster do you believe happened?"

"It is much disputed" said Angeline. Yet either one of the disasters are unasual so made by the wicked landelinian Generals, but as many suid, and wrote, the Abbieunn and pengall State flood and explosion horror was the greatest."

"what do you suppose the Culverinian Government can do to save the rest of

the stae state from such future disasters."!

"Why such future disasters if they come as great again as Abbicann or the others and result in so mighty a flood, than non none can pull out the state from the effects of the horrors as already known, wo ld need the assistance of every country around alo t us to pull us through, and therefore, think that none can pull us out of the clutches of gthese disuster makers but Our lessed Lord, and that God is so good and loving to man that $_{\rm I}$ know in the near future He'll help our Government find a way and means to pull Calverinia out of the quicksands of disaster, and aid Calverinia to recover from her miserable condition. """""

"What is supposed to be done by the Culverinium Government saving the state?" "We cannot tell yet but that glandelinia, who has brought calverinia into this state of suffering and ruin, and misery can also be made to atone."

"What would be your design in saving of palverinia from these disasters in the fuu future!"

"I have stated it before."

"How!"

"The strengthoning of every levee, to have them guarded by roops and artillery and fortifications, and to have scouts watching all approaches night andday night and day. This success woulf glorify our cause, and we then could Glorify Gods "ame all the more, ask more for His grace and Justice, and the overlasting protection of all the Calverinian creaturessesses"

"B t who are they that must do the work that will cause Calverinia to be saved from future disasters!"

"Those that accept to do the work in behalf of calverinia's Salvation."

"You are a good bright goil scout aANGELINE RICHEE, you have learned your mission well, and you have harkened good to ha what your teacherschave instructed to you in your girl scout school. But are you willing I should questen you further!"

"If the glandelinians are responsible for these disasters, what may her purpose be!" ""Violet, and her sisters o told me landelinia hopes to davastate Calverinia, so she'll have a clear way to carry on her war to success."

"What is your opinion?"

"That clandeliniak nowing that calverinia is a place, blessed by God, desires to devastate it to spite Him, because He dwells here in spirit in all our Holy atholic

"Thy is Calverinia now called" Hell", ??????

"Recause by these disasters she seems to have to in turned into a state, most wofefu wooful, because now it isthe dwetting place, of horror, fire, and death .. ? . "

"why would you desire to see the enemy,, driven out of galverinia.?" "That I may see her restored, that I my see her cities and towns a bar lack and her period to restored to a peace of mind and happiness, for they are the kind that desire to give god, and serve nim of the at well income, and leve him evertuaintly and therefore they do not decory all this."

"A very good saying, and which shows you have certainly learned well. I'll ack now if Blandelinia had been suspected before she started making these disasters, if she could have been able to carry out her foil plans."

"No, for then the Abbieunnium and all her state Governments would have been prepared, nor could standstinia had ever obtained passession of any leves of the rivers. Clandelinia certainly aid not warn us of her vile purpose, and therefore we could not be prepared.

"What do you think of Culverinia's future!"

"It will be the same or worse if hor Governments did not learn a lesson from the horrible disasters of the past."

"Is there nothing written therein in our histories of what you understand?" "Yes a great deal."

"If therev s is anything in a history that you do not understand what do you

2" I study it out and pray to God and ask His lessed Mother to ask Him to help me learn that winch which must or that He knows will be for my good."?
"Do you believe landelinia will ever be made to pay for all this?"

"I believe she shall, and dearly too, and if the war goes on in the future our own armies I'm sure will repay her in the same nature, though not of course with a ravengful method but as a punishment or ea means to bring the war to a speedy close. And I believe this upon a double account, first, because Emperor vivian has promished to do so, and secondly because he and his armies and or nation backing him up is able to perform all he threate.....

Then said the sheriff to the girls, You must still harken tothose who will teach you further, for they can learn you much Thene more You must also give ear to what all kinds of good inform formation you shall hear from others, for the sake of the good cause you will learn many important things. Observe als also also and that with carefulness, what even the heavens and the earth do teach you you for the good of the c ause, but especially be much in your mediation of what you are going to perform, for too that will be the cause f of our side winning this war to its proposer finish. I for my part my good girl scouts will teach you what I or my children who are also good scouts can while you are hear, and shall be glad if you and any of your followers will ask me questions, that tend to help ou you in your adventures. . Bbbbbbbbbbhat also ought to tend to godly edifying"

THEY HEAR SOME MORE STIRRING

STORIES.....

Now already these adventureres had been in this town for about nearly twenty four hours. During these hours the two girls had a strange t visitor that pretended some good will to them, but the man would not tell his name. He was aman of some unusual breeding, and that pretended he was a soldier and that he was also a christian spy, but by his action and b, by his speech and some vulgar language the two girls though they did o not say anything did not like him or trust him either. Hehad came twice during the days, first to Angeline Riches, and then to Jennie, and offered as it seemed service to her and her followers.

What made the girls feel somewhat uneasy was that they had been studying a map which was in the sheriffs office, and on this part cula particular day she was busying he self in looking carefully over the map which was that od of Calverinia, for she was always interested In maps, and therefore on this particular day she was tracing over the map, for she was desirous to look over somethingabout some of the

flood and other disaster horrors.

And this man not knowing where or how she disposed of what she intended doing on the map for she did not take the map down from the wall but stul studied it where it hung, seemed to be greatly taken for that he found her or Angeline Richee never idle. Of course the two girls were downright suspicious suspicious, and she or they rather revealed the business to both the boyscouts enrod and Radellfr Radciffe, and inquired of the boys concerning this particular man, for thegirls felt sure the coys would have more suspicions than they and would have more time to watch him more carefully.....

The two boys shadowed him like a hidden gohst troop, and finally discovered that he also was a very busy man, and enrod told the two girls, that he was one that pret nded to be a friend, but was as a they feared, a spy trying to learn what they and Starring intended to

do, and what they were journeying for.

b" B Now then said Angeline Hichee" will look no more on him for if he is a spy he will have to look out. I purpose never to have a

glog on Calverinia" soil."

"Penrod then replied"There is no matter of greater discouragement to be given to him but that you and Jennie continue so as you had begu begun to do with the map, and then suddenly wheel on him with a drawn pistol and that will quickly cool his courage."

So the next day he came he found her at her old work, looking over

the map and trying to draw or copy it also. Then said he "What, always at the same old map. Are you cruzy kids?"

"Yes "Said she "I am sty studying the map for my own use."

"And what can you do with such a map as that?"

"I do these things"Said she' "That I may be rich in my good efforts to lay up a store for a good foundation against the time to come that I myself might lay hold on eternallife whether others have a chanc chance to do so or not."

"2Why but what do you intend to do with the map steal it?"

"Why do unything as I please" said she.

"Your answers are silly and foolish..... "said he, he. "Well I might be.2" she answered.... "Are you a spy!!!"""she asked. At this question his countenance fell. and after this he did not come to her or her companion again... when he had left her The sherrif himself said it "Did I not tell you that when he was af aid of being discoe discovered that the man would wickly formuke thecese thee. Yea he will raise up and repot report us here to the enemy no doubt, for notwith notwithstanding his preterse of being a friend, and his seeming attention to you, yet he surely must have been a spy trying to learn why all of your force is here in the town.

"I might have been sha owed by many spice tofeny near said An allow tienes, though I did not speak of it thank me one, but they werk such as did not allows me any for I all aga kopt my a co ofen. I could have had many other girl and boy scouts come

"Ith me but they were much as either ild not like m, conditions of travel or rere comewhat afraid, though never ild may be of them find fault with m, intentions

tut otherwise I and they would not agree

"Woll for our own days everything is set by for the best" said Jennie" therefore the practice which is not for by thy conditions, there are but few that can abide, orpecially this Mind of adventure you are having."

" Well" said the Sherife wife-de-k-knife"I never worry if none of those are courageous to go with me or not in case went on sar oxpedition, but to my mimind they would go just the same or be branded as a spy-"

'If no one is nervy enough to go with use said Angeline, I will leave them behind for I connot change my plums , and to whave a follower who might get soured and run away in time of need, I purpose never to admit as long as I go out. I had a follower that had a companion a year ago, but either one of them couldn't agree, one was afraid, the other was brave to rashness, and bocause I was resulved to do as I beg n, therefore the one who was afraid disappeared before we knew he was gone. We have never seen him since." .

"And yet he was supposed to be a professional boy scout I'll warrant you." "No she was a girl scout, yet such a one as she was, and yet I hope there are fow like her she was a foriegner too, therefore I do not trust them unless I know

them us well as my A.B.& C.s."

At this moment one of the officers of the adventurous party was brought in to the Sheriffs home seriously injured. He had been out scouting and was surprised by some of the enemy hidden in umbush, and he was the only survivor of thirteen Calverintan soldiers who had followed him-nis injuries indeed was severe, and he surfered wery muchee m pain, as if he was being burned there with a red h ot iron. Angeline midbagged the Sheriff to send o for a physciam, and within a few minutes he came le was led into the room, and after he had observed the injured officer, he concluded that his injury was more serious than supposed. Then he anid to Angeline secing she was dressed like a leader;

"How did this coldier come to be injured in this town?"

"ile went out scouting said she.

"Well" said the physican "this soldier was tempering with things he should not have done, without your knowing it. He must be operated on or he will die. The hullet must be removed."

"Then ""Baid Jennie" That was that that you had suspicion of in the bushes before we rode into this town. You know you observed something on the left Hand which you warned as all of, and would have advanced but Starring advised you not to!" "True" said Angeline"I did see such clous movements among the thick shrubbery

and the bushes, and if , had gone forward I'd of been shot probably. I did suspinuspect something, and yet I would have advanced thereof."

"I felt sure he and his party had run into some amitush," said Jennie. "And that which you m might have seen Riches to wit, those suspicious things among the shrubs and brushwood was probably an umbush being prepared for us. We were or are in a outskirts section of the enemy territory. I do marval that no one warned us of it. Hardly no one has survived going past or through an ambush, and I m surprised we passed through unharmed."

Being airighted at the scene of the wounded man the sheriffs children began to cry, and Angeline Riches said" Oh such things to happen, and oh careless soldiers

, hat shall . do if the thing keeps on happening."

"Come do not be too much dejected" said the Sheirff," the officer may do well well again, but he must allow the bullet to be removed." "Pray sir" to the doctor" try the utmost of your skill with him, hatever i

it costs.

"I'll be reasonable" said the physician. The operation was performed. The doctor then told the sheriff that the officer would have to remain in the town for quite a spell for he coud could not continue with the conpany now for a long, long, time. When the officer after recovering from the effects of the sleep potion heard this, he was loathe to hear such but news, and though term with pain as if he should be pulled in pieces he stormed and said he must go.

"Come, come"said the physician you must take it my advice."

"It goes against my duty." said the officer.

"I must have you remain here .2 said Angeline Riches . "You will not be in condition to travel for months now."

"What shall , do then if the enemy takes the town ." gaid the officer.
"Pray sir" said Jannie, to the Shariff" now does the situation stand for the town... hera.ls it strong. !!!"

"It has a good strong defense." said the sh f sherif,.

"Oh colonel Matthews" said Jennie. "If you love your cause, if you love even us you must make up your mind to remain here wrill you are able to come." So with much ado after a short prayer for the ble soing of God upon the town he took her advice, and decided to remain behind."

The chariff then ask d of the paperation of this soldier!"
"Bir, what will you charge for the operation of this soldier!" And he answered." Mothing. I'll take it out of my own pocket for the good of the

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That is an unusual question, jet this town is inn good place so far, it is good against all the dangers that may lark out in the open, and when it is well prepared for and we have a . large clearing around it it will keep such things as worries of dangers out of our mind."

"Pray sir, for in case of necessity will you ask make me up thirtien boxes of cartridges, for if , can getthese I'll need never to fear an ambush.

"These cartridges you ask for, said the shorif, are good and handy in case of an unexpected stack attack from incomen food, as well as to use in case you or your followers want to make a surprise attack. Tou I dare to said it, and stand to it that if any one will but use these kind of careldges as he or she should, it they will surely come in handy. But my good girl scouts you must use them carefully and do not waste them, for otherwise you wo will not have enough to do any good in helping you fight your way through an ambush. And never use them but for thay that purpose only."

So he gave to the two cirls, and also the to boyscouts as many of these bullets and cartridges as he could spare seeing they fifth fitted their june perfectly, and bed Penrod in special to take heed how he uses them in case of necondity. The girls remembered that the Sheriff had told them,,, that if they desiredo unytime they could ask him or his wife and children questions that might be of profit for their adventure, and they would give satisfaction as far as it as in the possibilities. Jennie herself therefore was the first,, to pop the question

"hy Why sir do you think for the most part, did the Glandelinian aurthorities probably order the greater commissioned landelinian ,,generals to create these awful disasters. Some say if it is true they did it to try to destroy the lives of wielet, and her sisters for that p purpose...!!"

That is a difficult question." said the Sheriffs wife herself. "It is in some probabilities true maybe of what you suspect, but probably the effects also are of a carnal wicked purpose."

"May does Manley then, if the flood and disaster horrors might end in his own undoing some day, continue the horrors up and past those of Abbiann?"

"To show that the totat general hopes that when the disasters have progressed to a good extent, it would work effectually for his purpose, to desolate the land so he may gain possession of it. For look, what one disaster after to cities, the others do to the land. The worse in my own sight or more devastating probably is the gigantic forest fires."

"Then said Angeline Richee . "What should we ourselves learn by seeing the flames of fires consume our forests, by seeing ourselves a partoker in a small part of the Abbieann disaster, and hear so

"By SERING such fires, we are tagget to keep our eyes peeled for what the enemy might try to do next. for he has fervent and hot desires to wipe out the whole forested regions of Calverinia if he can. And by the experience you say you had in Abbieum, though it is a marvel you are here to tell it, we are taught to be careful were we are not to go through aich such localities if the enemy is in the neighbor hood, for it teaches us that no matter how far we might be from the enemy or the war zone, the enomy can reach far of and devastates where we least expect.?"

"Where do you think the enemy gets the mutition to make such explosions!" "Probably out of their own country by so secret transportation?. W "What may we learn from that?"

"That all efforts should be made to destroy even such railroads that are open to glandelinia, and her fortified orte and cities, that the Government such fetch means to stop such transportations."

"Why do the landel inlams be able to empty all these explosions into the holes made under ground to mine up so to make the explosions!"

"To show that our own government and officials and even armies are all est out of proportions for emprepardness for such tricks. This also shows that our govern

" government should give out all efforts to frustrate such work in the fature." "Why has the explosions shaken the whole country every time!"

"This shoes that what the enemy used is of terrific force. This shows that our suspicion of what the enemy can do in the future if we are not watchful can be confirmed to us in our past experience. The explosions made rivers and lakes empty themselves upon the earth, and that the cland linious secre by give out to their warthorities that they know of Calcorinia and her slater states, that their mi ministers fate fatch their important discoveries to their operals, and to show that what they discovered is confirmed by what they are show in detail ."

"As I hear why do the limid-limins try to position or stop up all the springs that the from the sea and underground rivers to se through the curtification." "To show that alched Manual Inia in bound to conquer on the ach fair means or

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"why do the glandelinians start such forest fires first on the top of the hills, and in the valleys valleys?"

"I suppose to show that the "Landelini as near it in purpose to make these places the starting points of the forest fires, and to make it a better means to devustate the country and drive out armies before them by means of these fires.."

"But why do they also make these fires grow so immensely that the whole country has no sunshine for days and months and the country for miles is an dark as if a hundred big volcanoss were always eru, ting violently. ?"

"my does the fire fasten u on the candle stick!" contradicted the Sherlff.

"Because a match lighted by friction was attatchedto it."

"Well that to the cause too of the fires. To show that the Lindeliniums wiw wish to have the biggest conflagrations spring p ever where, and to devastate the might lest of woods, us wall as to lay waste the whole country side. I believe it is their best plan to make an effort to win the war."

"why is all their time, effort, and strongth spent to make all the mines, and got all the fires, when there is danger of christian armies catching them in the act, when they know the polanty, possibly and also to spent and maltain maintain the disasters in their continuance when the result would be disaster in their own ide in the ending!"

"To show that the landelinians are more reckless than the world knows or thinks, and that all the clandelinian officials spent themselves to maintain the rugin; of the disasters, showing in truth their nature, and what the glandelinian cenerals and their officials can and will do."

"Way bef re these disasters occured did not the Calverinian devermment have means

placed to prevent such disasters.?" ecuate no one had any idea that glandelinia would re resort to such droudful

acts, and also thereby to show that alandelinia wished to make sport of her enomics as the cat does of a rat or mouse she captures."

"What may one learn by hearing and seeing the results of all these disasters?" Theurn to remember Glandelinia wicked sin and Abbie mias resentment. The results also shows that the day is coming on, when Glundelinia shall rue all si the did and that her pin punishment might be as bad as if the general Judgement came upon her. for know what we can do if our side wins the war, and that we will and MUST."

Yow about this time It was removed a farte force of the enemy was seen to be approaching tward the torm, wherefore general Saunders came up and signedled to the girl and boy scouts in the house that it was bost for them to be up and going and an explus of the town was to start, while Starring and the rest were to hold off the enemy as long as it was possible.

Then said Penrod with regret i-

"We have to go. Is it not convienement that you forget not to send the warning through the town, and warn everybody, and that we too can conduct the people out of the town. You knowelf the enemy comes he'll burn the town and the woods around." "Good boy" said Jennie Turmer. "' 1 al most forgot."

So she drew up an order, and asked the sheriff to send it through the town by

some fit man, and he obeyed.

Then Jennie told the Sheriff she too and all the rest were to go for and with the people, they called the whole house together, to give thanks to God for sending to the towns help such profitable guests and loaders of so splendid a column of troops, which done the Sheriffs wife said to both Angeline and Jennie;;

"And before we to shall we not show you some part of the town, according as our custom is to friends and visitors, on which you and your friends may mediate, when you continue in your way!"

"If we have time, yes, said the girls. "But for your own safty do not take too long. Starring will have to wait for us and he won't like it." So they took the two girl and boy scouts, up to the roof of a four story building

and showed them the scenery of the town its prinicpal streets, and asked them what they thought of the town.

Then sald Jennie;

"It is a beautiful town alright, and its a chame if the enemy captures and burns It. Starein and his followers hope to hold them off. "

At this answer the shariff held up his hands and wondered. Then he led them to a still caller building up on to the roof, and showed them a high hill thickly forested. Now at that time there as a force of mountain and forest rangers seen on the symuit. The girls looked surgrised to see them on so high a hill top, and so did

the boys. Then the sheriff was going to show them semething else, but Penrod said; "Pray let's stay here a little while longer, for this is a carried Dient indeca." And so they remained there footing their eyes on this so measual a pros sea. At a After this they came man to the Charters be me, and they were brought into a room where langing on the wall was a number of cart i carte cartridge belts.

"These are the cartridges you have asked for." seld the Sheriff"You can take them with you, for it is of absolute necessity that you should, that you ma, be able to stand fast in case you should meet with glandelinians making surprise attacks.

They were glad to recieve these weapons, and they took them and placed the cartridges in their own belt. Then the Sheriff took the four child scouts and brought them to the highest building in the town which was not far away from the Sherlft's of lee, and showed them far off in the woods a tall and beautiful shrine, which was laced there for all travers to offer rayers for especially to ask our Blessed Lord to take care of them du ing their journeys. When the h d had seen this the, held up their hands and then they blessed themselves , and said_ " Oh what a Good God was our Blessed Lord that He Gave His own life for us."

after the, hand had showed them all these things, The Sheriff took them into his oan dining room, where they had breakfast, and while they ate breakfast, his alfe played upon an organ and the children sang some hymns. In about this time someone knocked at the door. After hesitating a moment the Sheriff opened the door, and behold both Walter Starring and general snungers of the Calverinian force stood the e there, and when he cwas invited in, there was great joy and excitement. For it had come from la their minds again how but a while ago they had had a fewfew brushes with the enemy. Starring himself said to the girls:

"I had secured for each of you some well worthy provisions, together with a number of pomegranates. I also have some figs and rusins to re

fresh you and the rest in your way."

A Later Late

Then the, began to address themselves for the journey, and fearing the abbroach of the enemy the whole at town came out to follow them. While the, were starting. Angeline Richee asked Starring if any one of

suspicion had gone by He said in answer-

"No one, but I and a me of my men went out acouting just about an hour ago, and we found that the enomy was advancing in force tward this town, and therefore I believe the people of the town will have to flet for their lives. The Glandelinians are committed a big raid not for from here on the highway of which road we will have to take." Then the Sheriffs children begun to be afraid, but the Sheriff

"grou need not be airaid, and fearnothing as long as this big force of christian soldiers are with us. And the two glrl scouts will be the conductor for mever tent us." obe of us"

Then said Angeline Richee to the Sheriff who of course looked worried-

"Sir I and the rest are much obliged to you and your family for all your kindness to us, since we were your guest, and also for tat that you have been so loving and kind to us. I know not how we can return your kindness, wherefore pray as a token of our respects and gratitude to you, accept this mite.

So she aput some money into his hand, and he made her a low and

polite obelsance and said-

"Let your souls be always white, and be as brave as o you always wre were, and let not your good works be too few." And to the boys he said-

" Do what you can to aid them and follow them in every path they go and be as Godly as they, be as grave and as wise as the are too, so shall you then put gladness into the heart of the Countr, you are serving serving, and obt in praise of all the nation."

So they thanked the sheriff and the whole force continued on Now they continued onward untill the, were come to the brow of the hill on top of which they had so n the rangers, where Angeline Richee sudd-

enly thinking to herself cried out
"Akas Alus I have forgotten what I intended to bestow upon the Sher

iff's children.I will go back and fetch it."

And she urged her horse into another direction and in a few minutes minutes returned with what she went for. While she was gone, Jennie thought she heard in a grove at the foot of the hill a little wa, off to the right, a most curious sound somewhat melodious yet somewhat wr weird, and listening she grew suspicious.

"What is it that makes those curious sounds." Asked Radtliffe. "They are "Said she" some of the birds of the forest, or otherwise they are strange alguars from some hidden resource. If they are from the tirds I can often listen to them, and when I was home I used to go out into the woods to hear them, but never had a habit of keeling birds in a erge at home. They are very fine company for us when are melancholy

Also they make the woods, and groves and solitary places desirous to be in-put if suspicious churacers chuc characters are moking these noises."

By this this time Angeline Pichee had returned, and she said to the Sheriffs

children an soon as she had come up to them;

"Look here I have brought you all som thing, that you have lest seen on the first street, upon which you may look when you find yourselves in four or in danger, and also for your additiontion and comfort. "And she she gaveceach of them a small gold crucifix.

Now they begun to climb up the hill with which purpose they desired to reach the top to see if the enemy was coming for it was Starrings purpose to defeat their purpose if possible and save the town. It was a steep hill and the way was somewhat alippery, but in climbing they were extremely carefuly end they got or protty woll. Then they were almost up to the top Angeline Ficheen said to genering,

"This is a good place where you could easily meet the enemy, but I hope we won't need to a e too dreadful a fight, as we don't cant to lose too many men. Eather keer out of it if necessary, I know your statement about the enemy engrouching the town is true but I hate the idea of a real bloody fight now. Adventuerers we are, and not in the army now you know. Its p to the army to come and clear these woodw of th the enemy."

"Fe of good cowage" a said Starring" as long as we are on the top of the hill we can have a good secure routtion, and we will all fare far much better than the enemy. Our rifles you know are long ranger charpshooters, and our whole force can root the enemy but I'll allow no one to charge them on this occasion unless it

is extremely necessary."

Starring and the Calverinian leader, and the boy and girl acouts were forward in the ranks, for they were the gaides and therefore had to conduct the whole column nome 10,000 strong or more, o some or nearly all of the able bodied men citizens desired to fight the enemy for they had taken what arms, and ammunition

they blue had. As they continued on Starring said again;

"We need not be afraid of having a fatal combat with the enemy while on the summit of this hill, for we can have a secure advantage, for here in no means for our force from being explosed while if the enemy should sight us and charge the chill lim sorry for them that is all. I decided to precure this hill to ownelves, to take Tosuencion with the purpose to mave the town, and I'll engage the Rangers to help we having there are many. Tie true we might have a charp engagement, maybe it will be n move combat, not knowing how strong the en my in in force, but if we are careful when the fray comes it will be all to our side. As long as we are in a portion of the enemy ter itory we have to look for fra a hore, especially if we want to either d fond the town or fight our way through to continue our adventure. The Sheriff rave we good weapons and gives and all his man foly of the town are evidently armed the same and the townefulk also are dragging up to the hill a number of good cannon as you easily see. For all townsfolk when they hear that some dreadful thong thing to threatening to befull their own, in such a wilderness, they are of the propion of intom they should thereelves so out and fight too, and therefore in this present althation I'm cortain it is the fruit of the enoughs a undoing if he comes within eight of up, or dures to so into the town, or attack our position. I'm hoping to avoid an engagemen but if necessary we must if possible save the town.

And this bill forested country of itself is a fruitful place, and I am ulso persauded if we could hit upon it we also might find hereabouts som where something that might give on an account why the enemy is in this woods at this location and that we might be so hard beset in this place to continue our progress through. But we have reliable wempons and we must fight through if we have to ourselves ortical every glandelinion column we apot first. They make such disasters, and by such diseasters such suffering and grief, that why should I fight them fair. I'11

not give any quarter either."

"Then said the Calveringen officer himself;;;;;

"I see y indoor a mode accidion for a part of my own troops, and on one of the trees it boke as if something was written thereon. Let us go and see what it is." It was quite a distance of however, but what ever was written there was in a I language which they could not make out."

"I. " and Anceline Fiches "I thought there was semothin hereabouts that would to in a starge strange language. For it that make one one one lelove. "Then turning to starring the cold;;;;;; "run there exemt no danger of our having a brush with the clandelinium for we are bish p now so we can see far, except what is hidden out of right by the weeds below. Of course it was be said it is easier going up than down this hill." I we connot so quickly less of ht of the town, and yet let Him that swells above want, that we fare no worse, when we come to be fried in some of most theilline carts of the adventure. This region appears to be the best and most fruitful section of the country patallest of it to the extreme east is flat gro nd ground, ad as and as you see from a hore consistes of wooded plains and grassy mentows, and as it is owner time new, we are able to delight weelves ownelves with these benetiful nights, for everything is delightful. Fehold how green every thing in. If the smoke of forests fires did not hide the sun as it does the et sight would be more beautiful still. The fields below is covered white with flowers. I have

up this way at 1 be will be well"

New on they were still going laborously or this high hill, and having got up about two quarters of the way, they empled a boy in this dangerous territory feeding a hard of sheep. The boy was in the cloths of a clothes of a calverinian Shepard, and he had the fresh and well favored countenance of all Calverinians, and as he sate and by himself he locked in all directions. They who were nearest now the Foy was armed, with a rifle, pictol and slingshot, probably to defend his sheep from the Glandeliniens more than from wolves and other unimals.

"Hark" said General Sturring "I hear somothing."

They listened but they heard nothing."

THem said Starring 1;

"I'm afraid you must be a little deaf to day." Can't you hear nothing. II be leb believe the enemy is approaching. Yet I will dure to may that this boy whether he knowe ho's in dangerous territory or not lives a merrier life, than those that are clad in silk and velevet, but we must proceed in our discource which will make it seem not so long to reach the top. "In this region the Forest Pengers have their main camps and headquarters, afor they loved so much to be here, but , see they have all as it appears assembled in one camp on this hill. They have and do love to room about the woods, for the acen ry is so beautiful and the air so pleasant and so many birds abound, though just now I see nor hour not any Resides here a man shall be free from the noise of city, and buttle, for this war is sure full of unusual noise, and confusion. And here no one shall not be so unusually hindered in his hers contemplation as in other places they are out to be. This is a region that no body lives in but those who love a solitary of a life in the forest and country. And though we and the pangers and reople in forest villiages and towns may have the hard harto meet here with clandelinians, and to enter with them a brick encounter or two. yet I must tell you that we hope to meet anyhow with success here, and let us pray the forest fires will never touch the region. And we'll burn at the stake way one caught trying to make such fires here. D I say that I myself with my own parents had here in former days our own country house, and that we have loved to roum about there woods? I will also addd that in this place, and that to all the people and the Rangers that live and trace and inspect these crounds, they have left a yearly revenue to be faithfully paid them at a certain seasons for their maintainence by the way, and for their further stay and living in such a beautiful spot."

Now as they continued on up the hill t d still, Endeliffe said to Starring; "Sir I percieve in this beautiful forested region, the enemy and our force could do battle to the same advantgae for advantage for both sides, for the enemy could do many good movements for the country here is large and the foe could stretch their

lines and do battle to a bad purpose. I can see that from this height."

"It does seem probable but we could see the enemy yonder and here, or any place except where he could hide in the forests, but yonder before us is a very narrow place or passage just beyond the green forest on these slopes. Yet this docs seem to be a most dangerous place to do battle with the Glandelinians,,,, especially in all these parts, for if any time we or the langers or others meets with any brunt the enemy probably is repulsed or driven back would try to rout us out by firing the forests. I did not think of that intill now. I know the enemy will do anything to force us out and that we must not forget. This is the place also were any one of us could be easily be pt hard to it hard put to it. But more more of the place and summit of this hill when we come to it, for I believe mysel myself that to this da; there could remain some sign of battle threatening to testify that the enemy we might have to confront or try to repulse might be more designrous than we could ever numbert. There with to be some sign of hat kind of landeliniums these are before we take such suchness of such chanches of a buttle to i fought."

"I think " said Angeline michee "We are as well off in this part of the country as we have been anywhere else in this journey since we left as we have the fire zone for good. This place suits my spirit. I love to be in such places, to travel through; for there is no sound of explosions, no local ruttling of millions of muskets per volley which I've heard during buttles, nor thundering of long lines of cannons. I think also one may in this place be without much molestation. Here also one may think, and breek at heart and melt in ones spirit. They that so vi hily and carefully through this region make it a paradize, the ra main that od sode sends down from heaven upon them that are here also makes the ri rivers and the lakes. This is the best of the stretches of the Mic-Hollester loods, and all that so through i it will

never forget the sc r ry"

"It is rue " gaid moral Starring. "I have known dany who have gone through this ragion many a time, and they never were better of them when hares..." "In my earlier days" ratt angeline " I have been a contactor of vicitors and

tourists, and the they have numbered the same,,, "
"We they have numbered the same,, "
"We they have half my up the hill, chare they mented for a few minutes. Then said Star by to the nearest of these athemed amount them;

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"This is the place where we could well defend the town also, and then we could continue our movement up the slopes if the enemy should come against us. And look did I not tell you, here is some of the Clandolinians appearing in the distance now, and a great horde of them. So See also how they are marching and delpoying and how they seem to beat the ground with their feet as t ey they tramp onward, and so now we'll have to make good our positions to resist them and defend the town first. Verily here we all can play the man, and give our resistance as stoutly as we can. If we happen to be beat we can make our retreat to the next ridge, or the sugmit of this one to which we shall soon come. ?"

When they were ready to start forward again they came at last within a hundred gards of the surmit, and now with sounds from far below it seemed as if the region wan atrangoly haunted with evil so rits. But Starring and all those with him were the better prepared, because they had the advantage,, the enemy could be seen and exposed, the defenders not,, and because Starring and saunders were their leaders, and the boy and irls scouts their conductors or guides. When they had got this far up to the summit they thought they heard a strange sound as the gor grouning of dying men or unimals, and they thought also they heard sours as of land lamentations as of some in extreme to ment. These things made them quake, and the women and children of the town looked pale and wan, but starring and his followers bid them to be of good comfort, declaring that the n ise was probably the freaks of the winds which was blowing kirkind of hard by this time, or maybe it came from the clandelinians down below.

They continued on apward, and there was a nother sound a booming rour, and they thought they felt the hill begin to shake under them, they heard also a kind of blacing as of corports, but nothing appeared, though the air began to get kind of bazv.

"ta; be a torn do" is approaching" suggested Jennie.

"Then said " Rate! life;

"Are we not at the samit of this hill yet .!"

"But " guld Angelin- plehee "be of cou good courage, and look well to your feet, on no one won't be stumb'ing. I believe the enemy is doing this. Their calls can going strange far below to tknow. Type they see us and are persuaing. We have to took carefully to our feet, so we wen't be taken into some anare."

Setting tired from such a long ascent they still continued on but more slowly, till that came to within one handred feet or so of the summit, and then Angeline Riches

"I famey I see something yonder apon the roadway to the right of as, but not on the slop but a little way down coming tward us dressed in such uniforms such as I have never seen and headway peculiar and terrible."

"Starming looked and observed and Penrod himself asked;

"I carnot toll" maid Ann Angeline" but they are awful ugly in their heads." But what are to ir heads like." said madeliffe. "I cannot see them now so good,." "I ea of call myself" said Angeline" but I know they are enemies nevertheless. They are coming up the masy slopes of this hill, and they are on horsebuck."

The strange column were a little way off.

"Well, wall" maid Starring. "Let a column of the troops quickly entrench umong rocks

and boulders."

This was being my idle obeyed, but when it seemed a fight was inevitable, the strange columns of troppers vanioued behind a grove out of eight. They however this time do did not go on, for no moment had the t strange troopers disappeared from their sight, before Jennia looking before her, saw as one thought something like a sourried gray fan formation before her at the bast of the rise, and it seemed evident they came on up the sign at a gradual but swift pace, and some where else came a strance ratting and resuring, that made the forested country schoe, and the hearts of the aventurers to ache, cave the hearts of the soldiers and the two girls. They in gray continued to some in, and the soldiers who were called upon make preparationa while the son and we sen and children of the town went behind. The strange gray column come on apace. But when the abouted time naw it was determined that resistance should be made, and noticing the exposed nature of the ground, and not kno i knowing the numbers of those above, they draw back also out of sight, and came on no further for the ima,,, being. . They soon at arted onward again, and the four guides again went before them, and they had not gone about fourty steps,, a stringe mist and a trust darkness overshalowed them and the sky, so that they could not hardly see. The sky tooked like a black sawning cavorn roof so black to had become.

Jennia remor was alarmed, for the darkness of the sky seemed too black in

color to be even by a rain or tornado cloud. Sie said;

"What shall we do, continue on or vait untill the darkness subsides."? "Fear not" said Starring," lets all remain still, and what untill it ends. We cannot proceed otherwise, for you know the forests are to "In thick here, and we dare not even light a candle for fearing of starting a forest fire of our own." They therefore remained there, for the darkness grow so intense that it appeared

their ath way was a grad or blocked. They aren wondered what caused the in ense,,,,,,

Mov I are dut we at have to go through. I have heard such of o ch thin a like this happening, but a more before did this occur, and for this durkness we might us well have night all the way, but nevertheless if we cannot see the attach, we cannot be attacked. Lat how in this darkness can we see the team. If this darkness id is not beingeauged by an approaching form storm than what is the matter. Tang have apoken of atranga durkness ever and men everalidaving parts of Culverinta, but none con tell what it is like until they experience it themselves. In such a case the hourt knows 1td own bittername. To be averaged over by a child a rider and mentarious darkness is a most fearful thing... """"

"This is indeed like being in a Calverin without light, or like roins down into the deep, or like also being in the heart of the ann. and also like goin down to the bottom of the mountains. This darkness is so intense that it seems us if the earth has awallowed us up. But it is said!" bet them that walk in darkness four no avil for God is with them, so let us trust in the name of Our Blessed Lord, and berg the intercession of His Bleegard Bloosed Mother. For my part as I have told you already we have to go through thrilling experiences if we wish to accomplish our

"As I said before" said Anceline michae" I have cone often through this part of the country, and have been much harder harassed than I am now, and that is during this war too, and yet to see I am not ever injured. I would not boast, for I am not my own Savier, but if I we trust in God we shall have a good deliverance yet. Come let us wait a while and pray for light to our pleased Lord, for He can lighten our dark ness, and reboke at 1 the wickedness of a hell."

so they waited for some time and proped, and when half an hour passed it gradually began to grow lighter, for it was or had been so dark that it apparently seemed as if they had been stoped so stopped on the borders of the lost omless oft

As h wever the darkness threatened once more to settle down again, they saw no chances to go through with their ascent, so still they remained at the same apot and now to their utmost surprise, great stinks and losthesome smalls commenced to come to them, which was greatly to their annapance.

"So far" said Radeliffe himself" this does not soom to be such a pleasant place after all."

"Oh but, said Angeline Richee" whatever is causing this it is not so bad to go through here, the main thing wo ld be to star here for always, but maybe the durkness is caused by the sty being clouded up with thick smoke from those distant forest fires, and therefore that may be , one reason why we must continue to go through here, for who knows if the fires after all are not coming this way."

"Wellanid" Angeline"Quitott quoth Jennie, "You have probably spoken the truth. "This darkness is surely caused by smoke" said Endeliffe. "I know it. It cannot be 'dinputed."

"and if a ever get at of here" maid on one of the others,"I think I shall prize light and a good way better than this for all my life. This rection may be beautiful as is said, but not with forest fires threatening all parts of the forests."

"We shall be out by and by gold Angeline Riches." As the darkness did not increase to any prost intensity however, they started to " nture forward and after a while Penrod said:

"Are we not reaching the end of the hill to the tor yet?"

"Look to your feet every one" said Starring, "The rist of the hill seems full of dangerous pitfulls and snares which will be also to our advantage if the for attacks. But we must lok out."

As they continued on they kept their eyes open, and passed among the snares and pitfu pitfulls to advanture. While they were usend theme with, they can led some movements among the lower forests for to their right. Then said charring;

"Every one get ready. Form position. "hat is a column of clandellnians moving wainst us, they are coming this way, they have probably discovered a unaversames and have come up part way of the hill at the name time without our knowledge. The fee has tricked us. You cannot impains what the fee can be up to, and how many of us can be killed hersebouts if we do not be satchful enough, and yet men are no foolighly venturous, as to set out through a foe territorescritheat sufficient cuides. It's a wonder we have cone so far but we are beloved a of our Blessed Lord, and we all have goods hearts, or else we could never have accomplished it so far as this."

for they had come to the of a suit, and just then come forth the Rumore Louder. He adjed Starring by blaceme and sold to him;

"We have been waiting for you air and have outhord from all ever the forest

to this good to regist the feate do those dreaffal titre!"
"The decodfal things!" saked from later or, died.

"that this at a street the law to bear or no you knee that things, you have ab a charge of the and through me or control that the or of wited, what here I and you

Line to a firm the same of the TATE of Bonney.

can pot an and to their wicked trade right here. They are coming to attack. I and my men made those makes to defeat their purpose. You fortunately came to reinforce 118 a 11

"But pray" said Starring "Before we fall to it with the enemy let us understand what more we must flight for " (now the women and children of the town were in trambling and terror fleating to the rour, and knew not what to do) The town below sir is in danger from the fee and we believed we could frustrate their intention. With your Rangers here, and the man folk of the town we hope to be successful, even If we have to retreat in the end."

"You are right" onsered the Bunger, "The enemy rob the country, flood the people out of home and kill them by bir disasters, and devastate our States with the worse of catastrophes and thefts on records."

"These are but generala"" said starring," come to particulars man."

"Yes come to particulars, said the Rangers leader. "Well I will "The Glandelinian nation practices the craft of hells legion, they gathered up women and children from cuptured towns, and massacre them most brutally, and devastate the whole of southern Calverinia with the hope of weakening our cause. We must fight."

Then gtarring replied:

"We are all servants of Christ, my business was to go out on an important adventure looking for details of why the foe made these disasters, and by the Government and the Vivian Girls I am commanded to do my most endeavor to accomplish what , can but here the foe seem in the way, and if this be the ground of our quarr. I with them let us fall to it as soon as we can."

At this time a force of Alandelinians came up within sight, and the whole of the Cristian soldiers and adventurers , repared to meet them. They vithout more ado fell to their respective positions, and at the first volley the Clandelinians the had not expected it fell fack in confusion, surprised and terrified, for indeed they in coming up the hill really did not know a soul was ther . At this first volley the Clandelinian leaders horse was brought down on his front knees by a bullet, and at this the whole swame of rebels cried out.

The glandelinian leader though thrown recovered himself, and ordered the claudelinians to reform and charge, but a shot hit him and wounded him in the arm, and he was helped to a bank of ground which he could be placed without exponere. Then for an hour or more the conflict ranged to a high pitch of fury, both sides of course commaining in pattions and keeping a strick and fierce fire, to to no advantage of either side, but a lot of ammunition being wasted.

The "omen and children who were in the year cried and acreamed while the

baddle rared.

Starring thought of a plan. He ordered a evenension of firing to trick the enemy into making an assault, when this law was obey a obeyed, the glandelinians who coused fixing firing, and then waited themselves. But the clandelinians were

also wise, and assecting the acome respend their fire again.
""ay hold, said Starring."1'11 feel them. " Get the common ready." This order was comed, and a number of chells was harled among the clandelinians which exploded with tarriffic force. The explosion fetched a whole score of the Clandel intene to the ground. The other Clandel intune were driven to junic and occurried from cover, and the christians seeins that, would have charged them, but starring in the full heat of his can spirit ordered them to fire instead, to charge was danger, us, and this order was obeyed, the claudelinions retreating precipitatedly down the hill. At this sight the somen and children rejoiced, and Starring and all the rest praised God for the deliverance He had wrought. However expecting there might be another attack, they rested on the assault of the hill no one ventering even to get the consided of the Glandelinians whose loss it seemed was nearly two handred and fifty. Thile waiting they erected some works, and amongst it also exected a glaficle of a commettee linb, and holsted a flag. They then while assiting, second attack sto and drank. As they thus get and walted Angeline pichos acked Starring;

"Have we suffered ony loss in the fight."

"To, so far as I know" said Starring. "I was scratched a little on the arm though, by a billet, but that does not hinder me chy. Fut we might have another brush, They might return with awarer numbers. But so far at present they don't seem to come near the town, and I hape by this act or reward will be coming at last."

"For the war not afraid, good sir, when you see them come to suidenlo!" "I be afract" and Stanning, with a lough "Of course I do not that trust in my own ability, I have more reliance on Him that is stronger than all."

"But that did not think then near first ocean to bring them from cover did

"Why I thought" much grapmin - " that they were wise to me trick, and therefore I remerted to the artillery. And only three guns did the work."

When we think of all this I know God hascindeed been good to us" said Jennie Toomer, " both in bringing so through the adverture so far, and in helping us

Starring got of to a formard a little to so at and an a that the encry-rould be us to rext. Now before them stood is historine, and index it who they mame to it, Sta writer found the Barner and his officers eroused together and talking over the result of the fight or fare and tenly granning so ing another man conting of the place

grabled him and decarded;

"chat's this, who are you, and what is your tesiness here!"

The name also aroused tooked at him sharily and cried out;

"My question sir aboutbyou is also the same. That do you think I am a dirty Glandelinian hell hound. NO. That is your business here. ?

"Come, come man don't be so not, as long as you are all right here is none

but friends."

Yet the an not believing it stood upon his gau gur goard, and wanted to know of Starring and those on the summit and who they all were. Then said grarring;

"I om jeneral Walter Starring, I am on adventure, but what our perpose is

"I cry you mercy then" said the other realizing the truth, "I feared you had been of the company of those who had some momenta ago did attack a party of troops on top of this hill, but now , look better about me, and I percieve you have repulsed the attackers. I thought they had won."

"May what could the defenders have done if we had been of the party of ascallents!" "Done" said the man justonished. "Thy they would have fought as long as breath had been in me, and had they so done, I am sure the attackers could not have fiven the defenders the sorse of it, for the smile, is achristian connect be everence, ". Reemin to bliny flade themself."

"You are perfectly right air" said granting" for by this , know you are a m n of the right and, for you certainly have to be the truth. We repulsed the attack and with no loss to our own side."

"By thise said the man, "I also know that you know what a good cause is, for

a many others think our country can soon be overcome."

"Well sir" since we have met, pray let me ask your name, and the name of the

place or t wn t you came from."

"My name is Shellen corner, and ; came from the town below, be left behind with the rest. Encwing who is on the hill top, with the town is your full view the enemy is afraid to move in."

"Oh is that true then. I deem to have a half goese of that, but I could not be sure. You you came from the town last. How is it the enemy did not take you prisoner?

"I hid dowing the frant he answered. "I have heard of you general. But I wonder that you have come to this region, for the lay of the land f riber on is note dangerous to you and your whole force than even a particle here."

"Yes we lie in dangerous ferrifory" unswered Starring" but we are strong enough to fight our way tor through and as long as ressible we can keep to the moods."

"I believe I' general" said Er corner "I believe it for all I know about you

in true."

Then the man maluted at 1 of Starrings officials, and asked of the two girl scouts their names, and how they fured cince they set out with the column of troops and

"Then said Angeline pickee; "My name I suppose you might have heard of, I am Angeline picker, and this with me is Jennie grancis murmer. The boys is Schfoeidl Penrod, and Richard Radeliffe "

How this man was taken with surprise when he heard this. He skinged the smiled,

and blessed them with a million good wishes finally verying.;;;;;;

"I have heard mich of you girl and boy acoute through the jajers, and ever in appliatings and books, but a, also of year may travels through country and vale since your entering the earl service, and of all the thrilling times you inderwent in those days. Pe it spoken to your comfort, the deeds of which is known jost have done rings all over Abbieannia, your faith in your undertakings, and your aid to the Vivien Girl princesses, your course in a facing all ordials and trials and porile, your way of enduring, and your sincerity, under allil all, and this has indeed made your names famous. Then he town d to the two boys and said; "You are like the girls scouts themselves. Your deeds are breadcasted also. Put you Endeliffe there is a mystery about you. "Then Thee he formed to the little again and said "Angeline lichee, Is a good name by encourage you at a should in crease your face for the good of the came, and carry through all the difficultion in the fature that that the authorized these, ir your adventures."

All this will general starring can very such placed, and writed you his a sited conjuntor. So for them, of the reasy etem of the eveny returning to make a waster annual thing as they are the start of the position of arms and if before the energy that each term to the jour ato. To.

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"Not exacttly but he was a an that took after my own heart" said he." I knew him well however 'He was a man that a, they say had the root of the bravery in him, but to the enemy he was o e of one of the most troublesome officers to the enemy that ever I met with in all my days."

Inkn "From what you are saying I know you knew him, for you have

given a right good character of him."

"Knew him" said the man whose name was Corner." I was a great companion of his, and I was with him to the last, and started with Him when he first commenced to think of what would come upon the christian cause when I was with him."

" Waht "hat was his name C?" asked Angeline Richee....

"Frank Hans."

"I was his guide from general Concentinians lines, to general Slanderlinias camp,,..... said Jennie Turmer.

"Then you knew him to be very troublsome to the enemy?" asked AStarring,.

x I sure did so, but I could very well be glad of it, for scouts of my calling are a often times entrusted by Violet, and her sisters, with the conduct such as he was."

. Well then pray let us hear a little of him, and how he did manage himself when you guided him from one christian camp the to

the other as you suid "":":

" Why he was always afraid, ter ibly afraid, that because of the enemys strength the christian cause would come short of whether he had a desire it should. Every news of the disasters, ev ry news of a terrific bittle, every herror that he heard of, and the news of the devastation of the forests, the big floods and explosion disasters and so on frightened and angered him, and everything ecocerning the war that he ha heard people speak of also unerved him, at least those w who had the least appearan, appearance of opposition in it. I heard that he led a charge, one day, and alone held a force of rouring Glandelinians at bay for two months in a single sa shack and single handed, nor durst the glandelinians for all they saw go to the attack before venture forward any more, though their leaders, many of them offered any assument of reward to capture him let of course they would not go back again neither. The Christian dogs, said they would sure give them the la gh if they retreated before one man. Yet because of this one man they were dejected at every difficulty, and the moment one dared to expose himself he was shot down. Well after these Glandelinians had besieged the barn for those two months wondering how he was able to resist so long, how his ammunition held out so long, and how he succeeded in maintaining such a resistance without w food probably, one fogg foggy morning, I do not know how, they ventured, and made a headlong rush for the barn, and finally burst it down. He was gone. They would not believe it. He had I think outwitted the Glandelinians or he could not have escaped as he did.He finally came to general Concentinian Arronburgs lines, at a point, you gou know what I mean__ that stood at the head sentry line of the camp, and there he stood a while before he was able to proceed telling the corporal of the guard of his experience with the enemy.

When they permitted hij him to pass, he first gave place to the highest rank of officers, and would not roceed untill they went before him. Then the man went and told his story to some of the highest officers, telling how the GLundelinians stood shaking and shrinking, he claimed it would have paid anything to have seen

them, nor would be leave out a detail.

At last he was brought before general Concentinins Arronburgs head quarters, and he was ushered in well after he had been entertained there a while and the general had heard his story, as you know how the manner is, he was bid to go to my part of the camp, and also told the way he should take.. so as I know he came to m, part of the camp, but unfortunatel, at the time I was out on a scouting tour, and he walted about for a long while, weiting that I would venture to return, for he wlaped therefore to se me and would not go back. And the days and nights were long and cold then The poor man o stood shaking and trembling, and I dare say it would have been a pity to see him, but he would not go back again for fear of missing his chances to see me. The guard seeing him waiting so long finally

At last he went to ever of the center, and quentioned his as her he would be able to see so and when I would return, for of course I happened to extend my stay for a week of which the poor man so patiently Lappened to wait. The build can not of course allowed to speak to no one while on duty but neverthel as he as moned enother soldier who happened to pass by and effected ordered him to interview the man, who did. The soldier sized him up for a moment as he total me nimesed and then speed:

"I see you are a stranger in these parts, a for isgner. That is your appose of

your visit to liss Angeline Riches. "?

"The man cave his answer and his ar parrose, and the coldier wondered that he remained calting in the cold so long, so he said to him as he iked his bake seeing that the man was honest and good;

"I'm sorry sir, but she is gone out on a long distanced occuting tour, and wont be balack for days. But come into my tent and got carmed of an you are nearly faint.

You cannot stand this too long you know thy man its beio. zero."

With that he followed this soldier, and when he seated himself on a lounge the soldier brought him a bowl of hot coifee and some rolls. After he had been intertained by the soldier for a while, as you know how the manner is to strangers who are good ... he was bid to remain in the tent untill I should return. I had intended to remain out for ten days, but fortunately for him I returned sooner than a week... it was on a saturday when , was just returning to the camp with a party of soldiers and officers. and as he had a note of ecessity in his bosom to see me, and hearing that he wished an interview with me, I was willing to recieve him, and grant him the comfort of my tent, and also to allow him to accompany me in his mission. I came riding down the company street, and percieving a man to be walking up and down by my tent , rode up to him, and asked him what he wanted, who he was, and clad that I came the poor man had water in hi his eyes. He told me what he desired and wro had sent him to interview me... I went therefore into my tent, dismissed my retainers,, and then sent a guard to usher him in. Il me came in and he carried the conversation with me respectfully and almost Loving L There were a few stores in My tot tent , and some of it was laid on my table, and I advised him to cat supper with me before teling me his mission with ,eme. . me. Then after that he presented the note, and I looked it over carefully, haw it was signed by henoral Concentinian Aronhurg.... Then I said his desire should be granted as soon as it was possible to when he had remained in my tent for a veral hours, and to be a little corecwarm and comfortable., I advised him that I was better he should wait untill the warmer reather came before he should attempt his maventure of which he told me about. West when he had a si h wight of the many things of the camp, and when he grew tward spring, all the time of which he came visiting me, and was finally ready to go on his wayeto goneral viviane army, the officers gave him a bottle of spirits, and some comfortable things to eat and bid him good speed. Then we set forward, and I want along with tim him and now the man was but few words, only he would nigh aloud a times. When we came to a spot where threesClandelinian spies were hanged, he said that he doubted not but tall glandelinians should share the same fate also.

He seemed glad when he saw how large our came was mien we came to a difficult stretch of country dangerous to travel through, because of the enemy, bogs, and terrible steep ravines he made no backing out at that, nor did he fear the foe.bogs or ravines, for you know I have never for years met a man of the courage and also,,, endurance he had. I got him into a county home for shelter from a wild storm, and he became acquanited with the farmer and his wife and children while he was there,, but he was not just thin for mo much communy, he desired very much to be alone, yet he always loved good thrilling or intersting conversation, and often would listen or join in, and to be pendering them into his mind. Hertold me afterwards, that he loved to rescue a few child slaves and bring them up as his own children, but that he saw no op ortunity to try the a venture..... When we left the farmhouse, we headed for a valley and went down as well as any man bould, for he cared not how steep any thing was so that he might reach his station at last. Also I slieve there was a strong sympathy between and him and the cause he was fighting for, for I ever sa saw him better in all his a ventures than when he was with me. Then he would lie down to rest in the valley, and he would embrace a cruticif h crucifix he carried, and kiss the vory imagne on it. He would be up every sorning i force darbreak, to continue on the way But when he was one ay confronted by a torrible ration forcest fire contra down from the north, a quiely boliove, should have lost my sam, not of course that he had any inclination of going back, but that he was affected he as I was beened

And he made such a noise and outery update the Tlandelinians who have were responsible for the fires that if they had been around, and had had been would be no loude that they would have fullen means a like if era, it I task var prost office of,, that the residence for any western project, will we went through it, so I had never been it if fore, I say one construction a site of either so in this locality because of the confluention. If it would be too obtains to tell out all, we still investors nearly no for a characteristic and a confluence of the confluence of t

of a party of cultured who were out rousing for forage despite the fired, I thought he would have fought with all of them single handed, and from the excitement, had to join the fight and use my guister a telling effect oth rwise we would have been set upon and destroyed, so het was their attack upon us for his foolish equabble. After this encounted he encounter he was more wakeful and watchful. But when the flames of the forest fire threatened to come our way, we were again in a trench and we feared we would never reach our destination but would have to retrace our steps. But that he would not hear of what I took notice of, the fire was being changed in its curage course by the wind, so we finally reached our destination that night. Then we parted, and, never saw him ma more."

"Then it seems he was well off at last."

"Yes, yes, I never had the slightest doubts about him, he was a man of a choice aptrit, only he was kipt very adventuresome, and made his life so burdensome to himself, and so trouble nome to the Clandellnians. He was above all olse, tender of sin, he was afraid of doing in juries to his own friends, and he also would do every thing for them, He never was injured or captured.

"But what should be the reason that such a good scout and soldier should be all his days out in adventure instead of fighting with the armies in the batlos

buttles against the enemy. "Asked the man.

impore are two sorts of reasons for it, one is the wise all seeing God will have it so, some must work as fighters, some must applier scout or sook adventure, and for any part I care not at all for that profession that has no desire for adventure in it. I love adventure exciting and thrilling. God choses us for all so ts sorts of vocations."

"He was a zealous brave man" said the citizen. niffil difficulties and the like, dunger and fart furies he feared not at all, twas only sin death and hell that was to him a terror, because he had some deabts about other horrers othwel otherwise and besides the brave are compared to a party of heroes that do brave deeds for their ladies fair, and sing their sounds before the throne of ings."

"You may right" sold Starwing," those were the things that probably were his troubles and they as you well have observed, arose from his nerve thereabouts, not from desire or lat. I dare believe he could have bit a fire brund had it stood in his way but the things with whih he saw his belooved country opr seed p oppressed, no man could ever shows off with succe."

"This adventure of the man with no has done me a lot of good" said Angeline Richee. I thought never before could any man be ake him, but of course I have seen some resemblance with many others since. Many a soldier lays so hard about him that he is greath; feared, but nevertheless I love adventure more than many others do."

"If I might also speak my part said" Jannie, I must say that something of the desires of the Vivian Sivia have always been in measor I have been more afraid of seeing the cause of the country we are fighting for than any one close so far and the less of the war altogether, than I have been of the less of other things. O thought I may I have the hapliness some day of seeing everything peaceful again, though I'd cart with all the world for it."

"FPFTAR of the christian side lesing was one thing that made me think that Angelinia and her sister states were far from he having the success so ardently desired" said Penrod, but 2" but if we can obtain the class we are after, may it

not also so will with our cause in the end?"

"No fears, no offerts" said Jennis. "You feared for my outty that day and sacrificed to save me from cupture when those spice questioned you. Though there is not always home were there is fear of disaster, yet to be sule sure there is no hope of success where we do not depend on the help of God also."

"Yell ould Jennie" said Penred, "you have hit the mark, for the fear and the trust

"Well cold Jennie" and Penred, "you have hit the mark, for the fear and the trust in God is the berinning of wisdom, and to be sure those that want to see a country succeed in a holy cause, never sive up in any purpose for it, no matter how enomies

nay meddle or try to end the thinns we do. But we will here conclude our discource of thet man adventuer. For I know enother man who was a soldier but self willed and forlish. He pretended to be the greatest here in the eyes of all he knew and saw and showed off before women, firle, and even children, but presented my wealf the never wenter a daring advanture, and when taked to account on the enemy one day notested to be sick."

"Had son any convergation with him about it?"

"Yes note that once or take, but he would divers be the bimself, severe a deself willed. We not there execute for compenionable, or area and, not get example, what his mind prompted bim-to do he did it, and nothing also could any one get him to do. Brave indeed he was, and good too, but a man who is rackless, and regards or disregards the advice of others. We almost came to his adding for it too. Those who are rackless partish."

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"Yea" he always bes like imself self willed the does not care for mything,, and "Pray" saked Starring," what printe the die he hold, for I suppose either you or Angoline can tell?"

"He hold that a man who backs out just because an adventure is extremely dangerous connot get any where at all, and that if he risked all no matter how dangerous it

was the country cause can only then be saved."

"How. Asked the Calverinian officer. "If he said, it is possible for a person to accomplish a deed no matter how sucidal, how could be exc en expect to be successful, even for the cause that he would be fighting for. It might as well be possible to be guilty of cowardice, as well as to partake of the virtues of a hero or heroine, but then either as way he could be blumed, for indeed were are exme exempted from no vices of cowardice, or recklessness, but on condition that while dur doing work of dangerous kind we are careful, and watch and strive in the proper way aut this I perciove on his part was not the thing out if I understand you right your meaning is that he was of the opinion that a man can be as reckless as possible and yet go through the advanture without fatal results."

"Ay, ay no _ menn" anid pedeliffe, for that is what he bolieved and also practiced once or twice Almost to his end."

"nut what ground had he for so a saying and doing?" asked Starrin.

"Thy he said that any one who is slightly afraid cannot succeed on a exciting missi mission at all He argued that even there was such worlding in the Sacred Scriptures

"That seems stranger said Jennie, " but it is true,"

"Well Jonnie present us with a few particul particulars." "so - will" said Jonnie, "He said that many do many dangerous stants, and that there her been records of such in the bible and other mod books, that dangerous at the stunt was David fought a huge giant, took his chances with the dangerous and income king saul, and so he believeed he could go through such adventures and pi pull through saftly too. He said that many men have practiced dangrous atunts and succeeded even to rashness. He said that the Apostles went at the bidding of Our pleased pord and preached the Sounds Commel to the people and to the dangerous jews at untold of risks and he claims that was racklossness too, and therefore why not could be do the same thing. He said that St Paul accomplished lots in the face of record breaking difficulties and perils, and therefore he could do so too."

"High base indeed " said Starring." a und you are sure he is of this opinion. " "I have heard him plead for it" said Angeline piches, bring scripture for it,

bring argument for it, and say he can give proofs".

"Such of an opinion is not fit to be, with an allowance in the world" said Starring. "Am an like that must be crazy."

"Yes" but you must inderstand me rightly " said Jennie. "He did not say that any num dight be able to do this, but that he alone could do the same."

"Indeed such a conclusion is recklesoness in itself. For this is as much as to say, that because a man wants to be a hero, therefore he can run through a much bog sink down to the bottom and live. Or because he sees a big fire will throw himself in expecting to live. Who could of thought that any one could be so far blinded as to think such foolish things. I suppose he tried to lie live up to his word?"

"Yos he did." "but what more false than such a conclusion Jen.! For again this is as much as to vi say that because good soldiers and apies hereto have succeeded in their desperate undertaking, therefore they have an allowance to do it of a more presuntious and wilful mind.Or because a child, that had burned itself might willingly lie down on the fire and he borned again. These kind of men of whom you speak of might have loat his reason. His surrosing that ager may have the heros virtue, who addict themselv themselves to such viscs of ricklessness, is also a deliaion. It is just to try any adventure even if it is perilous because we go out on great and exciting adventures ourselves occassionally, a though of course this one has not been so awfully stirring so far, not thinking of what the future might be. But to live up to recklesomens is like eating up the aims of gods people, whi would never have any other virtue, and therefore perion in hell with them. Hor can , believe that one that is of this opinion can at present have real hopes of living a very long life. But I know you have made 'tron; objections against him, what can he say for himself?"

"Why" said Jennie" he says to do this by way of his opinion seems abundance more honest than to give back and out it and not it, and get comme come so far as to

hold contrary to the opinion."

"A very cruzy unawer, for though to get lovee such things while our opinions as are against such timing is very an even to sin and ploud a televation so to do is worse stilll, the one stumbles beholders accidentally, the other pleads them into the ename. "

"There may be many of this mans mind" said Endeliffe, that might not yet dare to make a try at it, and that makes going on adventure of so little esteem as it is."
"You have said the truth,," said Starring," and it is to be lamented, but he that implie the love careful will come of the revile precathed.....22"""""

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"There are many strange of inions in the world world" soid Starring, "" by ht as well say I'm not roing to repent of my sine till I um about to die' to may that no matter how denderous it is I'm going through the adventure just the come..."

"And such one not overview said Joinie, such a man would hab have been laothe might be have to die and see himself as he really is. Yet many of them thank count themselves as scouts and spies, and agents and military police indeed do these thinse, and therefore often needs a doctors care for months afterwards, or are beyond a dectors care... I em no you ove only a little wirl of course, but have been a traylor in this locality many a day before the war started with my parents and friends, and now during the war have taken notice of many things. I have seen some spice that have set out a as if they would drive all the world and the hole of blandelinia,,... before them, who get in a few days, died in the w 1 wildern see either in begs, now or at the hunds of the enemy, and so never succee a succeeded in their undertaking. I have seen some that proved almost nothing and somewhat commended on and the start and in first medting out to be epied or scoute, and that one would have thought could not have lived a day through an adventure of this cort, and yet have proved mon good spies and socuts. I have seen some that have run hastily forward into the adventur ad e adventure, that again have after a little time on ran as fast back again. I have seen some who have spoke very well of the work and doings of a spy at first, that after a while have groken against it as rash and fole feeligh and a sucide. I have heard some, when they first set out on a scouting or seying adventure, or tryint trying to go from one christian army to another, say post; say positively that it absolutely cannot be done, and who when almost there have come back again afraid and said an adventure within enemy territory is a sucidal act ... I have cheare some I have heard some waint what they would do in case they should have an encounter with the enemy, that have even at a false alarm fled like a frightened lamb."

ow as they were still remaining there watching whether the energy would recume, the attack or no, there came a man running of to meet them, and said;"

"General, and all your followers, if you , love life, shift for yourselves, for

a big forest fire is before you. It's coming this way like the wind."

Then said starring""We are ready for them." and so they prepared for the second engagement with them. "ow the scouts sent to mark their advance to ked at covery turning wherean attack should be made, but the claudel inions however did not come. Asfor the fire they did not worry about that, believing that it would not really come their ways though they now realized what caused the outbreak of such sudden and awful darkness in the skies, It was the emoke of the fires. Nevertheless the girl sccuts believing also the energy had been driven away by the approach of the fire believed that the adventureres would be more safer in the clearing on the top of the bill should the fire come up, and also they wished for a resting place as they v were weary and tired, and also hungry. Then said it the rangers,;;;;;

"We have a ! large cleaving on this hill for the safty of our camps, where

you can share our rations or eat what you have.....

So they all a concluded to the in thither and the rather, because the langer leader gave such a good report about his cump. so when they reached the camp which they observed was somewhat fortified, they went in and the Ranger cailed one of his assistant chiefs and he came to e.e. They asked also if they might remain in the came for the night ...

"You are permitted to as no gentionen" cald the Ranger," for my camp is for mone but christians. Then was the girl and boy scouts the more grade, for that the Ranger was a lover of the christian causee, They were shown tends, a tent for the girls to be together, and the same for the coye,,, and as many as could be spaced for the rest, and where there were none, others were let up. then said Starring,,,,,, to the leader of the Rangers;;;;;

numbers, good sir," that have have you for a oper to night,," for we have come

all of us from a long distance and are wear and hanger ."

"It is surely la e late" said the panger," so we cannot 40 out to selk provisions for a more convienent convienient capper, but such as we have it, you she shall re welcome to if you can be con ented an your force dies not cut as our of house and

"We will be content with what you have in the camp for we too have a lot of our own rations, for as much as I have proved to these to thee, we campers are never in want of anything, of which is convenient to us all in the time of need."

While supper was being per prepaired for all in the camp, the

ranger leader said,

" Come my good friends, you are welcome to me, and we are all glad that we have a tent or a camp to give you rest and shelter in and have a beautiful place to intertain you in, so while supper is being made ready let us intertain one another eith some good conver sation.

Starring sal : " I am willing."

5 m Then whose two children are these girls scouts, and whose sons

are these two boy scoutsu ?"

" These children "Asald Starring, are probably far away from g home ncw, but they do not want anything about them or their parents and relatives to be known just now. The boys no doubt have no parents now. But they are the leading coyscouts and girl scouts under the Vivian Girl Princesses. The boys are some of their new friends, each one whom they sent to guide me on this adventure. The boys do everythi everything for the sake of the cause and take after their own father no doubt. Yea if they do but see any one in peril, they like soldiers go to their rescue.

"So they are the secuts of the Vivian Girl Princesses eh, and are these all your followers? I knew the Vivian Girls father and tother, and also his fathers father. Many have been good of this generation, their ancestors dwelth first in northern Abbieannia and they have also been worth, rulers. They have above any that I know orknew showed themselves not only men of heroisn out also of great virtue and courage for their country, and took part with those that lived the right path. I have heard of many of Emperor Vivians relations that have stood all kinds of trilas for the sake of holiness and to build up the nation as it is to day. Ki g King Stephen Vivian that was one of the first of the families of Vivian Emperors from whence Emperor Robert Vivian sprang, brought his country through a long war i with a far distant wicked nation. Emperor Jams James another of this generation, was slain in battle. To say nothing nothing of Paul and Peter Vivian, who builded up the nation and invented the means that made Vivian Wickey the strength it is. There was Ignatius, who saved the country from a disaster. "Would be impossible to count up all of that family that have suffered injuries and death for the love of their country and home. Nor can I but be glad to see that Emperor Robert Vivian has left behind him two good sons, and seven beautiful daughters such as they are. They do a goo deal to keep up and ear up bear up with their fathers name and thread in their fathers footsteps, and comes to their fathers

8""Indeed sir... Said Stamring ," They are likely lads and unusual little girls,, they surely do choose heartilly their fathers waya. now his daughters could have stand stayed home where it is safe, but they chosed to show their mettle by serving their country too as far as it is in their power."

" That is just what I said, wherefore imperor and the holy fame of his daughters is likely to spread all o er the earth. Therefore let all those who serve the princesses themsel es do all they should for them, so that their own names may never be forgotien in the

world."

" tis a pity" said one of the Rangers" that those princesses should come into the world just in time to see this most awful of wars, and that there is such danger of the cause of the country being lost, that Calverinia should fall, and probably be e sooner 1 or later a country of the past."

"Fall Calverinia must not" said Starring" but if such things keep on badly and sadly diminished it may, but let all of our friends and all of the followers of Violet, and her sisters take my advice, not to give up hope, and Heaven will help the cause to be withheld. And as to these two girl scouts I am glad to see them together with the tw two boys and acting as my guides. And may I advise, if they would contunie the adventure so we can uphold the cause."

"I i will now speak on the behalf of the vivian Girls, to take away the regrouth often given that little girls arec a ally afraid of taings. For as there is always directof perils in this war, jet they faced it and went through Yea to show how much they went throughwould take a long story . I will say that many boys rejuiced in what they accomplished. The Vivian Girls therefore are highly favored,,,,,, and show by these thinks that they can be and are sharers lith as in the v.ry paces of 1 fe."

They are something like saints " said Angeline bick e. "I read not that ever any one ever wept at the storie of the Cri Crucifixion as they sometimes do, and of their desire to have had the clance to follow him on the road to calvery, and to sit by his His a pulchre when He was buried. They wished they had I am the women first with mim at that piret paster coming,, and that they could have been the first to bring the tidings of wis resurrection to his wis arcstols. Let of course they regret that they were not born at His _ime...."

Now for all of them the supper was already about reay, for the builes sounded the call for the mass said Penrod himselff.

"The sight of this whole cum, preparing the supper, puts me in mind of being

with general vivians army once more."

ec supper started and first every one began their acals with the Grace first. It seemed too that every body had the some no different. They even particle of wine , butter and honey, dried meat, and bbl: beams beams and apples and all kinds of fruits and so forth. The child scouts however refused the wine but ate a disk of milk well crimbled, and the fruit and some of the beens.

The Ranger seeing the child scoups refusing the wine said;;;

"Drink freely, this is juice of true wine, it is not strong enough either to make any one drunk so do not be afraid of it."

"be never drink wine, cannot tolerate it" said An eline richee. "Fur we like

the fruit, especially the wales."

While they were thus talking they were presented with aother another dish with ze apple pie. Then were they very merry, and sat eating alovely for a long time,,, talking of many things, of adventure, of the progress of the war, the rature of all the catastrophes since the war began., and Ange'ire lichee stated;

"As Forbidden fruit makes a jerson lose his soul so Glandelinia has eaten forbidden fruit in devasting alverinia. , landeli ia would revile our ewn Lords dish, and instead of refesing the evil, and choose the good she chosers the lorge. Therefore Clandel inia is the sEcond Eve."

"Calverinia made the scruple, because her government did not watch the conditions

of givian wickey before her capture by the enemy, said menrod. "I Yes but half of the garrison ton turned traitor that is how Vivian Nickey

came to becaptured." said Endeliffe. "Then said starring to the Leading sanger "If you please can you answer this question/////imm

"That is the question may ask if you share!"

"Because of all the great disasters that have been caused by the clandelinions, and beca se of the ature of the nature of the war itself, many nations count,, that clad clandelinia, is la mad like a rabid dog. that is your i opinion of this!!!!"

Then they all gave good heed, contering that the chief of the forest pangers

would sa , but he sat at ill a whole, probably a few minutes, and then he regiled,,,..;; "A nation there was, whom many did count wad, enjetcally like landelinia, for I have heard such statements also, but I believe the more the does on that case of which you mention the more it will come back to her. Those that devastate countries just for mere sport during war, shall have as ach again in return, and ten times more, whether Glandelinia is and I as not anow, but I believe that now of their of her generals must have taken satisfies, and stated him our out of his one own home, they are no wicked. But seventheless History will slyage account that Clandelinia is a mad nation."

"I have ear wir" said Radeliffe, "I lid not think you could have take ouch a good answer. I have been trained I in er and a gar most cir, and it has not taken any thing like a great hile to do it either ... of thin has teached me rore than experience, I have learned from the vivian Girl Prince were to be us as out if as a hack, jet to be kind in the right var, and have also found from experience that I have gained thereby. I have a thought some of there I bin floods having gone to be, the . The flish togeth here are any two mint have been reacted a sum flower have between, and or a him processed, but for the first lended to still . Andelfi hatting a start of the field and a confit in this can be demonstrated in the start, with a start of the conful distance, but

has nothing for ner paint, she is in damper o of making herself poor, and * our own cause m st win out in the end .. "

Then Jennie mu mer which ered to Angeline "icheed and said;;;

"The langer has a very good spirit, let us have him accompany us on our journey and let us all be reinforced as possible, for it will help us through the more f dangerous territory the better."

The Runger however havened to everhear this and he said:

"With a very good will hims gurmer."

After the most was finished the chilascours ussized to refire us they fait tied Tirtired and elsepysteery, and they were very weary with traveling. Fo they letired , but meet of the others sat up all night, for the Pancers and the soldiers were such good company, that they did not like to part just them. Then after such alk much talk over the advent re, about themselves, and the situation of the nation In in the war , Starring himself began to nod. Then said the Chief Ranger,

"That general, you are beginning to be drowey, come make up here to a question

for you."

"Lets hear it"!Domanded Starring,

"Than guid the Eunger:

"May do the enemy devastate our forests by fire!"

"Ha" mall Sturring," that is a hard question, difficult to answer, and harder to frustrate. But come general Saunders of the Calve n Calverinian force," said he," though I can answer it, I will first leave my part to you, do you expound it, and see if my o n answer will be right. Let me hear what you will say."

"I compation asser it, as I do not know" said general Saunders. That is a puzzling question. It vis get to you, and therefore we will have to ask you to answer it."

Then said Starring;;

"To drive us all our of Calverinia. Alandelinia cannot hin her battle by fair

means so she tries foul."

"You are witht" said the namer. "ratchfulness and experience teaches this por first untill the results displays itself and brings everything to light, it is altogether without any good results to the enem in the end, saides is this is wholly almidelinias pay one, hos should we expect to see our nation of and by and let it go unheeded. for will any that has a either reason or trace believe that a sch a nation, can ever face the world without shame and distrace, when it is a clave to such wicked incliniations. And now it comes in m mind, I will tell you semething worth the hearing. There were two men some time uso who went on the case quest that you are doing , the one who was pownjer took the north cost route, the other coing west straight. The nouncer one had great dangers and difficulties to grapple with, the olderione also. The young our reached as far as the arrays lines, but was frustrated in his purpose as he could succeed in no effort to Lorns the enouge secret, while the older one lost marvo at night of the anemys lines and we went lack, therefore who of the two ware the briviat/ !"

"The counter wan" said Standing. For the went through the greatest perils and linch ing, and in the face of greater opposition, and therefore he care the best deconstration that he can the strangered. Resides thave absorved that an also make a great crey mistakes, a coaly taking it for nurted that seconding and spying is end work and so have been by the hogaile thomselves. Yet to attempt a thing and

nor succeed is another."

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THUS they sat bulking for the time untill the brook of by was approaching. Now when the rost of the camp was up again, glarring bid. Endeliffe to read the long letter he had found to the Chief Ranger which he did and the Ranger aur rised maid; "thy is it that this can should write to eneral Vivian and, a long letter of

his adventure to such an extent of time, and then allow it to be so carelessly

lost."

"In an opinion" said staring, "It must be only a daylicate letter. He night have been attacked nome where by the enemy and if not injured at least are forced to throw away the duplicate, and the enemy wight of known him graphs purpose and tried his best to frustrate him. I also say the latter was written in ar strong thrilling words as if it was a stor story in itself, and because he wanted general Vivian to see what the disaster of the explosions themselves was like, therefore the judge of the nature of the diameter can me be made up for tent. Also to find whether the explosions have the force of which the discovery shows."

Though the forest fire did not come up that way, there was however signs that the energy had increased in strength, for a great force was discovered authored

near the hi hill.

"Well" endd the Runger" ow that we are here, and since I know we are strong in force, and the on citizens of the town have also good weapons, after we have refreshed ourselves, we will engage them again and see if we can do some good this this time and takecooms prisoners and force them to tell something. About a mile from here is a good avenue of speedy escape if we have to be overchalmed or worsted. I know where such a safe retreat is, but if possible we should clear this region of the enemy. Let's great on ready as it looks like they are coming to some an affack knowing we are still here."

At Starrings consend all sers immediately assubled, and they soon found in the enemy in stronger numbers coming stowly and cutto sale a the bill.

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chance to avence the awful disasters in a way."

The energy came on now more entitly, and this time did not take to cavet as supposed, but charged on a the rise of ground . Hing as they did. The buttle then started as before, but this this raied three hours before the cross finally even only took to cover, and to most to take wind. Then half an hour after the even to the country with red with a morry, and the charge can be terriffed that the time a part of Diamoings can but to give back, but they see used a better position and let loome mich a willer of firthe that the enemy who elevived made a last; retreat to cover, amonat riamona, and a party of amound was will ion being left behind together, with a hundred Hilled and rearly two hundred wounded. " leader of this almodalinian bands was billed, and two of his captions severally Armser of this secondarings means was bired, and two of his continual secondary wounded and they too were left he hind in the precipit one flight. The standelinions it was seen however recovered and projected to take mother totally, but forming ordered the hittorica to open fire, and this scattered the first open leftly.

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without a simple to see the measures, and in set only to the soul. If the bill brought a child above the season is d with them, and a worst offer anteones whom they had taken from the foe, besides some more prison was, and an officer who turned out to be a continue, and brought the to the camp, licing the prisoners ander etrong courd. Then Staroling when the willd player of was a 18th beginner brought before him set I the child now be same to be broaded then will, the anomy during the et more.

"Then said the seer child;; "I have been elect and could not much appropriate, and the not no charge to get no with the hear that can of coursement would about the form the first have as bottom and down a fact to me in around, I thought to the deligner to man thind belong Ald comes fort to an engaged, if thought to the igner bount if he notices which the transfer of the constant of the deliberation of the transfer of the constant of the As we can be a server of the control proper announcement of the entry of the co

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Then Starring asked the poor child how he hap, ened to fall Into the hands of these wicked Glandelinians, ...

The little lad however did not or could not remember. He was a pretty looking child but sickly, and looked as if his health had been ruined for life by his slaver,, and what he might have went through while under the power of these Glandellnians. Therefore Starring did not regret that he had taken himself to the life of an adventuerer and scout, and was glad that he had traveled hither from general Vivians lines. The little lad appeared as if he reall, did not have no stren strength at all, of body, Starring felt so rt for the lad, and did not object to his weakly looks, but gave him such things as were were

necessary for him.

All of those round about treated the lad with kindness, so that the lad finally felt at home here. The soldiers bid him good cheer and said that it was the will of their chief leader that comfort should be gilen to him. A little after this, there was signs of another encounter, for the enemy appeared to prepare again to assault the hill, and other brunts Starring and his men also looked for, for it also seemed evident the fee intended to start fires around the hill to cover their purpose, but als also their efforts were feeble according to the purpose of Starring, for as fast as a torch bearer mosed forward to start a fire he was shot down. Starring decided that no enemy was going to out do him under any conditions, for he had heard that if the enem, succeeded in starting another fire at this location there would be no escape for him and his whole force on the summit of the hill.

Second that the enemy document in his purpose Starring using a magazine made of stiff paper shouted down to the enemy, that he would kill every one of his prisoners if they started a fire down belowand also that no one below either would recieve any quarter. Dangerous of c urse the situation seemed to be, and dangerous it sure was, but Starring was determined to escape with all his force. Others efforts to frustrate the enemy he looked for, but this main purpose he resolved on, to wit, to run the enemy out when he can, to have a r safe retreat when he cannot, and to resist to the last man when

hecannot do either.

As to the main purpose, his position was fixed to advantage, the way was clear before him, his mind w s beyond the open glen of escape and therefore he was determined to defeat all the purposes of the enemy. While watching and preventing the movements of the enemy, and frustrating his efforts to start another fire, by a continual fire of musketry and cannon, the Calverintan general asked of Starring: " Have you not long ago been acquainted with one known as general

Jack Ambrose Evans, known as the Guardian of the Vivian Girls.o. " Acquiainted with him. ?. Why yes. He belongs generally to any com and, . leads armies of his own occas ionally. We were well known to each other, for indeed he is one of my best friends, but he I believes thinks I can only speak english for while I was injured and waiting for my recovery in Concentinian Arronbu: gs camps he spoke to me in broken english and warned me that my mission was inclined to be ve y dangerous, and it seems he opposed it very much we are

much of the same complexion,." " I percieved you knew him, and I was apt to believe that you knew him a long time, and once sus ected that you were related to one another, for you have his appearance, a look like his with your eye, you are powerfully tuilt, and your spech is much alike."

. ilany have said so who chave known us both, but were are not an any relation so far as I know, but I would not regret having him for my brother. But we can be of good h cheer, you are all welcome to acc ompany me if you desire, and what you have a mind for call for freely, and what you would have my soldiers do for you and your force of rangers, they will do it with a ready mind. You have rendered us an unexpected favor. But let us keep our eye on those Glandelinians down below. "

Now while the, were in this talk, there came a scout running up the hill, and stopped before Sturring, and that and told that about a mile and a quarter from there, the enemy was moving off to make a flank attack upon the hill, and also a force of them was

coming with toruches.

" Is that so"? demanded Starring " are tyou sure?"
" Yos sir. I h have seen them".

" We will have to stop this before it gets too serious " said

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Then they were about to dignet because this a force to lick very thick for them they did first had as his loarly a break affact as their elephons would not a Year the hour had arrived for them to make their slick retreat, the chief person told starring that it was his desire, and the desire of all the regions to accept my lim as a rine inforcement, for it cannot the chester of minutes of real of Engine to stap behind when they believed they were needed, for they were not make hired to keep the forcet in order, to fight forcet fires, but it was their duty to fight the energy also. Then said general Sundary of the Calvertices...;

"By this you are acting very faithfully to our Pleaset Aune, for whatever you do for the cause and for arches and strongers she have borne witness of me makely helpf dness to the cause, you should be well."

Then they prepared to break compound this work its remaind as fact as qualitie. To some of the pangers, when the rest care preparing to area away, made as if they intended to longer when general Starring observed this , he said;

"Come, come boys, you must also go along with as, but theme has girl scouts in the girl guides us sell as mine, and you shall farm a self the state."

End one of these rangers said;

"Yes, but some one has to remain to gain the forests, so we choose wither to remain behind, or to come on behind later. Lest by remain of the forest fires and and your strong forest may be surprised on overwhelmed. We are as mann said, men of watchfulness and caution, and we do not not known all the country, we are any one out ignorant men, and semetimes the reschour of the equal of fires, it is when me bycause there are not enough in semitification or come three blazes, to do not know that to do. It is with as at it is with the enemy among the eweak, or as too much in good come any. Therefore we rather remain behind."

"But my friends 2" aid Standing. "I have it in my consistent to comfort all thome in trouble, and we need a all of you to come. You must go along with as for the enough is in this territory, and no one will be here to give to aid in all case the enough come to associate you. We will also deep consolves some things for your companionship, we would rather esculfice all this a than I are you belief in this dimer us territory." """"

How all this while the comp was being gathered up, and leheld as they were in the heat of their discourse anther must come up, being one of the contract. Thus there-fore they all continued on moving to the rest of the fill, and starring with the tract of his followers:

"boys witch and see that the enemy do not discover our move into and come in two arms."

This order was choyed, with the fore force went on neigre, and soon the whole colling was on the retreat. As they continued on the chief ranger said to starring; "Pray sir, now we are on the retreat, tell us some profitable things that you may know ot."

"With a good will" said Starring. I surges you have heard now, we are respectively under the residence of the codernine of an enderly function in a most furious battle, and now he and general purpose after the discord had also hard work to fight through the forest fires that came up from the south to make a chance of advance against puries where deamy. Also I think you cannot but have heard how general meson and his whole and was laided to it with these rading forest fires, with the energy trying the hardes his in the largism with diaster us hereors, and as terrible a time as an, everal and his arm, one meet with after ruch a terrific battle."!

"Yes I have said the langer, but indeed during the lattle freef and the front fires which he had to fight he was more hard gut to it then his brother was, for the dangers that yes and his arries was re. rejections and figure."

"My," said Gradtheatt Starring, "por as the saying edes, we so through one caril only to enter a worse. Such is the foreign of war."

But pray sir" said the manger," where was it that the two Mirkans and pedaral and Manley: this buttle a reach or so after that on the Frage washed inc at all restriction and the condition and man fierce, and still the derintism armies there could not follow Manley as the first fire introductions there could not follow Manley as the first fire introductions."

"The menerate of both sides worth over I the close said planting "Potencial Federal who started to buttle use an evergential to 1, yet both lead to uch from a discharge of a companion of the kind a constant of the same as a contest in a contest of the same as testing a contest."

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"Herean aboute we can support many sittle for now, of we do not worth out for 884v86. In first we are entering the coordinate where we can face lots of troubles not now..."

"Suy you so!" said the Calverinian general."I dare say it will be a hard

task for us. If we do not watch ourselves then."

"It is so for sure, but we have encouraging means anyway and have the trees by which our whole force can fire behind. But despite it all I hope all of our force is full of lion hearted men, for in this situation we must set our faces like filmt. Don't you remember how undanated they all were, when we stood before the fee on the hill top? Well that trial is not so severe as having to meet the ene y down here."

"Well we all have to bravely suffer if we desire to accomplish the mission you are about to perform."

"So we have, but we can succeed."

"And the girl scouts bravely suffer with us." said the Cav Calverinian general.
"So they do, and besides yielet, and her sisters I have never seen any braver mirls then they and their other girl scout leaders."

"Well pray go on, for , see you are well acquainted with things."

"Ablve all above all spies I do not however believe any one went through more terrible experiences that the vivian Cirl princesses, and especially with the glandelinians under general John Manley and the other Manleys.",,,,,,,

"that kind of men are those chief [lendelinian generals!"

"Vary arch enemies of our cause, and more wicked than the devile themselves. They can be every ected of every horror that v we hear of, as they are downright accountedle, they have been the originators of the worse of assucres of children, and if they did not order it themselves have at lean least appr vpaproved of it or refund to interfere. And they are no cumning that they would not either lose or suffer for it. They have made their mode of wars o horrors at every fresh occasion and their staff generals are as good at the horrible crimes as the maleys are. Manley and the others would turn at change and change from opinion to opinion, and never give up in doing so either but so far I can learn, many of his followers have already come to an ill end."

move by this time they had come within sight of another large clearing, and they were surprised by seeing a large camp with with a Glandelinian flag floating above it, and glandelinian soldiers on guard. So-ing this Starring and his followers consulted each other, how they should pass through the camp, and some said as thing one thing and some another. At last general Saunders said:

"I am for making a swift attack upon the camp and capturing it if possible, for we are asquainted with the lay of the land at this pe ptpoint. If you think the plan is good we will make the attempt."

"Better lets have a meeting of it first." said Starring. "If every one agrees then it may be so."

So all the officers were called together; and then said Starring first;;

"Does any one know how big the camp is!"

"One who had scouted said;"It is quite a size, and the members are about over 23,000 strong, and they have a number of field game and machine game, and a strong line of works."

"for have discovered quite a lot" said starring, you "You may be very wear so sit down."

"Then said general Saunders" Well what shall we do.!! dare say the camp is stronger than we supposed. Shall we attack it, or pass around."!

"I mm also of the opinion of attacking it, said one of the Rungers. "They are strong but a suddent data accomplish wonders, and whatever we capture we can use for our journey and have more and better tents. Probably we can then pose as a glandelinian army by using the graph and no one will be the i wiser."

"But in that case then we'll chance an attack by the Christians."

"Not in this territory." said gtarring . "Who else decides!"

"Well" said another" will we secure the whole camp in our possession or might not the enoung set fire to it when he se s he is worshid."

"That might be too, but we can try to prevent it."

"We can try."

So Starring and his officers had the different parts of the force of men placed in different respective positions, and while every men was so shown himsown place Starring asked the Calvarinian general, if there might not be any prisoners or more child slaves in the Starrial incomp!"

"I will send name assute to inventigate and see" said he" and whatever else you want to find out, so do but any, and we will do but do what we can to get the information for you."

"Our great want, ends granting," is who are the Claudelinians belonging to what command they came from or main army, and hope we have the tail end of Manleys army for I'm Itching to strike that a good blow."

"That will be done " said the general, and a number of men were dispatched to scout. He maid to their 1 leader," to you tell ten of your companions to discover that they can. We'll hold of the attack untill you return."

So the rin wont to do his bidding, and then said Starring to the Calverinians,

The rest writed now while the scouts should return . rinelly one of them returned saying, "The others are remaining behind a little. We are emazed. We little thought to one rich a size for a camp, and for the tents and their make it is a very comfortable comfortable surprise, and sir also an easy prize." The generals then asked him if the climdelinium soldiers belonged to any portion of hunleys array and if he was any where near by." And the he told him they did, the generals both si suid; "Good discovery. I win wish the others would harry. hat posture is the camp

"You may be sure it is in a strong position, but very weak and unguarded in the rear. The camp otherwise is in a cumbered position. The other scout we sent has gone of off further to see whether there are any other forces of the foe anywhere near who might come to the aid of the attacked. We who yo through such a place as this has to face such porils as we have, therefore all of us sir must take head, every mon moment of the attack we make."

"But how are the Glimieliniums for artillery."

"They are much more moderate than we thought. We can use the given to good a wentabe if we capture them. We can secure a good houl for there are vagons loaded with provieton provisions near by."

finally one of the other ten came in, and Starring asked of him: "Pray how fureth it with you in your occuting work How stends the camp in its position. !"

He told the same story, but added, there is a large number of child slaves with

them being driven by the lash to work."

"It happens that we have a good discovery" said the Panger Leader. "Ve need a chance in on this, as you know sometimes our way has been up hill and down bill, we are soldom at a certainity, and in capturing and using the camp we can surprise the plandelinians more when we come to them again. Of course the wind is not always on our backs, nor is every one a friend in this ter flory that we meet with in the a way. We have met with some notable encounter a already, and what are yet to come we know not, but for the most part,,, we find it true that has been talked, of old;" a good cause must nuffer trouble and disaster before it can win!"

"Talking of encounters, what encounters have we met with pray!"

"We have a been beset by the forest fires, by the enemy three or four giant alr my, first we encountered a body of Gargoylian cavarly on a road, and we routed them, then we fought with some other glandel inlines and drove them over a hill. and thus afterwards when we reached a rise of ground beyond a town, we repulled on a track by Glandelinians from below. They charged us several times and fought as for two days. Now we say have another if we attack this case one in flore one no doubt."

"Said the scout" I found this camp here strong, and we might have quite a severe fight before we can take it."

"Yes but there are two things" said Starring that we use d to have to go on this mission, and that is courage, and an unspotted life. If we have not courage, so can never hold in our way, and therefore we must have courage. I know this caution is not meeded among us. But truely there are many that go upon the road for adventure that rather declare themselves strangers to us."

" is true" said general gassiders," they a dither have the adventurers means not his courage, they probably go not unrightly, but shirk all dangers small or large one shoe goes inward another goes outward, and their socks out behind, there is a

a rag and a rent, to a disapragment of our cause,"

"These things"said two other officers together "We all should look out for" or no one can expect success in any undertaking as they desire, within the way is cleared

of sch spots and blemidies."

Thus they stood talking waiting for the return of the other scouts. Other portions of the troop was not in rosition for the attack yet but they were soon showed also their place. Thile they lay there the other guides came back, and goe also good information. The guiden attack was the efore made from three sites. The attack was unusually successful, and for a time no non-among the Gladelinians in the brunt of the camp so much as dured face the attacking soldiers, but their movie at she stricken, even when they board the noise of their coming. The floring landelinion in the courtried to five the neurost tests but were brought down by a volley.

The "landelinions in the rear towayer cointained a print receivence, and tooked men the attachers will creat disdain, but they could be not prostible, that those claudelinions also had to make a natural "the claudelinions however, relied and m do a few fierco attempts to value a the comp, but they were continually repelled with creat success, and soon what were left of the "Jundeliniums fled to save thomse solves from soon thatton. The attack are seen into the words will the local linears

were forced to defend themselves flercely behind trees, rocks,, and bushes While the christians lay waiting for the enemy to come out and exp se expose themselves or retreat, there suddenly to Starrings surprise and dismay came a monsterous column of soldiers in gray out of the woods, and opened a fire that slew man, of the Rangers and a number of Starrings men, a d about a hundred of the Calverinians and seriously wounded the Calverinian general himself.

These Giandelinians before could not have been located and yet they had appeared so sundenly that it seemed as if they had actually sprangup out of the ground. These Glandelinians for a time then after driving the christians who survived to cover kept up a fierce fire of musketry for a long time, while others would c carry away brush and high grass with which it seemed possible they were going to fire the woods to drive Starring and his men from cover. The sudden counter attack of these Glandelinians had made great havoc among Starrings brave bands, and Starring was enraged.

Star ing therefore entered into unother meeting with his officers and it was proposed to go and charge these Glandelinians even at the risk of losing more men if perhaps they might drive the foe back for fair. Most of his officers noticing that the enemy was under cover thought it sucide, but nevertheless Starring was dtermined not to retreat under any conditions. He must pash through, even in the faces of such dangers. Starring decided to try it, and that take the chances and lead in person. He gave the orders, telling the officers that the men must not rush out into the open but to advance from tree to

Now at this the Glandelinians became very ramp at rampant and resisted the christian attack with wild fury, but the christian so drove at them, and inflicted such cruel loss upon the Galandelinians, that the enemy made a quick tretrat retreat also from tree to tree.

The Glandelinians from sounds unusual in different u quarters of the woods believed a whole christian army was coming and therefore willingly gave up the conflict and fled, taking their wounded with them but leaving their dead behind Starring had flually captured the camp and defeated the Glandelinians but the conflict had been more severe than he had expected or even wished it to be, and he did not know whether he could dare push on inthe same direction again. While he finally moved on, taking his wounded with him, after the burial of his four hundred dead, the Glandelinians,,,, you must know had at times came on again here and there,, to make desperate attempts to check Starrings advance, and therefore for a week day and night there was continually hot fighti g in ambush style, but every time these valuar vanient christian soldiers watch for the attacks they expected to come, and continually resisted the assaults, or ade made assaults thmselves themselves, in so much that in a weeks time, the Glandelinias because of their own and n unusla and heavy losses became not only discouraged but frightened, and though attacks still came, they were not so frequent as before. Very important pape papers were tha taken from some of the Glandelinians taken prisoners cut instead of taking the erisoners with them the soldiers would tie them almost Insecurely to trees and leave them to get free if they could... Many of the Glandelinians died of their wounds, and Starring himself recleved several wounds. In all he lost two thousand men while the enemys loss though unknown looked much more greater.

This victory however in the face of great odds, made Starring famous among his followers, and therefore they had a reverent esteem for him. Upon this account therefore they were willing more than ever to follow him. True there were some that at first saw reckleson as in this sort of conflict, but they got over it. Starring was in full possession of the camp, plenty of ammunition, firearms and

fifteen pieces of artillery.

All the time of the fight they continually set forward on their way. This time because of danger of so many petty attacks from unexpected places the child scouts were kept in the center of the column for perfect safty. Time and again when a dangerous conflict seemed threatening, Starring would send for his officers, he would conferred confer with them, with the purpose of committing the girls and the two boys to bet er protection. The two girls howeverwere braver than than any one could have su posed. After this when they had come to another open country or claring, they came ui kly quickly to the place where many more Glandelinians were seen in hiding. They

prepared again to make a stand, while Starring thanked God for enabling them to get so far in the journey despite all the resistance from the enemy, and the rather because they now found that the had a benefit by such a manly herosion as this was. They now slowly went on, going a good way fargther, the enemy of course retreating as slow as they advanced firing occasionally but that was all. They soon came alon a rise of ground, where the Glandelinians had gathered in ever increasing numbers, and upon which to attack would cause great great loss of life. Starring however prepared to attack, even though he marveled, that men like these desperate Glandelinians, who had that knowledge and ripeness of wit, should be so blinded as to offer battle here. Only starring as also consider considered again, that if he was careful his troop would not be affected by the harms of une funequal battles again, therefore he decided not to charge.

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Instead he ordered his force on, and they continued on untill
they came to the rier river, where fine trees grew on both sides,
where there were bea tiful glens and forest plains.

ry this river side, in a small measow, there were folf folds and cotes for sheep sheep, and a house built for the nourishing and bringing up of those lambs, nd other mild animals, but no such animal was in sight. Starring had to be more careful here however even though he did not see a sign of the enemy, for he had now to his care the number of child slaves ressued during the attack upon the camp, and he had sometimes gathered some of these children, and carr ed them in his bosom.

Now to care for these little ones in case of an attack from the enemy Starring admonished the to two girl and boy scouts, and that by these waters they might be temporarily camped, and that none of them night be tacking in roper frien.ship. And the guards were to watch and if an, of them should go astray, they must bring thm thm them back again, and the guar s premished they would die before one of those trusted to his care should be lost.

Besides here the whole force were to take a temporary rest from their long journey and continued fighting, and that is a favor of no small account. Here everywhere was delecate waters, pleasant meadows in the cleaking, dainty flowers, variety of trees, mostly left lefty pin s and fir.

After such a long rest they went on, and saw again a force of the enemy gathering to resist their advance, therefore they made preparations and the and the officers consulted what was best to be done, for they still were so strong, and such a had such a good man as starring, and such good little guardians as the girl and boy. scouts, whether whether they had best made an attempt again upon the enemy or not.

One officer said one thing, and another said the contrary. One questioned if it was safe and lawful to go forward and start a discord upon such beautiful ground, another said they might, rovided their end wasgood, but starring said finally:

"Thigh Though that assertion offer d last cannot be i universally true yet we all have a commandment to resist the enemy as stoughly as we must resist sin, to overcome the evil forces and to fight the good fight for our countrys cause. These Glandelinians bar our way tward where we imish to go, and therefore I pray with whom should I fight this good fight if not with these Glandelinians again. &? I will therefore attempt to take these Glandelinians by surprise, and demolish their lines. The will go with me?"

Every one yelled ME".

So they prepared for the coming battle. First Starring went forward to secut, and found out that the Gladelinians were astanished at knowing that Starring and his followers were so hardy to kee keep on following and pressing through the woods in the face of all this opposition. The Glandelinians were gathered so strong now that they celleved a force four times that of Starring could not evercome them in a week, and again thought they, since we have made a conqust of other christian forces, shall this band made us afraid. So they rushed down to attack, and Starrings men opened fire, while another section of his force beset the enemy on the rear, and flank, and cut the Glandelinian column to pleeds at one blow. Then the the men of both sides literally fought for their very lives, but the foe though loath to retreat could do nothing else for the, were sleughter ed on awful numbers.

The next third for the forces under Starring was to make move forward to carry the Lill, and therefore the artillery which had been captured in the camp, with those added by the game of the reagent, covered this attack, powever the clandelinions thouch defected below, and because there was plenty of cover on the hill still believed that Starrings force could be worsteded they accured themselves in their position under cover of their own game. Bix columns of the range moved around to the reat and flamk of the hill, while Starring, and the calveriniums made the assault from the other side. The attackers rushed up from all directions completely currending the hill, and they made fireresty at the Glandeliniums, attacking from from every direction, and when a battery of machine game were broat brought forward to mow them down, the gamers could not set the cartridge belts inserted in time and the game were captured at one rush, and the blandeliniums in the way mowed down at one discharce in scores.

Theg_landeliniems seeing themselves surrounded fought for their very wives, and two of their leaders were shot soon. In this situation the clandel inions were very loath to give up or retreat, but straigled hard,, but they finally could no hold longer, and fled janic stricken from the scene, a great number being forced to throw away their arms in their haste. Then the christian christian persuers fell to demolishing the retreating columns, and then with an addition of equipage thus captured presend on, but they were seven days in joing shoad, and attacked and realstal every hour and stap of the way. It was stronge to see during those days the many dead bodies of so many claudelinians that lay here and there, showing the good ascaracy of the firing of the ad adventuerers, who keeping always to cover sup suffered little lost loss to themselves in killed, though a number were wounded. Starring however begin to observe by this that he was going to have a difficult time getting through this region. During the fight fight he had captured two officers prisoners, and they kept them this time as well as the others. They took the prisoners with them during their coward progress, then the Pungers so saw how the result was a i believing the woods was full of glandel things for the firing hardle never ceased, they were very apprehensive. Starring himself could do scouting work to a good profession, and therefore climbed a high tree to see the law of the and land and how full of glandelinin glandelining the region was.

Several times Starring had been doest tempted to starr a forest fire of his own to rout out the Claudelinians, a since they were so many and such a plan we all also be degeneral, be formal to take the chance. It and his force however forced their a convard, but no one for a time land to all at right for fear of being without in the dark, puring one lith, when compalled to however, the comp was creeted on a high rocky hill, a formed good for a strong defence. Wen this was done come of the officers felt nore marrier, but guards were placed to keep the enemy area. Wen all these things were accomplished, eneral Starring had the princers placed in front of the compour under the strongest guards, to take heed that the for would not attach too authorly when they saw the man of their own kind.

Starring who 'd hourd and r as a lots about the Attisann disaster was told or sked to tell the Pangers what he know of all the reports he hid head. At first Laving so many plandeling a jeconome about him, and in the samp starring was somewhat re, reduction, but he was beeged untill he finally conserted, but not untill the relicence wave placed out f of hearing. He them said:

" As for as I can mumber boys, the great disaster began at about the first day of nime but at midnight. The rections of calverinia, and Angel inic tuto terribly offected by the disaster had not been able to hear of the news for months, for they knew not what caused the shocks and the floods, and all the weekage, but nevertheless alouth ne the news had traveled like wild fire, and at first the mole civilized world was shocked by the first reports which were manger and of fel graphic and n to ger origin. I learned asso from International peports, which I secured that at first the rearle or other nations, really laughed and joked about it as great fin, not that they told it as finny, but that they believed some crazy people hard put for som thing to do, had set up such reports to give the world a good scare, and therefore ro one telleved the reports at all. The first report I recieved boys from a telegraph operator was that a portion of the city of Abbiesana, in south Central Calverinia, in pengail State had been destroyed by a sudden eruption of volcenoes opening from the ground,, ency and that a great flood was ensuring because of the explosions. As by all other disasters before, and forest fires raging elsewhere all telegraphic and other commitmications elsewhere had been wiped out, I could not get any real detail of the terrible supposed volunic upheaval, and therefore also believed that the story was caused by some one gone and by the horrors of war

and entrefore writing and publicating these reports in his fits of insanity.
Therefore I must confide the state and L lambed good heartly, and so did the moddiers and the generals themselves, and even be eval given said;

"That will theme note write next. What has become of all our equipmels. They are needed now to which a sill those note."

the was however in the modeling of the tenth of June, that the horrible news were continued, not once with the installations and theorem reports that the fixed was a surpling the whole country, our also by letters received by the vivide Girls, our also by letters received by the vivide Girls, our trivials whose code.

On the next day, many in the army began also to rective detailed rejects, showing that the entire country had been blown up, and that the whole country had had been divantated by the explications in a wider area than the flood, and that probably hundred of thousands had periched percent of mud, had been carried down by the flood, and the explosion had harled hot clouds and fierce—flaming wreckage—percent of towns like some great blanket of death, and had destroyed whole regions in fifteen or twenty minutes. As the disasters caught most of the people at night, there had been no time for panic, for there was one moment of agony and then all was over. Yet still though I believed these reports I still thought however that they were much exaggerated, but because no real strong news could come of the disaster, as no telegraph lines had been restored, though later additional news was recieved, that the explosions had caused great landslides, that the whole nation had felt the tremors, and that the whole nation was in a state of panic because of the strange underground and explosive erustions.

Governor Gamen whe ruled Abbicannia state with his splendid judgement and magnificent enthusiasn laid before his Tribunal immediately in a special message the demands to have the reports investigated to see if they were true or not.

Therefore a week after the first report of the disaster, reporters came to him telling him the investigators could not reach the scene because of a terribly devues devuesting flood raging over the country. This seemed to confirmed the reports, and therefore the Tribunal passed a bill spyropriating means to navagitate the flood zone, to see that nature the disaster had. An objection in the ritual caused a delay from Monday till vednesday, but the Tribunal heads, promptly rebulked or rebuked the objector, and the expedition was made. From the have ever been heard from since, and that had Coverner James sannon Procile worried and he tried to send a message from purpor vivian, or to him, but the telegram came back with the report of not being able to pass through the disaster zone as everything is down.

This news was indeed more shocking, and surprising... surprising.... General Dargur the great Head of the Gemini, who is the loader of one of the greatest societies of christian spies in the world, said to be that he could have divided the great disaster into general classes::

The explosions that make floods and devantation more slowly.

The explosions that destroy most rapidly and cause overwhelming floods, and fires. The latter kind he told me are the most dangerous to our country and all human live, and the physical face of the country. Floods that are caused by natural results are periodical wellings over of waters from a swollen river, comparatively harmless in our country with the strongly proc protecting levees. But when levees are blasting by the explosions, terrific disasters such as already happened takes place.. It is the same cause that makes a dam burst. Many have made very interesting descriptions, showing that the famous and now ill fated city of Abbieann was founded on the islands between branches of the Mic-Hollester River, and that some explosive force from somewhere finally produced a flood which destroyed the city... The distance from the scene of the greatest explosions of all to the city is fifty miles. Several hills and ravines and a forest are epread between the city, and the scenes of the explosions of greatest force, which had no c flood resulted after the explosions, the death list probably would not have been quadrupled. The vast torrents of water let loose by the explosions from some unknown source were for four hours after the explosions held back by one of the long levees of the river which of course flowed over in many places from recieving such a volume of water. Some party of the town of Hidie's junction reported nearly two ou hours before the outburst, that a levee some where near Adeleheid city had or was strangely holding back an ernormous volume of water coming from no one knows. If this levee would have held the disaster would not have been increased. Before the pressure of the ever increasing volume the levce weakened. Soon the flood became of such an intensity that it was impossible to concieve its awful force, and the levee was unable to withstand the strain. The flood first sought another outlet by going through a long time break in the levees near Lake Selicia, which it filled up, and gave water faster than it could run out of the break still remaining, starring a flood over the other former devastated territory again. Then the whole length of that levee crashed and was washed away. The sound they saw was like the side of a mountain blowing out. At long as it takes a projectile to shoot through the air, just so long it took the fierce torrent to fall upon Abbieann and all towns and villiages elsewhere in its path.

The city of course was washed partly away. The consequent igniting of towns and villiages nearest the explosions must have generated posionous basis, that resulted in the centh of many victims. They inhalation of the strange hot air was almost instantly fatalled and vegetable life survived any of these disasters, and yet many say it is quite certain that the jeeple had some kind of wurnings in cufficient time to escape if the disasters had occured later in the day when every one had not been in bedalfere than a month before, there were sounds of exclusions near the city of Alriann. There explacions produced to more a vicient translings of the earth as if there were earthque one cuck conficutations usually pre-ede the tragic

climix of volcanic activity of dangerous kind, but as Dargar says that he had taken in all the scene of the explosion region and swears that they were not volcanic eruntions but explosions of other source. Had they been strange volcanic

activity from the ground, then we could not and would not suspect the enemy. The destruction of Abbicann maken to calverinia a terrible loss, because the city, was the largest city, and the main only commercial center left open of all our country, being well built, prop prosperous, and with hundreds of railroads running in and out, and with great and magnificent eleveated tradh lines. Its populat ion was considered about six to seven million. There were hundreds of national canks in the city, ernormous factories, mills, and even big gas we works, transportation companies, and Commercial banks linked with every banking cooperation of the nations of the world. The blow therefore to our country is terribly severe, as even from the banks hundreds or billions of actions had been swopt away in currency and silver by the flood, probably never to be recovered. The city was like vivian Ficke; comprising different sections, about ten sections, but the upper section is said to be the only one left. to which I am going to obde observe to find clues as to the disaster.

Its extreme length was about fourty five miles to the or from the north-ast,, to the southwest,,, and the main part of it was shaped more like a starfish, with rough edges for a readom towns, its greathest width being about seventeen miles.

The mountanous interior of this section had been torn and gashed or ruined by a landslides caused the the by the violence of the explosions, and perpendicular alleges, deep clefts and garges were ruined by the shocks. The total population of Abbicann, which was included by two hundred and seventy five thousand foring foriegner foriegners, were said to have been destroyed by explosions horri horror, or being caught asleep in their failing buildings and drowned in the ensite nousing floods. Abticann is said to have interesting claims, in that puperor Vivien and his wife and prombs were born there.

The region of Abbierna became a suspicious point just some weeks before the disaster. The nows arived that a force of men acting suspiciously had been soon near lake St Ann. At this some rivor craft armed ith gams and force of soldiers arived at Abbierna, and started for the locality. So suchis supplies a moderate could be seen.

of course by these explosions, and by all other disasters of the past year the hubitations of all the Calvorinians of the south have been leveled or flood event, or burned by forest fires, or buried by explosions, and the number of human bring killed in galvorinia lone in this way can pass comprehension.

"Yes" said the head Ranger."I've heard a whole lot about it all and learned more than any one knows and can prove it too. They were some of the most frightful explosions of all onrecord, and many other witnesses tell me that in the north branch of the Vivian mills the concussions caused a secondary earthquake of terrible force which vibrated the hills so much, that they sent down eight to ten thousand feet the most terrific avalanches on record, that overwhelmed every town and small or hig city in the valleys or on the hillsides. It has happened since last June as we all know but even now no one has ever been able to determine how many lives were actually lost by these landelides, but it may run into the scores of thousands.

Every surviver in the neighborhood though some volcanoes had blown themselves up, and near the town of postellio a hillsilide produced by the concussion produced or so sent II6,000,000 yards of rock and eart, earth, stones and fragments of trees into the valley beneath, the avlanche traveling at the rate of sixty five miles an hour and was one hundred and fifty feet or more deep. Hear four thousand five hundred sixty persons lost,, their lives."

"The biggest explosions actually occur" asked one of Starrings followers.

"The biggest explosions is said to have occured, on a big river is land between the city of Abbieann and Adeleishdi, and Heidi Junction" said the Leading Renger.

"I found the evidence myself when I went with Dargar, and know the places well. The greatest explosion known of a mountain long age called Asama, IT Krakutea which occured between Jama and Javan and Sumatra was but that of a fire cracker compared to this tremendous upheaval. We all know that since October or earlier of 1912 these awful disastirs have commenced, flood fire, and explesions massucre and the like, but the great Abbieann g horror did not come until the midnight of June the first as recorded by the reports. I have heard reports that the flames or flushes of the explosions that night could be seen about one hundred and twenty miles as as I believe you also have heard that these unsual explosions truching so loudly cet in motion air waves that is claimed to "ave traveltd around the world twelve times one way, and elx times the other, and shock the whole nation to one degree

or enother. Every self r recording barometer in the world was said to have been most viclently disturbed, a score of times by this blos a. These veres traveled at the rate of one hundred and five alles as hour at the farthest a achie, and at the nearest at a rate of probably one thousand one hundred miles on hour. I whe then on a visit at Angeline Junction in Morthern Angelinia State, 5,678 miles away, and we heard the noise of this explosion. It was said to have been felt in northern Clandelinia, and southern Abbiechnia, each 10,000 miles away, and at Pundora porthern Abbiecomia, 16,100 miles distunce. The explosions of the loadest was heard over a confounded sound zone covering one quarter of the earths curface.

Even though the sea was far from the scene, vaves were created on the seas on both the west and east cousts, which destroyed all lighthouses along the two shores. Destroyed all the towns and villiages, on the southwest shores of Culverinia, and northeast shores of same state, and partly of northern Angelinia on the northwest, and southeast. Destroyed thousands of vessels shipping there. and drowned nearly too hundred thousand people. Faired a tidal waren ear near Calverinie a hundred and eighty five feet high-Covered five hundred thousand against miles of country with debris and dust several inches thick so that many people though it was a mighty volcanic when on uphenval Submerged or sunk a whole country side near the rivers, one hundred and six miles againe, and seven hundred feet high, in depth of o water six to eight hundred feet. Created a record treaking flood that destroyed thousands of villiagen, cities and towns, and uprooted whole forests, and started new forests fires of its own."

""Yes" said Starring, and untill avidence proved the real facts, the survivors of ruined towns and cities which did not suffer from fleed, believed the shocks and explorions to be the most disanterous eroptions and earthquaken of all time. The shock was felt with disasterous effects as wel we all know as far south as Angelinia Agathia, Even in Francis Atlanta, before the flood came there, all the houses of the northern part of the city were either overtirmed by the concession or blown in , fifty thousand of the inhabatants were killed or injured, and while streets more buried, so that the rest of the city than ecountry could not for a time aid the so those in debris.

The cities, of Francis Anna, Hildred graenburg,, Coimbra, Operto junction, Braga Crossroads, and Santa Ubes, and Martinian, were partly destroyed to a severe or lass degree, by explosion force and flood, and the city of North Pandor I may Largely reduced to ruins. One half of Calverine on the northeast side, was destroyed and over fourteen thousand people killed. The Island of Constantine was laid waste. and the ruin extended to towns and cities in northern Calverinia,, where half of the number of towns were laid low ... "

"I have here a list" said granting, producing an enveloped," which I captured from one of the prisoners will shows he knew the names of the prinicial towns and villiages, harribly destroyed by the explosion, and yet not touched by the flood. This shows my dear friends and companions that the quality satastrophe which visited culverints in pongul giato and other some of the name time, which resulted in the descriction of Abbiecam and man bother towns and cities, and an unknown number of lives is accurally caused by the enemy, and which surely herrified the world to an extreme. "hough the whole world chaddens at every natural culamity which results in the sudden death of the am numbers of coule, not the chole world was still more shocked and terrified at this one caused by the enemy. These terrible explosions coming so suddenly in the night, ove wheemed these doomed cities listed here without the slightest warning, catching every one asleep in their beds, and in the breif space of fifteen minutes, turned the whole of mengal state into an unparalled scome of de vastation, and then later in the morning start at floods which quadrupled the destruction. In all towns and cities within the explosion area, very few persons escured this most horrible of fates, that exact a wast country side of multitudes to their deaths. by blust, fire and frood.

This list astonished me. Even out of the mouth of the treacherous craters of our own or volcances of other countries never has such a disaster sprung, and even such havor is nothing compared to this. Now this list boys shows somety i something o of suspicion for why should the enemy keep these if they did not want to hide semething. As I read in a description which I found of a long letter, strange noises had been heard for two weeks in the region of these explosions. Then at midnight the explosions occured, and all these cities and towns listed here were no doubt enveloped, and every one destroyed. This list was pul published by a printer printer in the city of Angelinia Agat i Agataia, and how this landelinian got hold of this is a mystery . Ever it bollo here that with sight time without, the true is a mostery . Ever it follower that with the inpliction of the flow, the toward of sheating flows from the explicions and force fine a. The flow, it there exists an interest to the flow of the flow of the flow of the following the following that it is a first at an explicit the following t A description of the property of the control of the

but for weeks and ... n months the admaster zone was wan reachable. Many tried to potimite the death list as four handred thousand in these cities and torre butt bit these could not be confirmed. It is the proin that countless numbers of persons real the nero all relies in their tide of the time of the explainer period d, but their bedies were not rightle, so they were covered to deeply in the d bris. August in grate also was chaken to its very centre by the terrible con valsion, but west destruction was none cased by the reginf floods and forest fires, and here alone many thousands - lost their lives. I'll read the list of the cities and maybe some of us have lived in them or had our parents and " latives there, though , ardently hope not::::::

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. gtarring continued; The first report that was accepted of this great cultumity, came by a courier on a fast gasoline launch from the city of & John, and though believed at first or not was printed throughout the city of Angelinia Agathir, on the morning of June the 30th the day the first news came in. The report only so far made this

small announcement, which know almost by heart,.

*It is said the city is of abbieaun, the principal river boart and railway and Commercial center of Calverinia was destroyed, with all its inhabitants at the midnight hour of June the First, by either a mysterious Mind of kind of volcunic eruptions from the ground of unusual force. The number of lives lost is believed to exceed five mittion, and may be as great as sevenmentilion seven million . The whole country side around or near Abbiedan was reported to have srupted into the air. For more than fifteen m inutes, debris and wreckage through up by the uphonval poured down upon the doomed city. The panicetricken population who survived the crash, and heat of flame fled to the river side, but in wain a sudden flood engl engulfed them. All the ships in the river harbors were destroyed by the crash and the people who fled to the wharves were soon caught in the awful flood that resuled and drowned, while the city in the Borth was consumed by fire. At 1 the subrubs of the city of Abbisams on the north within a full radius of many miles were completely descroyed. All communications with the explosion area, with the whole nation and world in general was interrupted for good probably, He River at: steamer within the region of explusion escaped.

The investigators reported that in the city of St Abbienum and suburem all the population had perioned, either under the rulie, or when overwhelmed from the finshes of the explosions, or from the flood that came so statemly afterwards. Those on board a fiver Steamer called the costellio polores, belonging to the Abbisannia Northern st camehip company, who had not slept that night, with fourty sight sailors, and twenty Calverinian women and children as paneongers had been a with ness of the catastrophe, as well as fifteen sailors of the Abbiennian pational Passenger steamer, which by suddenly slipping her anchor, escaped from the narbot of the southern part of the city, a few minutes before the city was so standardy

these incidents to one another for about three hours or more they recontinued their retreat, after a having again bravely resisted some petty attacks from hidden parties of the enemy, and therefore they went onward untill they came to what looked like to them a branch of the great Vivien Hills, densel, forested, but strangely there was the smell of was water in the air, not like that of a river but that of a swamp, However they m came across some more rangers there, who welcomed them, as they had been expect ing the urival of these forces and hoping for them for these Rangers seeing so great a train of soldiers, and men following general starring, (for with him they were well asquainted, they said when greating him;;;

"Good evening general Starring, you sure have minrge force of followers for your adventursome movement. Pray how did you gather all these! Making a new army for your own purpose to crush the for yourself. ?"

Then said general starring;

"Yes. They will be a great help to me in case in my investigations I might be be attacked. I hear the region of abbienm is now in possession of the fos."
"Tou sure have a strong and most comfortable company" said the gamper in charges and rangers also with you rou are welcome to us, for we need even your bun protection as this is now the abbisant Territory you are in, and the ros are all about ima"

This news surprised starring, but he said;

"This day see that luck does come to us, and that the grace of god does the chine in all or facesm a and that you may if you wish be some of my reinfer reinforcements, for then we can push on through the enemy ter i territory for we can make the Glandelinians to leave us our unwonted liberty to go through where we please. "

So all of the force went up to the camps on these hills, and starring and the rest did follows when they were all settled down for a nights rest, one of the migers said to the children themselves;

"What do you two girls and boys want for supper."

Angeline the told her desire, and the others too, and so the Rangers made a feat feast for the whole company, the which when they had recieved, they went to their sleeping quarters, which the guards went to their proper places. When morning was come and because these mountains were g high, and the day not so smoky though the sky still yellow and because it was the custom of the rangers to show to vii visitors, before their ownward march, some unusual and rare sight, therefore after guarring, and his girl scout and hoy scout guide s were ready, and the whole force had refreshed them. selves, the nungers led them all to the summit of the highest of the nearest of the hills, and showed them something unusual far off. It looked like a vast stretch of water with trees bobbing up from its surface. Then they took them up a little higher show them something more new. The first was poined out as apart of Heidi Junction

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but it was of such a distance and there was such a hars, that no matter where they Ilooked they could not see much of anything. They maked the Ranger want the view could be, and they told Starring that the ruins was a part of Heidl's Junction, or whose almost total destruction he must have heard , in the first of the recorded news, and that the scenes confronting themm shows what difficulties they would meet in trying to find out any clueve as to the cause of the catastrophe. "I know all about that town" said Starring. "It is a city destroyed worse than

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Then the tanger pointed out another place or section viewed from such a height, and there with the help of powerful field glasses Starring, saw a mass of water to the right, all covered still with slowly moving wreckage, and further off two tward the north, they saw a high rolling and towering cloud all white, and very heavy, and lights ever and anon flashing up and down through the clouds. Now behold this scene would every once in a while change a little, and the cloud would change shape, look thicker and darker, or thinner and lighter. Starring Makedi; "What is that. !"

"That is one of the forest fires a smouldering ha after destroying the forest" said the ranger. "The cloud shows of a great smouther from the leveled forest debris. That fire is caused by the explosions Now the diamedinians who were responsible for all this, are such as hate all phristianity and Him who made us all, but as o you see, this flood fire, and scene of rule is a full syldence against dlandelinia. Who ever they be that had been mean shough to do all this, yet labored all in vain, for Glandelinia will fail in her efforts, and ded, when a little time is spent, will cause that Calverinia shall rise better and more beautiful. Then they faced more to the southwest , where they showed them far off a vast refusee camp.

"How far can this piace be" asked Angeline Richse." "About ten mileswihle is to show you, that those who have a heart for our cause imbor ardently for the poor homeless refugees in the face of all perile, and they sure shall never want. As the saying is, those that give a cup of water shall have it re-

Then said Jennie;

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"I wondervif it could be, if ; with my glasses could see any trace of the city of Heid! Junction from here: And she looked hard and long atte the hardly could not see a thing as the haze obscured most of the views Now when they had seen all these things, they returned slowly to the camp, and here they were intertained, but while they were thus having it right, they heard from afar some one shout; "Cursed be clauded inte for laying waste to calverinta, Oh that I had been torm

in pieces before I had to even save my life, seen such a sight." This cry made the two girls turn while white and Jennie said;

"Blessed were they who secaped safe from this disaster."

Tet all this while she and Starring longed to see the chance to discover who were

really responsible for the catastrophe, and finally she said to starring; "There was one chance when I was with Viciet and her sisters in the Clandelinian camp to secure some information, of which I cannot take my mind, and therefore because of my failure I had miscarried.

"My not mention your loss to Starring"! Asked Angeline.

"Nay Angeline, of course it is no shame but a virtue to long for such a thing as yhis this, but sometimes ; feel ashamed that ; and they failed, even though the fires Prustrated all our efforte: "

Hir you could spring your information to starring, maybe that will give us a better chames to succeed now" said Radel iffes

Now this secret of hers was indeed one of a thousand. She was pure if it could be followed out when in Municysclines it could prove who were guilty of the disasters eithout without the least difficulty. She claimed she had talked with many glandelinian soldiers who could tell if they wanted to, and they have said, not suspecting who she was that they have seen the very ducuments signed that was to pass the degree for the making of the disasters, and they have also seen the very orde orders written. Yes such an excent excellency was there in her secret, that she sure hoped for success if she could only reveal it without detection. Jennie therefore went to Starring, and said to

thinks we will all miscarry, if she does not think you can work it through. "Call her" said starring" she shall assuredly have all the aid we can give her

for guiding us so well.

she then came to starring and he neked; "What is it you wish to tell me. "! "??????

Then she said "I've a great secret, and" and she told it to him in a whisper. He non nodded and said"; 1'11 do what | can. "Then she bowed her head and gas gave thunks, and said;

"By this I know we all have gained favor in the eyes of Med."

chapter Fourty

ARIVINGS WITHIN THE FLOOD ZONE. BTO IES OF BOME BURY IVORS.

When they were determined to go onward, the majority of the Pangers prepared to rein force gtarring, and also gave advice and caution, even though gtarring and his girl scout guiden were well acquainted with thing things, and so dould recieve the cautious warnings more sensonably to wit. we even when the danger s was approaching, no onward tward the scene they went. When they had gone onwards quite a ways , they quickly rame to the place where gharring in the early time of the war met with a for gner who had turned away from the christlen cause and through his own fault perished in the big disserter..... Of this man starring reminded as many of his fellowers who were

where more I commot recall,, who carried with him the character of his unusual desert---ion and treason at the very doors of our gountry. And this is what I have to say con-corning thin man, he would harken to no council, but once a failing, persaulon could, not atop him when he came to the armics under general Arronburg, he did meet with those the tried to personde him from his foolish and wicked course, but he only refused to harken gnashed his teeth, and stamped and shook his fists in their faces and and he was resolved to go back to his own country. And after all our country had done for him. Before he left the cumb, he w met with jack grane, who offered to lay hunde on him, to turn him into the right way again. But this fool resisted him, and go having done much despite unto so good a men, he got away and desited us wholly but later periahed in the flood, so they tell meale done this because it is said a prayer for a particular thing seemed to be or was not answered. A crasy reason to denert our cause."

They had continued on for several miles now, as a end when they reached a nort of girm, gtarrings fords wasconfronted suddenly by a hords of Ashdelinians Strong in the bornerirst the disoletinian teader desired to partey with carring, and to speak with him, and after some short consideration graining decided to allow the grandelinian commander to come forward without molestation. Then the grandelinian commander standing about ten paces from starring as he would not come nearer demanded;

"Who are you sir, and what force have you theret"

"Betarring made and waiter Bearrings You may show therefore who , am, what my pumpose

is, and therefore need not tell you where , am goings"
"Well" said the Glandelinian leader, "I'il let you offmore easier if you will either, turn aside from your course, or become one of us, or go back tward the place from where you came. If you refuse to do so you and your whole force will die upon this spot as you will recieve no quarter."

"Starring laughed as he answered; "I have been a true man to my cause for all these years, and therefore do you jack-"I have been a true man to my cause for all these years, and therefore do you jackasses think or expect that will dust in my lot with you fees of dod! The places from
whence came, I'll return 'to all right, and soon, but only when I accomplish my
mission'My life cost more dear far than, should give it lightly away by being a traitor
to my cause. Recause you plandelinian hell cats have nothing to do , have no business
to some to this kind of Metting with the purpose of putting things thus to my choice
and had I known the nature of this meeting I would not have allowed you to interview
me at all My names fully in this. set hash to caus these as some as a name. me at all, H' unswer fully is this, get back to your lines as soon as possible as

I'm going to attack."

At this the dlandelinian commander hastened back to his command. Starring was the first to attack,, and he surprised the miandelinians by the violence of the assault and though the diamdelinian force was six to his one, he finally carried all beforem him narrowly capturing the Ulandelinian leader, and destroying half his commend. The survivors hid behind trees and bushes after this, and kept up a neavy fire for fully three hours, hoping the sound of firing would bring help, but no one appeared, and gtarrings men working around got the glandelinians finally in the rear and their retreat was a precipiated rout. It was certainly an unequal fight indeed against great odds, Starring likeing licking a force six to his one. After this to try to stay his purpose a whole host encomped against Starring and his little band, but he did not fear. Tet during the conflict Starring was surprised that the for had not oried out, that some other force might not have come to its succor. He had read in some records, that one man fought an army, that agampson slew a thousand men with the bone of an ass, and therefore was astonished at his own victory against no experior a force, and with little loss to his own side... Bearing knowing how to deploy his force resumed the conflict against this alandslinian hors encamped

against him, fighting all day, driving even this force out of the woods and destroying a part of their camp. All of gtarrings force worthily behaved themnelves, all fighting a great while, as fieros as a gaint resisting unto blood, striving against sin. All the time of the struggle starring prayed to God, who he knew could hear, and an afford invisible help, and that he knew was sufficient for him. He himself had a good strong aword, and any man who happened to have one of these blades, with a good hand at expert awardsmoundip, and great skill to use it, may venture upon a demon with it. Starring did not need to fear any enemy wity with this sword, for he knew how to lay it on He even fought against Clandelinian officers, witill the sword did almost cleave to bis bend, and when the flood almost ren through his fingers he continued on-The glandatinian lusaes was awful, but after this conflict, Starrings hand was beaut onew day and night, during him a advance, and firing hardly never command news

Angeline miches, and jounte washed his wounds, and ga gave mtorring what they had to refresh him. They then went onward, in the face of all the fleroest opposition, because Observing was determined beyond all means to make progress, he was delighted in this exciting part of the adventure, even though the shota sounded as loud one as frequent and as fraquent as the loudest and wildest Fourtrof ,uly, and because there was nomething inspiring to it all, and became there were many leaders of his band as good as himself, and therefore he questioned one of the mangers during one of the halts and conflicts.

"what country men are you sirit"

"I am of northern Calverinia, for there in the city of malcio I was born, and there my mother and father, and wife and children are still far from the war sone." "The city of Baldio" said Starring," does that not be in on of the localities of

the big Abbienn disaster. "?

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"No 1 do not think so Now that caused me to become a ranger was my denire to fight the forest fires. And we had one friend whose name is Jack Turop come to visit me, and he told me all what the enemy had done since last November, the year of 1912 up to now, and how he was going to join the army and betake himself to a soldiers life to help his country crush the mandelinians. It was also confidently reported how he had killed a glandelinian discovered raiding his home, and how he got through to where he was goingalt was also told with what welcome he had in entering the ranks of the Abbigunnian army, he was recieved with sound drum and trumpet ,by accompany of offic ers and soldiers. He told it also how all the bands in the army did play pieces for joy at his reception, and what other things I shall forbear to relate. In a word that man so told the story of his travels since he entered the army,, that my heart fell into a burning haste to be gone after him, no could father or mother or wife or children stay me, so I got from them, and am come thus far on my way."

"You came in through general Arrenburgs army did you notfillill"
"Yes, yes, for the same man also told us, that all would be nothing if we did

not begin to enter at Arrenburge camp first."

"Look" said Starring to Angeline sionee, "The results of these stateters, is bein. being spread auroad lar and near,

"Wiy is this one of the famous Vivian Girl Princesses with you?" "Miy no" said gtarring. "(mly one of their great girl scouts, and the other three

the girl and the two boys are her companions...w What, and going on the same mission as you are too!"

"Yes, verily, or at least they are going as my guides as they know the downty

country while I don't. "It makes me giad to hear it. The many good Christian e generals. How joyful they will be when they shall see them that succeed in this mission bring the guilt of

diandelinia to exposure beforevthe win1 whole world." "Without doubt it will be a comfort to the whole nation, for next to the joy of finding out who the gulity ones are, it will be a juy to find means to prevent all

much dianaters in the future." "But now you are upon that, pray let me hear your opinion of it. Some make a question, whether I shall succeed in my mission or not. The Vivian Girls are great

you know, and a forest fire frustrated them.

"All right "Baid the Ranger I will. Do they also think every one who tries such an adventure shall fail, or shall they rejules to see themselves in that bliss of winning such wonderful victories. And if they think they shall know and do these things successfully in the end, why not others, and rejoice in their welfare also? Again if our cause is so good,, yet why not should you be successful in the end prividing providing you place your trust in God. Y ?"

"That is a strange question, but I percieve whereabouts you are as to this... I

never cease praying?"

"Have you any more things to ask me the reason why I came out here as a war

"Yes " said gtarrig, gtarring.. W"Was your father and mother, and wife and childener willing, that you should in such awful times become a war Ferest Rangerfillian "I should may they were not, and at first for fear of my sufty, they used all means imaginable to personale me to remain at home...

"Thy what could they say against it, knowing you was doing your duty for your country, and itscause and its cause.. "?

"They said it was not a very good life, and If I myself were inclined to go through a life of danger and hardships, I would never chance a Rangers job."

"And what also did they say!"

"Why they told me sir, that it was a dangerous sort of life, a Forest Rangers, especially at this time, yes the most dangerous way of all in the world, which the Rangers and the soldiers live."

"Did they prove to you wherein it is so dangerous?"

"Yes, and that in many particulars." "Name nome of them" said Starring."

"Thry told me of the flarcosness of the forest fires, where many perished in fighting them. They told me that Glandelinians reamed the country everywhere, or stand ing roudy bohind trees and bushes to shoot them that would enter their territory. They also told mo of the perils of fighting fires in dark mountain woods, of the difficult hills, and also of the perils of explosions and the life, and of ambuses, snares and

traps and every vile peril. They said moreover, there were foul Glandelinians every where you go. They told me the whole region is a " valley of the shadow of death", where the Glundelinians are more dangerous than the hobgoblins of hell are, where every mile of the way is full of dangerous n snares, pits, ravines, traps and gins. They told me also of the speed of the advancing fires, and of the ruin every one m sets that goes through such a dangerous territory. Further they said I must go over the flood zone, which unloss I know the country was the most dangerous of all. And after all this, I should find still greater perils, and that the flood lie between me and escape from foes."

"And was this all!"
"Ho, they also told me the way was full of decievers, and of persons that lay in hd hiding there to turn all men out of the way!"

"But how did they make that out?"

"They told me that Glandelinians disguised as Christians did lie at any place a waiting to decieve. They also said there were persons who would trick you, or catch you in their snare, or with that of other energy, I would presume to go head on into a more dangerous zone, which might as well taking the chances of going to the by way of hell.

"This adoud sounds discouraging, but did they and here,?"

"No, they told me of thousands of had tried many important missions, and that they they had gone a great way therein, to see if they could find semething of the glory there for those who succeed, which so many have talked about so often, and how they came back, and befooled themselves terribly for setting out on se dangerous a journey to the satisfactory results of course for Glandelinias nursuse purpose. And they named many that did so, who they said had gone so far to see if they could find what they were sent after, but not one of them found so much advantage by going, as ammounted as much as a feather. !"

"Said they anything more to discourage you?"

"Yes they told me of one, who was a spy, and how he found his work and his journey so solitary, that he never had a comfortable hour, also that many times to hide from the enomy who were looking for him he ulmost faced starvation and danger of death from the enemy and thirst and fires, and that he almost was drowned when fleeing he stepped into the flood near Heidi Junction, however what really happened to him was"snothered up but he never returned."

"alind did none of these things make you feel discouraged?"

"No, they seemed to be as so many nothing but megear reports to me."

"How came that about?"

"Why I still believed what my sl soldier friend told me, andwhich and which carried me boyond them all."

"Then this was your victory, even your faith in the success of your purpose?" "It was so, I believed, and therefore came out, got into the way, foughtall

that set themselves against me, and therefore succeeded in becoming a Ranger, and

obtained a hardy body of followers as you see with me."

By this time they had reached where a part of the Abbieann flood had raged, where where theair was sultry, smelled of water and the odor of wet wood and other debris and all that a swamp would boast of And here the region was covered with wreckage of broken trees, boards and timbers, excepting here and there a small stretch of muldy water, a sign of a past disaster, where many who were caught in it, never shall rise or wake again in this world again. For now they were out of the forest, but beyond there appeared a forest of debris, and now knowing where they were Starring went before, for that he was the leader, and the troops came behind, for fear lest preadventure, a horde of Clandelinians, should fall upon their rear in the open countrt country, so and so do mischief.

They went on here each man ready for they knew it was a dangerous place. They were more and more into the heart of the enemys territory, a place where the enemy would try his best to prevent all investigations of the flood zone. Also they cheered U 363

up one another as well as they could. Angeline Richae, and her girl and two boy com- $\frac{1}{2}$ anions, Starring commanded should keep close with the band now, and the others were under the eye of their leaders, the Rangers taking up the rear. However they had not traveled about one fourth of a mile, when which surprised them greatly a strange and intolerable darkness fell upon them all, so that they could hardly for an hourvor hour or so, see even each other. They suspected a terrific storm, but the darkness was followed by a strange dark mist, and therefore as they went on more slowly they were forced to feel for one another by a contant conversation, for they could not see a thing ahead of them.

A nyhow any one should think, that for even the strongest of them all there was difficult hardships for their going, and yet how much worse, for the four child scouts, who were still of feet quite tender. Yet every one encouraged each other as they might , xand also through the encouraging words of the leaders of the expedition in front, and of those that brought up the rear, they made it pretty good nevertheless, and there,, was no complaints heard from any quarter. Any time however they felt the circumstances would become worse, because now they were in a edge of the disaster flood zone, which which flood though had receded had not gone off altogether, and therefore their tramping was becoming wearinsome and tiresome, through dirt and mud, clamboing over piles of shattered rubbish, abatic of trees left by the swirl of water, mud deep enough to make you think it is a bog and so on-And even there was never within easy sight such a thing as a whole house of any kind, and therefore they went on, grunting, puffing, and sighing, then some would stumble over a bush, or walk headlong in the dark against some obstructi obstruction and do much against his will an acrobatic stunt, another cticks first in the dirt and believes he is in a bog and yells for help, and the four scouts lose their very shoes in a real bog, narrowly escaping as it is.

Some one tha then cries out"I am down in a hole, " and enother, "He where are you!" and a third," Hey look where you are going, don, t ram me in the eye, cush" and at that still enother" I am caught in some tangle of br bushes, and I cannot get out, some one

pull m3 me out."

Then they came within sight of some glare far in the distance, and this you must think was all the more exciting, for all of them began to be badly foiled with the roughness of the way, but there was not one of them, that ever thought of stopping without the command of their leaders. They all also continually ; paid good heed to the advices of their leaders, and the little guides, and they did so faithfully tell them of the many dangers, and of the nature of the dangers they were facing in all this strange darkness, that usually when they were nearest to them, they did most pluck up their spirits, and hearten one another to be prepared. This part of the country was the extreme southeastern part of engall state, though they knew it not. They went onward slowly and carefully, till they came to a more smelly place and as the darkness grew more intense they feared they might lose their way. They wondered no rain fell, or that there was no wind, whor thunder or lightning... ven when it is light Angeline Riches could tell well enough how to miss the ways through this region that led into danger, but now in such darkness she was put at a stand, and she advised starring to halt the column, which he finally did. Angeline pichoe had in her pock a map of all ways leading through the region of Rengall State, therefore she ligh lit her flashlight lamp, and loked over the map which was in it a little book the gook . And indeed if she had not been a little careful to look in this map , they all would for certain have been smothered in the mud, for just a little way before them, formed by the seeping waters of the receding floods, a large pit full of mud, mud a hundred and fifty feet deep, and even the ground around the bog its self was as soft as cotton or a sponge.

It is sure evident that those who go through advantures in any part of calverinia must have one of these maps about heem, so that he or she may look when at a stand, so they could discover which way it should be they must take. They continued on then, but in another direction as the way tward the bog was utterly impassable. However they were trembling to go forward, only they felt lke taking some of the debris of softer material and of making torches by which they could light their way, and this

was readily agreed to as the darkness was great.

And every one began to be sorely weary weary, and therefore they all cried out unto Our Blessed Lord, asking Him to make their way more comfortable. owever when they had traveled several miles farther, a wid wind arose that drove away the smoke fog which came from a big forest fire a distance away, so the air became more clearer but it still remained dark, though the darkness was becoming relieved somewhat by the glow of the racing flames. As they thus got somewhat relieved some of those in the van percieved a sound of some scleme kind, as of one who was in grief, and much concerned for some h something he di desired very much. so they continued on faster and looked carefully before and behind and to either sidd side of them, and soon they observed a man upon his knees, wity hands and eyes lifted up, and speaking or praying loudly. and clearly. The van of the party drew nigh, but they could not tell what nature the prayer was, so they felt softly onward untill he had finished. hen he ceased praying he arose to his feet and and began to 2 walk southward. Then Starring called after him and said.

"Hey my my friend, let us have your company."

The man stopped at his bidding, and they came up to him. As soon as one of the nearest of the rangers came up t him he whispered to gtarring; ; ;;;;

"General am sure I know this man."
"sho is it."!
"He is a victim of the flood. He prays every day for aid from Heaven for his country. He wants to go and fight, but he is rejected because of his age. He comes from the city of El Verso, and he certainly is a right goood man." So the Ranger and the man came up to one another, and presently the man said to the

Ranger .:

"Oh is that you seorge!"

"Ay, said the ranger" that is who I am, as sure as you are Mike."

"Right glad I am to see you" said the man whose name was Michal Staring. "I am glad that we have come together once more."

"and I am sure glad too," said the other," that I observed you upon your kness."

Then wike blushed and said; "Did you reallly see mo?"

"Tes I did said the other, and my heart was very glad at the slight."

W" WEll what did you think." said Mike.

"Think" said the Ranger! "What do you think I should be thingnig thinking. I thought We had a good man upon the road, and therefore should have his company by and by. "If you thought of no other way, how happy , am then. But if , be not as desired, I must alone bear it."

"That is true" said the Ranger," but your fear further confirms me that things

are right between us and you.

Then said walter starring himself;

"Would you mind tolling us, what caused you to be upon your knees untill we came up to you? Was it that something unusual was happening or how?"

Wike looked at him and said;

"Sir, you see we are in a part of the disaster zone, and as I was coming along I was musing with myself of what a dangerous location this was just now, and how many that have come so far on an investigation of the region, have here been stopped by the enemy or destroyed. I thought also of the manner of the death, which this great disaster had destroyed such a f a awful numbers. Those that died here, died suddenly, died violently.

As I was thus musing, I met with one of very pleasent attire, that presented "Wall what then?" himself to me, and offered me three things, to wit, a lot of money, honor and glory if I would leave the r gion regionand not say anythint to any one-Now the truth is , was very weary and sleepy, I am also very poor having lost all in the flood, and that perhaps the man who ever he was knew. Well I repulsed him once or twice, but he put by my repulses and continued to beset me. Then I began to be angry, but he did not make nothing of that at all, but made offers again and said if , would abide by his wishes, he would make me a rich man. "For" said

he" I am famous the world over, and I have lots of money to give way. "

hen I asked him his name, but he refused to tell me, and therefore this set me further from him, but he still followed me with enticements. Then I betook me as you observed to my knees, and with hands lited up, prayed to our plessed Lord for help. Just as you came up this strange gentleman went his way. Then I gave thanks to Him for my deliverance, for I verily believed he intended no good at all, but rather sought to stop me in my own work. You see sir I am a guide in these parts, and show people around the disaster zone,

"Without doubts his designs were bad" said Angeline Riches herself. "But now you talk of him, I believe I have one either seen him, or have read something of

him."

"P erhaps you have done both" said Mike.

"Starring said. "So the fellow would not tell you his name. Was he tall, comely, and something of a swarthy complexion .. / ?"

"You have hit it right sir, he is just as you say."

"Did he not speak very smoothly, and always give a smile at the end of a

"you guessed it right again, for these were his very actions."

"Did he have very much money in his pocket, and was not his hand very often fingering her money, as if it was his heart s delight."

"Yes. Had he stood by all this while, cou you could not have more amply have set

him forth before me, nor have better described his features .. "

"This men said Starring is" is a dangerous spy of some sort, and it is by virtue of his efforts, that this ground is watched by Clandelinian hordes, and who ever does follow his advice, might as well lay his head down on a block to have it cho chopped of, and he is sure one of the sworn enemies of ar our lessed Lord. This is he that maintains in their splendor all those that do all they can to frustrate the Christian cause. He is a great gi gossiper, he is always both he

and his followers, at one persons heels or another, now commending, and promishing riches to those who will give in to his desires. He is a bold and impudent agent of the onemy, and he will talk with any one he knows is coming for on an investigatioj o on of this place. He highly commends the Glandalinian cause, and if there be one cunning enough to get information from the christians for him, he will speak well of him from camp to camp. He hasegiven it out in some places that he is a professional Glandelinian agent, and therefore many Glandelinian generals have great confident in him. He has his times for open places of cheating for the sake of his cause, and he will say and try to prove it, that none can show as much tarlent as he can le promishes to help the Menleys out in everything possible, and he will ca cast at of his purse gold like dust to those who help him gain the information he desires to learn. A person like nim is dengerous."

"Oh what a mercy it is that , did resist him" said wike, "For what might he have

done to me?"

"What he might do" said starring, " no one but God knows. But to be sure he would have caused to to give up your useful life to the benefit of the enemys cause. Was this man who set germania vivian against his gather amperor Vivian, and the Manleys to take the main lead orb of the landelinian armies. It was he who persauded the garrisons of Vivian Wickey before the war broke out to take possession of the fortifications and turn traitor, and prevailed with them to forsake the Christian life, and become enemies of the Abbicannian cause. He is dangerous. If I could spot him I'd bring him down right good too. wherefor my good man, you have done right in repelling him."

After this they came a little into a better section of country, and here because they were more weary than before, they were comep compelled to rest themselves. This locality he had once been a perfect paradize before the disaster had occured. Orchards and vineyards had existed here in numerous stretches, bells of beautiful churches had rang, and all sounds of melodious kinds had frequently sounded, and nce all now all was desolation. As there was no telling what might happen no one of the parties dared to sleep without grong g strong guards being placed. The

The guards would walk to and fro, but how sometimes their ears were filled with startling and rotten noises. And horrid visons visions. In this land they heard nothing,, felt nothing, smelled nothing, that tasted to their sa satisfaction, and when attempting to drink some of the more placid parts of remaining flood waters, it tasted it quite bitter. Starring had kept a record of the places the Rangers desired him to visit and investigate, so that he could also if pssible start a history of this greatest of all disasters ever known in story writing.

It was here also much discoursed, how the flood waters had to some, had had its violent courses, and how long it had taken for it to go off. Beautiful once this part of the country had been, and the children of the towns towns and villiages used to go into the fields and woods and gather nose gays and all manner of flowers for each other, friends and for alters,, and bring to each other much love and arfection. Here also had grown plants that campohr is made from, besides spikenard saffron, cala mus, and cinnamon, and with all kinds of beautiful plants and trees and the like ... with these many houses had been perfumed, and now what could be

seen, desolation, and nothing else...

Now while they remained here for rest, there came riding up from the other direction on a horse a messenger wi h matter of great importance to one of the Chief mangers. Inquiry was made for him, and when he was located the messengers presented him with a m letter of which no one but he could read. When the Ranger had read the letter, the messenger gave him a sure token, that he was a true messenger and not a disguised foe, and who had come to advise him in his way of guiding Starring and his followers tyrough through the danger zone while the investigation of the flooded regions was under way. The token was a star, and a letter from the Vivian Girls themselves. when he realized this was true the Ranger called for thethree the the four child scouts, and told them how matters were ... The Girls themselves told him they were heartily glad of the news, and could have been glad had the messenger came for them. Then he asked them to give him advice, of how all things should be prepared for hi chis effort so he too could conduct the party,, through the danger zonec without mishap. So Angeline pichees said,;

"You must do as be too bid you as we know all the country from coast to coast, and no boasting either. Then she called ctarring, and the officers of the expedition about her, to give the whole tribe their blessig, and told them that she recieved with comfort the news that they were soon to go through the first main m part of

the advanture. Then she said to starring;

"Sir you have in all places, showed yourself true hearted, therefore now when we go shead, be faithful in your course unto death even if need be, and we will probably discover some clue whether it was an eruption that did this, or whether the enemy was responsible. I would also entreat you, to have an eye and ear for everything you see and hear,, and if anybtime to see something unusual keep track of it and we will help you we will we must have a fair day when we set out from this section, and that we must keep our eyes open so the enemy won't surprise us in ambush among ruins. We now long to accomplish the mission, yet however the weather is we can accomplish it if we try."

Our travels have been with some difficulty, but that will make our success all the sweeter. But let us all watch and be ready, for at any hour or minute when we think not the enemy might surprise us. We can also be thankful for our present deliverance from the forest fires, our successful engagements with parties of the enemy, and that we have reached so far in safty. But yet we must be watchful, and hope for our success in the end. We cwere so tar delivered from our worse t enemy the forest fires, therefore we can hope for the best. We can all be thankful that we were delivered from the fatal perils met in these now dangerous forests, that we at least might live long enough to the adventure through, or even the full end of the big war, and see it come out as victorours for the christian cause aswe hope it will be. Only I advise others to repent of their actness to fear and doubt of the outcome of our adventure before we came to its ending, lest those who do shall be forced to a stand before our generals and ...iolet . and her sisters for that fault with blushing and shame, and facing the names of those on the disgrace discharge list, or the firing squads ... """

Then she called for Penrod himself and Radcliffe also, and told them as follows; "We have recieved the message to push our adventure through, at this point, and then go no where else but where we can seek the information. If we succeed all will be well." The roadway here was lined up with all the troops and men under starring, ready to march on for La Polama the first destination for the investigation, for they must hear the stories from Survivors as directed and write them down before going to view what i : is left of abbicann. The banks of the river also were full of horses and men also as most of the rangers are all mounted always. Angeline Riches the guide came forth and entered the river first, beco c beckening to those on horseback to follow first, and the others were to follow next as they all of course had to swim across.

Most of the otherws were thrilled with excitement over this new part of the great undertaking, and those assigned to do so formed to their respective places like all soldiers do.

Inn In process of time those all on horseback got across, but found the water much deeper than at first expected. Therefore a messenger was sent across, who said to the leader of the Rangers;

"I have been sent to you by Angeline Richee, to tell you that many of your men whil will have to take some of the others on your horses and make repeated trips as the stream is too doep, and the current too strong for swimming. Wherefore lets start so all can get across in no time."

At this the Runger called to all his followers and said;

"We will have to take the rest on our horses too and go over with them several times untiil all are over."

So he desired all the officers of the unmounted men to go forward on their horses first, and they addressed themselves for the journey. When the Ranger came to the brink of the river he said:

"Now every one of you be careful and do not slip off." nd they all started across." One of those who were still waiting said;

"Since we have nothing else to do but wait, to what purpose will this end I wonder. As for this territory, that we will soon be into into the dangerous part, therefore we must all look well to ourselives, and keep our eyes and ears peeled. You know what we all have been in the forests, and how troublesome we have behaved ourselves to every party of the enemy who appeared . My hope is that our efforts will be more than successful from the very day we enter La Polama, for I know that we will interview survivors there if they know enything about of the explosions. For to be plain with you all, there are many who went to La Polama from the explosion region after the flood horrors had passed, the which we can intertain, when we first enter the town, and could learn much which General ctarring wishes v very much to find out before he goes to Abbieann as he so far believes all descriptions of the explosions have been immeasureably exaggerand. And we can walk about and seek intertainment of the surv wrs survivors of that town but for our sakes, and their own, do not any one of you bungle up the game, and be careful we do not converse with secret enemies. """"

When the time came for them to depart, they went to the brink of the river. Whice they were riding across the leader who led said;

"We are all commanded to be ready for any emergency on the other side as Angeline Richee suggested to general starring, for there is something suspicious at one place. As for what it is she yet does not know, but we might nevertheless meetwith some difficulty .We must all lookto the good loading of ail our weapons. for it may be a force of the enemy is forming to reppe repell us... Although it was my luck to be much in your good company, yet since the time being all have been very profitable to me. We must all prepare for a summons, we must prepare for any change on the other side, for Starring is not willing that we should be surprised by the enemy. You need not need not doubt the tr & truth of my message, for you'll see plain enough when we are across. I supposse suppose most of us when we came from home left behind wives and children Mothers and fathers, and sons and daughters, or brothers and sisters, so let me entroat you for I know that we must all go through it now in hopes that you and T may yet be a conductor for other soldiers and adventuerers if we survive, and when we have a chance We cansend to our families, and let them be all acquainted with all that hath and shall happen to us rell them also of our art arival to the disaster zone, and of the present condition the places still are in. Tell them also of general starring, and

and child scout guides and how they did a lot for all of us. Tell them also of what a happy end we are expecting, and tward where we are going. We have nothing so far to send to our familes families, ex except it pe prayers and tears for the "

"Another said," no doubt this ficod has been a terror to many, yea the thought of of it have often frightened meanut now since we see it has gone to a good extent to or at last t on this location we need no fear. I see myself and others near to the best goal of this adventure, and toilsome days to come."

A third man said;

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"I hope to see in Lapolma my own father and mother for I observed in the papers they must have survive survived as their names were not in either the death or missing list. I have formerly lived in Pandora before the catastrophe, but now we have lived in La Polama, and when we get there I hope I shall be with them for a short time, and maybe they too can tell us a lot of things for the countrys good. My little sister too was there. I loved to hear the pieces she just used to speak, and wherever I had seen the print of her shoes, there I knew she had played. Her name has been as sweet as a civet box, yea sweeter than all perfumes. Her voice has been most sweet, and her con countenance I have desired more than others. And my mother has held me and I long to see them all again. He did as we will know also do a lot for me, that is my father."

Now while he was thus in discource, they all were across the stream, and it was glorous to see the open region filled with horses and men led by two beautiful girl scout children. As for the impending attack, itdid not come after all, for it was apparent that the foe might have been too small in numbers or, that the imposing size of the party

scured the enemy so he changed his mind.

The appailing war catastrophe which visited the whole middle and southern parts of Calverinia down on from the city of Abbieann and the explosion area and elsewhere throughout the whole of engall county and tate, resulting in the destruction of as many towns and cities as might be in the whole whited tates, and outh America combined, and nearly fifteen million lives, and rendering more than 256,000,000 homeless, was for the first part brought to view of its aftermath when starring reached within sight of his first goal of La Polama city where nearly fifty thousand lives or more had been lost. The city respectfully was still in its appearance after the disaster, the inhabatnats haveing no means to rebuild, and the heart of every one of the av adventurers shuddered at every section of this calamity which resule resulted in the sudden deaths of so many unknown numbers of people first, by blast and concussion and then by an ir estible irrestible flood that left even its effects untill now.

The first part of the party onnthe afternoon of August the Fifteenth went near the suburbs of the city. Here one citizen on being questioned estimated the loss of life at fourty thousand including the Mayor of the city, the general commanding the city garrison, and two hundred and fifty soldiers who were armed before the disaster to pacify the panic stricken people during the outrageous floo , and prevent Locting after the disasters. Here the adventuerers saw huge trees that had been torn up by their roots and laid flat by the force of the waters, not one being left standing, and other indications showed the sea of flood waters had passed about the city at extreme tidal wave velocity. Here and many other places gtarring was to views the scenes following after the deadly explosions and flood horrors, to hear stories of the frantic efforts of the people to escape the death horror, the present appearance of the ruined cities not entirely swept away, and a full description of what they see of the great wreck jam at Mildred greenburg and Big Girl Knool.

Starring found many in La Polama city who knew all about the scenes of Abbieannm and one of these was the new Mayor of the city, whom gtarring interviewed and while they conversed Angeline Riches wrote down all that was said by the Mayor, while

Jennie wrote down Starrings words. The Mayor said thus;

"So far as can be known general, no one is believed to have been saved of all those who were at Abbieann when the explosions and floods occurred at least of the population. The commanders of armies sent to investigate as soon as the force of the flood had gone down reported by one colock on the eighteenth of june, that the entire country side was wrapped in flames raging in its forests. They endeavored to save persons fleeing from towns, more or less burned. His officers went ashore in small boats, seeking for refugees, but were unable to penetrate the region so int n intense was the heat. when approaching the north side of Abbiemn they saw heaps of charred bodies upon the river wharves, therefore it is believed that not a single person in the town at the time escaped both explosion and flood .. "

"That still seems to be exaggerated" said Starring. "But how about the shipping in

the city's river harbors. Did any escape.?"

"Maybe the only vessel to escape from the danger zone sir was a foriegn steamer which arived at gacramento, Abbicannia six days after. She got out of the river harvor harbor by slipping her cables by the time of the explosions but lost all ty the crew. Her captian and two mates were seriously injured, and was placed in the hospil hospital at Sactamento. All of his own officers, and engineers and a great number or of passengers wwere dead or dying. All of the orew is dead. Many jumped overboard and were lost. Of the many other hundreds of vessels which were destroyed in the harbor and river near by all are said to be Abbieannians and Calverinians. The Pandora Steamship Companys Steumer called the Salso was among those destroyed also. Even some of the survivors claim it was a mile off from the biggest of the explosions. Others told me she was

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wrecked by a most terrible and strange upheavel of land and river caused by the concuccion of the explosions. All of ner crew, and two hundred passengers were lost. Most of her passengers were among the persons en route from Francis Atlanta, to Pandora...

The Mayors wife then a said; "I was on the Calverinian schooner called the Mic-Hollester Run Traveler, which arived at Meldorn at three cclock in the afternoon of June the 2th. We had been compelled to floe from the vinicity of the flood by taking other streams going westward, in consequ n consequence of a heavy sea of waters swarming all over the land. The ship I rode tried to reach Calverine, but the effects of the calamity prevented from from her from doing so. I had seen or heard some of the explosion too. The steamer had arived opposite of Abbieum on the early night of May the 3Ith. While about ten miles off from the city, we thought from the noise a number of volcances had blown themselves to pieces, and rushing to the decks we ream a rain of flery something sweeping down upon the whole town of AdeleHeid destroying the city and shipping there, including the big dredges, and also observed where Abbiecan should be was a heavy dense cloud which obscured everything from view. There was a flash there too, and afterwards we were hidding from each other on deck by a thick fog of smoke and strang strange dust that was falling upon us. We desired to have the captian go up there and see what happened, when after a pause again came such awful eruptions, and an immense mass of what looked like fire enveloped southern Appleann and a part of Adeleheid. This repeated for fifteen minutes and the noise and shock was territic. we are not know what had really occurred but we feared the entire population of either city had perished. We brought back some of the survivors from Adoleichd Adoleheid city. All the shipping in that harbor about a hundred craft of all kinds has been destroyed by a rain of debris and fire. The flood of horror continued.

Fearing of a dire consequence the captian ordered the ship to return to Pandora with all the speed possible, and to forward details of the disaster to the first post we could arive at. It was feared that the population of both si cities had perished and when alater we found it at least happened at Abbieann you cannot imagine our feelings. We had tried to reach Abbieann but could not as a sudden torrent barred our way and fortunately we were not caught in it."

"There is one thing that surprised me" said Starring."I recieved at six oclock on theafternoon of the fourth day of June, two telegram messages from the straight west from the Secretary general of the Government headquarters of Bengall State, George H. Turpo, sont respectfully, at 10 A.M., and II,30 P.M. The earlier c telegram reported that there had been some astonishing " ERUPTIONS" between Adelsheied and Abbieann, but it was added in view of reports that the eruption of a whole country side had wiped out the whole of Abbieann, all shipping available for the river cruises, and started a flood which cut off all means to giving aid to ay number of refugees, which if needed could have been dispatched to assist the surviving inhabitants of those places if there were any. I really showed the letter to the Vivian Girl Princesses, laughing and telling them that some man out of hi his head had sent it to me. Yet however the second dispatch confirmed the reports of the destruction of abbien Abbieannn, and all the country all about and far beyond, and thousands of river shipping, by a rain of fire and "lava" and said it was supposed that the whole population of Abbisann had been annihilated, with the exception of those of the city which had been away elsewhere at the time and who returned to find their city under a flood .. "

"Why did you ridicule these dispatches. ?"

"Simply because at first I did not believe them. But the two came from different persons. One came from a party I never knew. The other confirmed itto me because I knew the hand writing and w could not thendoubt it. It came from Gertrude Angeline. She wrote that a crazed storm of fire, smoke, debris, and fire enveloped the north part of the city, and a concussion lasting fifteen minutes with a series of crasy shakes like an earthquake overthrow a good part of the city killing all who in their beds at the time. She said she could never figure the death list but only those who escaped with their lives were not in the city at the time. She said all the vessels within the city on the rivers were broken up or burned and sunk with all on board, mostly all Calverinian ships, . The Mayor of the city andthe Governer of Abyssinkile gtate were reported among the victims. I therefore thought it strange because she would not write anything like that just to start any excitement. She explained her experience there with her girl and boy scout friends and how they escaped the great flood. It was a fact that the Abyssij Abyysinkilian Governor lost his life. He was born in Abyssinkile, and was appointed from Abbieannian Governmental Aurthorities to be Governer of Abyesinkile. He went to Abbieann to visit some relatives there, his father and mother no doubt. Other dispatches recieved by general Vivian gave the details of the Abbieann disaster and said that many hundreds of thousands were killed, but there had been no time for even a panic. The explosions began at two minutes after Twelve. At first all the wild reports were that there were earthquakes and volcanic eruptions from the ground, and that Abbieann had been swallowed into the bowels of the earth. What made somany believe that is because the whole country around Abbieann had been enveloped in a strange fog. Investigations are or had been trying to prove that the eruptions were too scattered to be of a volcanic eruption even f of such force lasting fifteen minutes. Itnat That is why violet and her sisters want me to investigate and also go within Manleys lines to find out who and what caused the disaster. At the time in the island of Plato a volcano was active and that led to

the conviction that the catastrophe was caused by a volcanic disturbance. I know that as soon as the disaster has known our Covernments as far as possible immediately took measures for the relief of the sufferers from the disaster of Bengall State. River cruisers and strong boats were ordered to proceed to the region without delay, to investigate and report upon the situation and extend aid to the survivors. These boats since then were never heard from."

"That was the strangest part of the situation" said the Mayor. "The action of our Covernment was endorsed and supplemented by the Emperor himself, who passed immediately a bill giving for aid of the distressed mabitants of Calverinia more than nine hundred million dollars. This Bill went through the Main Tribunal with the same impressive promptness as had been in other catastrophes. Even the first day of the news they say was an anxious day for Emperor Vivian. He was herrified by the disaster, but every thing was so cut off that no one could furnish him with any information and the flood itself swept evon Angelinia Agathia. Count De Biff suggested that he be permitted to proceed as far as Heidi Junction, and this permission was granted. The Count could not go as far as Big Girl Knool because of the wild nature of the flood. He sailed on on a ship which was carrying supplies to the stricken.

B"But there was some hopecelsewhere." said Starring. "The Tribunal at Dorothy Gale had been notified on June 3th in the late evening that just then the situation at Lucillie Ricksen City was more orderly, and that the Official there called upon the relief station at at La Polama with the purpose to suggest that ships there we losaed i with provisions be sent to the place, and thatbthe river tugs and other boats could

also proceed to Big Girl Knool. The Official got this message,

"Communication with La Polama broken. City believed wiped out as is surrounded by a torrent of water. Render such assistance for La Polama as possible. Use your decretion and report t by Cable when practibable as all communication is destroyed on land. Newspaper correspond ints can come if you are willing." And yet no aid could be sent." "Our Country" said the Mayor " in all our disasters led in the caring for the stricken in Calverinia, "Even in time of need elsewhere Calverinia herself and all her people never have under any conditions failed yet to be moved by the cry of distress, which had come up from other lands and our own. So we did all we could to extend our sympathy and aid for our unfortunate States, and tried to send abundant stores, of means necessary to succor those upon whom the enemy had so suddenly hurled a sudden and most overwhelming calamity. Yet little could be done as the flood barred all means of sending provisions and rescue as fast as desired.

Even Emperor Vivian thought the reports of the disaster might have been exaggerated. But the fact of so much communication being destroyed with Angelinia Agathia and all parts of the country began to make him believe the disaster was far more immeasureable than the worst of reports could confirm."

"But it seemed unusual" said Starring "That the supplies could not reach the region by boat. They could have been dispatched to the distressed people by boats, even if the

distance to the destination prevented the supplies comingvery soon."

"But no boar boat or ship could live out the flood, the only passage way then." said the Mayor."I Learned that from dozens of neighboring cities nearest the flood zone, all craft were prepared to be rushed to the relief of the stricken region, and to even sucor the survivors of the stricken cities and towns, if any were left to tell the tale. The city of Cuningdan was only twelve miles away from the flood, and the ships were hurried to La P lama, and should have reached there within an hour from their departure. Even from the cities of Guadeloupe junction, St Lucia, St Vincent De Paul, and St Thomas and Peter, relief expeditions were sent, and none of these were heard from untill four weeks they returned with no success in their trip and badly battered and wrecked."

"Since I was in the army I had heard lots about the great disastor " said Starring. "Speculation had been very anxious as to the fate of neighboring cities and towns. There were hundreds of villiages and towns with a total population of over 12,000,000 within the circle of explosion destruction. Many of these were much nearer to the supposed eruptions than was Abbieann or Adeleheid. The city of San Salvador, a place of about 100,000 people was closest to the biggest explosion. Lying elsewhere, directly to the north of Abbieann, were many others, including the city of San Pellic, Perfecto Junction, and claim. Gertainly all c who could have must have fled before the flood broke loos. Loose. The whole country of Calverinia is thickly populated as wel all we all know, and the south is filled with people. All these then not su seperated from the north bythe by the war drama got their provisions mainly and only from Abbieann and Adeleheid, and with the destruction of these big cities, there sure must have been serious trouble if not famine, among the people. We cannot tell what is going on now as little communication as yet has been restored. Abbisann was the chief commercial town of the whole of Abbieann in Abbieannia in general, not only of the Calverinia State but of all our Abbieannian States and Provinces and big sea islands along the coast and elsewhere. Therefore our country or State was indeed paralyzed.

"inhen I lived at Abbieann" said the Mayor, " even though other great disasters occured elsewhere, no one ever thought of having the least fear of a great disaster in thosecparts, those parts. During the eight months of the war I was there there was never the slightest sign of a coming disaster, or any other indication that the enemy was ever around. There had been early in the war a battle there of course, but no one worried as long as it turned a christian vit victory."

We could see a terrible rage of the forest fire to our left, and though it was fully twenty miles away, it looked looked so big in the smoke clouds as to be only a mile, and could see the flames issueing from the clouds or through the clouds with t rrific stretches. The whole country side through which we were running was dark, and clouds of smoke heavy as thunderclouds had been over our heads for all the time we were on the train and in Abbieann before the disaster. The Smell of burning trees was so strong that horses in the streets of towns stopped and snorted, and many of the people were obliged to wear wet handker i handkerchiefs over their faces to protect them from the strong fumes of the smoke. I wonder if the forest fires struck something and started off those ernormous explosions, or did the enemy take advantage of the conflagration and lay off hud mines in its path. ????***

"That is hard to say" said the Mayor, but it is "but it is likely. But as I learned afterwards horror over the calamity had been the controlling feeling of the whole nation, and also came the sense of sympathy for residents here, whose hearts were breaking under the strain of waiting for d finite news of loved ones in the stricken region. Indeed as we all know the magnitude of the catastrophe in Bengall State, State not counting the flood was such as to appall everybody. It came with the suddeness of a thunderclap ff from a clear sky. The reading world itself did not know that such a thing could have occured, and believed that after showing signs of action a volcano of mighty force had devastated the landscape, not knowing that secretly in that neighborhood the enemy had been showing signs of action. Even when the first news of the disaster was broadcasted by telegram and courier there was an immediate thought among all the people who first b heard of the horror of giving forth relief and succorr to the surviving victims of the calamity, but when they heard also that most of all the towns inthe explosion and flood area could not be communicated with or were wiped out with all their population then the whole nation was afraid. This caused immediate measures to be taken. Did did out novernment in other states act prop p promptly, but strong Committees, were formed in every part of the Abbiemnnian country, for the purpose of collecting money and supplies, and also sent investigators to learn the through nature of the disaster, so that it can be found out if the news were not exaggerated or not ... Knowing the places around Abbieannia as I do, I myself had little doubts that the disaster could be worse than described, but it was, and my anxiety for the fate of my parents and other relations and wife and children who we were in that city was great as they had been in Abbieann. It was fortunate , found them here, having come a month before the disaster. There had been several eruptive explosions and awful floods elsewhere throughout Calverinia as we all know, but who could ever had expected such a a terrible catastrophe as that which occured during June, besides many otys others elsewhere elsewhere the same month..It has been seen by now from many investigations that none of the reports could have been exaggerated. The real horror never will be told. Undoubted ly when the christians have been so victorious up here and some where else, the people of these towns and cities, though there would be no disaster, and therefore when the fatal explosions came, and the floods also all were caught asleep in their homes, victims of the false security, engendered by previous reports of great christian victories here and therd.. there. My sister who lived in grancis Atlanta at the time was terribly prostrated over the news of the terrible disaster, as her parents, and mine too had resided had resided in Abbieann. On learning of the supposed volcanic eruption from the ground and of the population of the city being wiped out by the disuster, she swooned and was in a serious condition for ays adays . My parents and others all were believed to have been killed. I too was greatly worried and my wife also. It was three weeks before we learned they were not at Abbieunn being away at tye the time, and lived, but it was a long time before my sister recovered from the first shock.

I also had a friend in Adeleheid, whose whose bridge of less than three years was als also completely prostrated and in addition was in a delicate condition. With her were

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her mother father, and two daughters each one and two years of ago, her parents vainly trying to cheer her with what were feared to be false hopes. They feared also she would not survive her coming ordeal h if reports were brought that her husband was dead. Her husba Her husband, who had been in the gtae four years, was an tive of worthern Abbieannia where his father, a wealthy man still lives. In Abbieunn he met his wife, and about three years before the disaster he married her. They settled in a flat, and later he was called for by the covernment to be interviewed about the war, he being a count. The poor wife sat surro nd surrounded by friends, and every time the door bell rang she started. Of course she was not permitted to answer the summons, but anxiously asked if there was any news. Fortunately for this poor woman her husband was being interviewed over some important matter with Emperor Vivian at the time of the disaster, and hearing of it, and fearing his wifes grief over his supposed death, hastened to her, but because of conditions was not able to reach her in grancis Atlanta untill a week after the flood and found her in a prostrated condition. Many others of course did not fare

Some time later gtarring and his followers roumed about the town and taking in some of the sights, reviewing some of the still remaining remaining rules, and points where the floods had swept. After thus rouming around for a full day Angeline Richee herself came upon a caption of a ship, and she after showing him her identification asked him if he had had any experience of the flood and other disasters near Abbisann, and its vinicity.....

"I saw nothing much of much of the flood, and thank god for that!" gaid the captian. But I had an experience which I'll nover forgot all my life. puring the afternoon of the last day of May I was directing my steamer the BeeBee which had left Pandora the midnight before for Abbicann with a large number of passengers. I reached the Pover Docks by the River some distance northeast of the city of Abbiann Abbienn, and I was giving orders to the First Mate, when we heard a terrible thunder noise that threw us flat on our faces from the shock, and an ernormous cloud of smoke and dust and glowing debris rushed upward and forward with terrific velocity over the city and river docks completely enveloping in an instant the whole scene before us in a sheet of flame and clouds and raiti raining debris and flaming objects on board the ship. My second mate who had been on shore had jet tim just time to climb on board whon his boat disappeared. Many of my s crew even in their bunks in the forecastle were mysteriously scorched to death. owever my little girl, by most superhuman efforts, having steam still up full strength the anchor was drawn suddenly, and the steamer backed away from the shore,, and nine hours later managed to reach Pandora, my ship beyond recognition, covered with mud, dust, wreck age of ground and trees, and her rigging dismantled, and the awnings hanging abouid, torn and charred and two smokestacks gone. Twen'y five of the Beebees crew were lying dead when we got into pandora, all of them contoreted contorted, and entirely burned out of human semblance, among the broken black cinders of r burned wreckage which covered the ships decks to nearly threece three feet. After we reached Pendors three more of the crew died. I will have to say that the surviving crew were loud in their praises of the heroic conduct of our First Mate, who steered his vessel out of the danger with his own hands, which were burned badly by the rain of fire, which kept falling on the ship for miles after she got under way as other terrific eruptions or blasts continued one after another. Beyond burns all of his body, the Mate was safe, as also was the first Mate, though he is awfully scorched.""

As Starring himself learned afterwards, in La Polama itself during the flood all the the shipping was utterly destroyed, being swept away or standed on ground not deep enough for the vessels to float. Also at Abbiean all the shipping was destroyed by the explosions, and after the crash, the Abbieunnian war cruiser, reported standing off off shore fifteen miles down the river, sounding her whistles and sending up sky rockets. The whole country side was blazing for scores of miles according to the report from the crew, and also the whole county seemed to be blown up in the air by eruptions of a strange and most terrible kind. During a lull in the uproar the war ship sent a few boats ashore but they could not land on account of the terrific terrific heat, the strunge hackward flow of the river, and by other disasters accompanied by loud ear splitting explosions. Not a living soul appeared ashore, after the boats had waited for two hours, even when the river seemed to turned ointo a lake. During one of the eruptions fire and debris fell over this steamer also

The first mate of the Steamer Rose Marie, also in Abbidann at the time of the disaster, which was lost in the h River Harbor at Abbieann in the south,, thus described the disaster to Starring;

"Between Twelve, and rifteen after twelve oclock, at midnight rather, with June Ith just beginning to arive, there came without the slightest warning a noise as if the whole State itself was going to fly up to the stars, and a dreadful cloud of smoke and flame came upon us in whirlwind fashion, suddenly also sweeping dlw down upon the north part of the city, and before the concussion the highest houses fell to ruin the convulsion being like an earthquake. The crushes came again, each uproar increasing in noise and force, and within my sight in the harbor with mine were ahoored about a hundred and fif teen vessels. Because of the concussion and force of

the eruntions all of the vessels except the one was on turned over on their sides or bursted into flame. Other boats sank instantly and at the same moment, and there seemed to be a commotion in the river, and the sky itself appeared as if on fire. Every house during those fifteen minutes were utterly hisheken down. I sent an officer ashorecafter to the uproar had ceased and he only found a few buildings standing, and streets literally filled with corps and corpses and the city in the lower section seemed to have sunk down into the river, and a flood was beginning......

"Starring then said; "My first throught when T read of the destruction of Abbieann, and the whole country around by explosion, and the awful flood and other conglomeration of disasters occurring was that it was simply the history of other former disasters repeate d but on a hundred fold greater scale. We should have known that if it is the Glandelinians who can be suspacted that we should have been prepared, for the morals of the population of wicked Clandelinian generals and their followers are so bad, that they make the worse of fiends and lost soulse souls compare to innocent children to them. Good sensitive and human generals were the exception among the clandelinians. Such few could be known as Leonia Meldonia Fig. Fignell, Izner Mylstze, and others. No one could to save his life picture the vice, cruelty and immerality of the Glandelinians vividly enough. They have to be fully known to be understood. Therefore they are bad enough to cause any such disaster like this. In Abbicant and othercities and towns, the people were simply like rats in a trup when asleep, and had to way to turn, he ever thought of believing the disasters to be cruptions proceeding from the surface of the ground over such an extent. Thu birnest crater caused by the explosion as I have been told lays about fourty two miles to the north and west of Adeleheid. And could be reached after hard work. It was very steep with precipitous sides and rough rocks and sarth and debris. The smallest crater is said to be about two hundred varie in diameter, and eighty feet deep or more. At each crater is found a lake, probably the holes having been either filled up by the floods, or the water had cozed up ff from below. All kinds of investigations were made of these craters but no one over succeeded in finding proofs that they were formed by sruptions from under the ground an declared in the first reports. While I was in my younger days in Abbieann I secured a pleasant little place on top of a high fertile hill covered with flowers and woods behind the city, where it was cooler in summer, and colder in winter. The city in samer was excessively hot, there being little breeze in that section of the country, and any breezes from the sust was cut off entirely by the mountains mountains in that direction.

The inhabitants of Abbieann were very or unusually righteous,, charitable, loving respectable, and excitable. I remember that during my stay, the two big disaster further south occured. The explosion at Lake Selicia shook Abbieann, and everything shook and rattled, and the people ran out into the streets and began praying and cryig crying. The women acreamed and fan fainted, the children cried, and altogether excitement prevailed supremo. Then they recovered and learned of the disasters southward they all pitched in ro to give what the could and to aid in every way possible. I cite this to give an idea of what must have occured when the disaster overtook the city and destroyed it and all the people within without a moments warning. It is believed if the catastrophe had occured during the day time the loss of life would not have been so severe. .

Another man a said when interviewed by Starring;

"The whole country country side as we first believed sir, had been in a state of the most violent "eruption " on all record for fifteen minutes. The midnight hour came upon us in the town of El Verso with what we thought heavy thunder following the worse of lightning flashes, which for fifteen minutes chans changed into a continuous most tremendous roar, followed and concluded by four horrible bangs that sounded to me as if the mountains of Calverinia and the country in general was being blown to the the sun-I rose from my bed, and went outside to see what was wrong as terrific con cussions followed and the house had ewayed and my windows went out. I saw vast clouds of smoke r se over the northern horizon, becoming denser and denser, and even at our town stones and debris of earth fell, and even pon all the near by estates, destroying a vast ammount of property. The ground shock violently at ten minutes after twelve, but still more violently after the four main crashes. Twenty four hours later our city was enveloped in a mighty flood and we sure lif lived long days and nights of terror and suffering. The storm of noise roused about Abbieann they say all those fifteen minutes without intermission but after fifteen minutes it became intermittent and fainter. As I heard a report from Mildred Greenburg, and also from St Marie sayy says that even on the early and late morning of June First the sky was heavily overcast, the heat was excessive, and that during the night there was a distant sound of loud rolling thunder, with the last booms very loud. The flood came there too. The Mayor of Francis Atlanta still further away, declared of hearing at midnight and later loud reports resembling the firing of ernormous cannons. All morning there was darkness and the smell of powder, accompanied by a strong downpour of fine dust which continued for several minutes. The people of Francis Atlanta wondered what had occured."

Although Calverinia is an earthly paradize it had been since the war began as well as parts of Angelinia and other states saij subjected to the wildest convulsions of the awful war. The first of the Christian armics moving in to drive the fee from the land were told of the florce plandelinion armies which would descend upon them at unexpected times and the christian argies soon learned that their strongest numbers

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was indes or indispensable against the Glandelinian hordes. But disasters they never expected. The great hurricane of fire which earlier in the war destroyed Irientown and other places, struck places further north, and was at first believed to have caused the ernormous explosions by striking ernormous munition plants in the vinicity of Abbaeann-It was the first forest fire that Starring ever observed and it made an impross lon on his mind. He did a rescue act fit for the Movies too for he enatched a little fugitive gi 1 gil girl frm from a creek into which she thought she could seek refuge and rode away on horseback with her, just as the full fury of the storm burst upon them and their only refuge was in a large opening in the side of a low hill, where other refugees had sought shelter. Scarcely had Sturring entered with the terrified child than the hurricane of wind, and searing flames was upon them in all its fury .

The whole forest writhed, and bent beneath the screaming typhoon, the trees were quickly stripped of their branches or forcibly worooted, and hurled through the air or to the ground. The flames finally came p like a wave following the tempest, the hill was surrounded in a " world afire", and the air within became hot to suffocation and smoke invaded, means and cries arosed from the terrified refugees, but the little, girl rescue rescued by Starring uttered not a word. Close clasping him around his necks with her little arms, she lay quiet and caml calm. The hours passed slowly, and soon it was quiet without, but all vas smoke and still leaping flames. The darkness that accompanied the advance of the fire storm, caused by the dense clouds of smoke, had been despelled by the fires main passage, but the air was still smokey and very hot. The wind had died away to a moan, exhausted nature in all her forests within view lay prostrate, burning and smouldering like a volcanic furnace.

Not a single tree was left standing, huge pines, cedars, firs and hemlocks and spruce had been burned to the ground and a dosolation of smouldering ruins of the forest was before their view .. They had to remain in the cave for two days untill

everything cooled down.

The most mournful spectacle was the small town on the edge of the forest just about singed by the fire, for in place of beautiful and stately buildings, were mant many smouldering ruine. The houses of the refugees, were almost entirely destroyed, and soon hundreds of despairing beings were grouping in their smoking ruins. But the crowning desolution of all as Starring said was the total destruction of the towns only church. Only a brick factory, a six story affair and two blocks long remained standing of all the buildings of the town . To this structure the homeless families had to direct their steps. Its walls were of stone, some three week in thickness, irs its flooring heavy, the doorways were broad with granite lintels. The beams supporting the floor were sound and strong and the floors themselves intact, and there the refuges took up their abode. The people never rebuilt the unfortunate town, and thus fate or fortune willed that the refugees should know no other place of residence untill the war storm should spent itself. Starring however doubted the forest fire set off such explosions, even though as stated where the floods did not touch the forest fires were infernal regions of Calverinia. When Starring was intorviewed by the Mayor of La Polama again, the Mayor said;

"I am very thankful sir for the profound sympathy you have showed us because of the appalling calamity which has come upon our state, and which has cost the lives of as nearly as many persons as all the battles of both sides combined so far have done. You have by your visit and the purpose of your visit broughtbme consolation in the name of the Calverinian people to c show your pity for us in the awful catastrophe and we all will join in thanks. Your investigations shows your sympathy, and may the Almighty and His Plessed Mother and all the Saints in Heaven not only comfort the hearts of those who still weep for their most irreparable vlosses but aid you and your followers to find out first the real nature, of the disaster, and then if possible whether clandelini: was responsible or not. I beg you therefore general to accept my warm thanks, and also the gratifude of all the surviving victims, whom you propose to aid in this way. If you wish to reach Abbieann on your way from here,, I have recieved announcement from the Commerical Landunderground cable company that slight river commo communication with Abbieann, is open, via, La Polama, and Francis Atlanta, and thence from Mildregreen and to mildred treaburg, and then straight for Abbleaun.
If sir you get a fast boat, it will take you only four days to reach the spot.

Even now the important jovernment work up north is still partly suspended so that ships with supplies might be disputched ormp promptly. If you can engage the use of one of these ships for your trip you will get there quicker. You can therefore be able to investigate the true nature of this greatest of calamities that had befallen our state. The Governor of Calverinia has telegraphed by cable from Pandora, stating that the disaster is complete, that the city of Abbieum has ceased to exist, and that it is true the whole population has perished. He is informed that in Adeleheid city also that thirty five thousand to fourty thousand po people had lost there lives, and of same city one hundred thousand are homeless and hungry, that there is need of all kinds of information, and that the visit of ships for the work of supply and rescue is imperatively required. If you go there sir maybe you'll hear much details of the expinsions from the survivors.

The Government of Calverinia, while expressing their thanks for the shows of sympathy informs us that Calverinia are still mole threatened by the fires. They

therefore had requested that for the purpose of rescueing the po people were were in such deady peril and threatened with starration, the government of the Abbicannian state my send, as soon as the conditions of the floo will flood will allow, the means of transporting them from the stricken regions. This had been attempted but , have not yet heard anything of the results. The whole northern part of the state of Angelinia had also been seriously menuiced for weeks by the same flood camality calamity which has taken so appalling a form in calverinia. As I read in the papers the Emperor directed the Departments of the Treasury of war and the navy to take also such m asures for the relief of these strick on people as lie within the executive discretion. The flood seemed to have frustrated this too, and maybe also the enemy. I know that throughout the nation most enerous contributions had been made by the people throughout the States of ABbieannia, and every day the ammount had been increased, and which had been believed to be sufficient for the present. Prompt action was necessary as we all n know if the people to be affected were to relieved and rescued at all, but the flood prevented this to a terrible degree, if not also the enemy. S m Some of the Aurtohorities of the Abbieannian Covernment expressed as I heard a great deal of objections t to the proposedlegis proposed legislations, because they feared that no efforts to rescue could be accomplished on account of the nature of the flood. The suffering people victime of the worse of all disasters were suvjects of the great and powerful Kingdom of Abbieannia, a nation whose proud boast i it ha chad been alwaysthat it was able to take care of itself and its own people. Therefore this time the situation was different. Abbieannia could ke help itself it is true, but not its suffering states.

Count De miff told wielst and her sisters, when he interviewed them on the flood situation that he was clad the people of Abbieania were more willing that their covernments should not only express their sorrow for the suffering, but that they were willing that the government should extend the relief as far as prossive possible, but that because of the situation of such a flood, he did not then see how it could be done. Yet many tn things were done by the Emperor and his assistants to show how throughly throughly they sympathies had been enlisted by the distress of the stricken states, and that many ships, including the two warships of the River nic-nollester was ordered to sail imediately from calverine wi with relief supplies, millions of dollars worth of food was to be sent by river transports. five hundred thousand dollars worth of medicine, and an immeasurpable ammount of clothing, but just then no army surgeons and doctors could be spared, because of the woeful numbers of frightfully injured from the battles,, yet other boats were ordered to load with stores, at Prumia,, Albruhambrui, Heidi Turn, and Francis ity and proceed for the disuster zone, river craft of all kind in the north and extreme osouth and east were ordered to get ready for carrying fresh water to the sufferers, and transport steamers were ordered for carrying sun; supplies ory to take away the survivors, and all other boats were asked to co-operate, but all efforts proved fruitless, as the flood took such an extent and had such a force that to navigate the flood rivers and the main floods was sucide.

From this result it will be seen in mayor that the peror Vivium was worried exceedingly day and night for days. Not on nee once did he escaped a busy day... It was indeed so I was informed by Violet, and her sisters that those days were very to busy for All members of every state Government in continuing the good work they had begin in trying to get relief and rescue sent to the destricte of the flood and explosion disaster, and still working to succor those of the part disasters. Count De Diff himself continued also the goo work good work he had begin in ordering all surviving boats to the disaster zone, authoriging the commanders at San ruan

city to send the fleet of workships from Francis Atlanta, and directing that the ships in grancis Anna be made ready for the expedition also . The Secretary of war Hanson Turmer,, find also directed the Commissary general, The Quarter Master General and others to order the full concentration of supplies at the calverinian giver Yrads for shipment on the vessels there and to be sent to the Disaster gone. The Secretary of the Treasury sent notices to the proper offices of his Departments to get revenue cutters and coast survey vessels for remainess for instant s service. Even when puperor Hanson Vivian went to His pulace the morning after the disaster occured, and he had learned of it he had made up his mind personally to supertend superintend the at arrangements for furnishing assistance to the people of the flood and explosion zone, and the first thing he did was to direct all of his Royal Cam Cabinet that hewanted done. The relief measures was not only restricted to Calverinia but to all points, and it was understood that if Abyssinkile and other stricken communities needed assistance it also was to be furnaced. In dact the instructions to ever every one needed permitted them to call at any of the disaster zones where relief may b necessary.

But when either one of the paperors learned that, the Mayors of thirteen cities had lost their lives, that hundreds of cit cities were swept away, and that the loss of live was to crible terrible beyond figuring and would never be known, and that for works no relief could reach the sufferers rease of the flood, they were at a loss of what to do. The main news came to Emeror Vivian from The Vivian Girl Princeacs themselves who samily learned all of the bossible details, and yield herself wrote that the decaster was complete, cities with a out, flood all over the country, and that the loss of live vials and relief and live million had perioded

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and rifty million were homeless and starving. The suggested that some of the Fed Cross be withdrawn from the armies, or se asked to send provisions as quickly as possible. It took three weeks for her message to reach him. Feeling confident that the Government would not neglect his appeal for authority to render assistance to the sufferers of the flooded states, amperor Vivian and also hisbrother, ordered the immediate selection from all stores of supplies, to the ammount of \$900.000.000 that being the sum requested. All shipping captians were ordered to get these supplies ready, and soon the relief vessels were well u on the way.

The first discouraging news which mperor Hunson himself had, was that the first ship, called the "Key of leavon" had gone on the way to El Verso, and two days later was wrecked by the flood. The War Department also got a Telegram from outside the flood zone, reporting that the relief expedition could make no headway because of the raging floods, that to nav navigate the flood was impossible. This if true sure caused intense suffering among the refugees, who also because of the flood would suffer terribly from want of good water. Naturally the flood waters would be strongly impregnated with all the filth caused by the flood, and therefore not fit for drinking purpose. A good mater burge that had a capacity of eight hundred gallons ready for use, and proceeding from Mildred Greenburg before the flood reached there, was towned by a river steamer to a locality selected for refugees, and this of course was swept off and away by the flood rendering the situation worse. Therefore the Royal Members reported that arrangements were being made for a special meeting of the two Kings to devise means for sending the provisions and relief in spite of the flood. I myself had recieved from some one a dispatch, that told of the inciner ation and burying of the dead in the cities after the flood had receded, but which work was going on under the greatest difficulties. The only men engaged in it were the surviving citizens, and that the atmosphere of all places were so gaturated with the "stench that many of the curial parties were mane ill by it. The wen could only work for a short time at a stretch. There was one silver lining in the cloud of horror. The condition of the disaster and flood made it so that no Glandelinian vandals on this occassion penetrated any of the stricken places, and that there was no one found ri robbing the dead or digging in the ruins for treasures.. And over the whole scene from forest fires raging elsewhere ha hung the great clouds of smoke. The flood they said took a month to dimish dimish its force. I also had recieved a despatch from Calverine, that said the disaster was still in full force elsewhere . Even now we all fear further disasters."

"I had one strange undo queer experience but that was afterthe after the explosion and when the flood was on" said a middle sized man. I was on a rive ri river boat dispatched for Murcann, and because we could make no headway against the flood which we tried to do we took some chances anyway and cruised along its shores, keeping out of reach of the current. As we sped on sir, we encountered encountered a very dark looking cloud of black smoke ad as it was from a forest fire we were obliged to go far out of our couse to avoid the smoke ad and the heat.. while we were on to the town of Murchann we picked up a small open boat in which were five children and one man. They were refugees. We made an enghty five mile journey from Murchann to Guadeeloupe to where we arived after a two day trip with the kids or heard. The sky no matter no matter how long we journeyed was shraded in a strange brownish and wielst colored haze, which extended over the whole sky like a heavy thunder cloud. Far in the distance the haze shaped like a wall of giant mushroom clouds, where when it was catching the slight light of the sum piercing the haze showed a beautiful amber tint. All during our trip the flooded country side was strewn with wreckage. Many corpses were seen floating. We then reached the town of El Perfecto a few miles north of Murchann, and we observed that the place after being wrecked by the flood had been partly destroyed by fire. The few remaining people on shore begged to be taken off. They were taken aboard. When we came to Guadeloupe we saw that all that remained of that city were long rows of ruined valls, plasted with mud, and water was still in the streets. A nauseating croe odor came from the wreckage. We hailed another rescue boat, and the latter directed us how to land. In many places scores and hundreds of victims were seen in a single mass.Here and there fire s of great size were still burning. One refugee boat rescued five thousand survivors northeast of the city. Another ship rescued three thousand, and all and all were conveyed northward. I knew on a Hun or Sister who was among the survivors of the explosions, and who was taken to the hospital by train to Pandora. The doctors general made every effort in their power to save the life of the holy woman, but she was horibly burned and their me t most desporate efforts were in vain. Yet she was coun conscious despite her severe burns and other injuries, and told me what little she knew of the disaster. She said she was as well as the other Sisters going about her dutues, being a gight gister, when she heard a most terrific explosion she was to badly frightened at the shaning shoking of the building and the fulling of plaster, and breaking of windows that she fained fainted, and while in this condition the place took fire and she was terribly burned. She remained unconscious for a long long time, but recovered her si senses. She then saw she was lying in the midsts of the ruins of the bull building among others who too were frightfully burned, and they died before assistance could reach them. She also stated that she had no further knowledge of the disasterous

and shortly after tel'i ng her story she died. If you are going to look over the ruins of what is left of Abbicann I may say that access to the city city is much suster now since the big catastrophe, except you must look out for the enemy You must also avoid the bigforest fire rawing near the place. If you reach Adele-Heid gity you will see everything scattered by the force of the explosion as if there had been a terrific tornado. The iron and brass beds sed in the houses are badly twisted by the heat, but no other signs of fire are there. Of course no doubt the bee bedding and other materials materials have completely disappeared. After the explosion as they said in one street two thousand corpses were found most of them lying face downward. The northern part of the town of Ad leheid are buried under the ruins. In the neighborhood of Greatgorn Creek many houses were found intact, but strange to sa I saw that many of their inmates are dead their bodies looking as though they had been struck by a flash of lightning, or been shocked by a el eletr electric wire. Mar Adeleheid the region rava ed includes Turop. and a hundred other towns. Nearly three quarters of the city of Adeleheid has been annihilated, and the same fate has befallen all the towns around it. I and many others landed, at Adeleheid, and buried many bodies. We brought some of the survivors to Pandora."

On invest gating more starring and even his followers in learned there were only two thousand sarvivors of Adelaiehd at the hospo hospitals at Pandora, whereas there were more than fifty thousand corpses strewn at the city and beneath the ruins , and a many of the uying who were half calcined, were brought also to Francis Anna, Many of these died. All the while Starring and his followers remained at La-Polama city the whole scenery was midden beneath a thick weil of smoke of a gray leaden color. The ground outside the city was still strewn with wreckage of ships tossed across the landscapes by the flood, and of the ruins of dwellings, trees and other debris. The forests in the far distance continued to burn, and the air was still filled with the odor of burning trees. In La Polama no house is intact even now. Every where there are masses of wood, and debris ad broken twisted houses.

The very streets have disappeared. A guide pointed out to Starring, one spot or one ruined house were the bodies of twenty five women, sixty children, and twelve men had been buried, and where many had worked day and night to release the .! Large trees twisted by the force of the flood lie with their roots upward beneath a awful mass of rubbish, from which the guide said had been discovered the protraing of a a mans arm.

As what was said to be observed in Adeleheid t it appeared that the explosions contained some posious gases in the powders, for Starring was told that all the the victims who had been found apparently covered their mouths in order to avoid death by sw focation. All who were saved came from villiages far from the explosion horror. Not a single soul was saved or recovered from Abbieanian Abbiean itsel. itself. Starring was told that the city of St Vincent De Paul north of Ad leneid was also striken, and the loss of life in that place was at least two to five thousand. He was told that the latest reports that had reached Pandora from the horror region only added to the horrors of the situation there. And it had been thou, thought that when the hews of the disaster first became known, that though the mater material loss would be heavy, the lea h death list would not be so very heavy, but it is now known up to the present time the fatalities number 7,000 and grave fears . are entertained that the list is not yet complete. What made all other work of investigations most desperate was that the forest fires still barred all good ass accessable approaches to the right regions, and it is feared the forest fires willnot cease untill the whole country recieves heavy re rainstorms.

And even now though it is so long since the disaster had occured immense anxiety was still felt as to the conditions of affairs throughout the whole disuster region. The latest news which had been recieved on August the 4th was recieved only the way before gtarring reached La Polama was to the effect that the forest fires were worse, half of the flood still remained, Abbiean was still inundated, and the number of dead was increased. Since then no news of any kind haden recieved. The latest information was that the whole flood area, and a part of the explosion area was cut off from the sholl shole world by ernormous seas of fire, and no n one was able to reach the place at any point, except throug which starring came.

Boats had rescued five hundred refugees from the fires from points along the river shore, and a gun boat whose officers and crew have been wok working bravely since the disaster overtook the country has rescued two thousand people, who fled the fires when their towns were threatened. Everyboard aboard the rescue ships are exhausted but the vessels had hardly arived at Pandora with survivors, before all mands are eager to again set out on their work of mercy.

The River cable steamers also accristed in the work of rescue and has taken all the survivors that she picked up to other cities, and large numbers of the survivors are occupying tent as al all the house accompations accommont accommodations of towns and cities aretaken up, but the crowds of refgees refugees are so large that many are compelled to shift for themselves as bust as they can.

"Yes" answored the P Linding Ranger.

"Do you know the name of it!"

""Yes it is faithful junction. It's about fourty miles northwest of gound Junction. It has a population of 100,000."

"God Holp them, Oh My God help them." said Starring. "I know that town. It used to being my home town when I was a child Ho w How far is the fire from it?" "A little nearer than Sound junction, though , hear the fire is only reaching Imperial Valley and moving pon two armies one under numley and the other under general Vivian." "Well" said Walter "The Blessed Lord help them, and add all His blessings to those who can and will keep the fire from buching the town, My mother is supposed to be there and my father, and God mother too."

Then he began to go forward clowly with the rangers, but some of the leaders went forward some distance first to do a little scouting. The others went on together continui continuing their former discourses, till they came to go down the hill. Then said Walater"It is very d fficult to go out to make a battle against the fire when you cannot hardly see a thing because of all this smoke. And whenyou cannot see where the advancing fire is it is dangerous to proceed I think-"

"You " suid the Chief Ranger "So it is, for it is a hard atter for a man or for a large bunch of rangers rangers to go down into the unknown recesses of this valley when we don't know whether we'll run into an interne or not as we are now and to gutch no flank attack upon us by the time we line up for battle, therefore our chief leaders went ahoud to see if there is a clearing in the sea of amoke. It is not thick enough to check any one but yet it hiden objects more nearer than we like. So they all began to go down the slope but very warily. It took a good half hour to make the descent eaftly w and without a olip or not, though to starring 't was as if a feeling resessed him of reminding him of going down into a densely smoking volcanic crator, and not knowing what he'll meet up in the way.

But now in this valley, they folt all hard ap against it for they had gone a little way untill they reached a clearing, where a breeze opring up cleared off ame some of the fog, and here they saw at some great distance a fierce conflugration moving off to flank the ridge of which they had just left. Then did the whole force begin to be afraid, and struggled hard to make up their minds whether to go back or stand their ground. But they considered again that there was no ravine or any bigger breach than the clearing, and therefore though that to retreat would b means sure death and therefore they resolved to venture and work like mad to increase the six size of the clearing as far as possible. They had two hours only in which to do it. It was not to check the forest fire, that was impossible, but only to save their

go the loaders gave the order" Form In line, every one." The command was obeyed, the mining engineers being first, the axe and saw men next and those with spades and shovels andother weapons forming on both flanks, while those with the wet sucks and so on prepared for the covering of their retreat. The condition of the valley was most hadious to behold . Far away it was clothed with gray convulted clouds as if soething a from the bettomless pit, but so far away it appeared to be that evidently two hours was left for them to really work. The ! leading Runger came up to Wal er and regarding the advancing conflagration with a disdainful countenance said , ...,

"Whence comes that section of the forest fire, and whether do you think it is

heading fortwintitte "It is coming from the I Emperial Valley, which is the place the heart of the left wing of the fire seems to be, and it is heading straight for us." unswered Walter. "I believe we are in a dangerous situation. How are the men working now!" "Good. T hey are speeding up. But we have only two hours. I percieve that this is one of the amain fires, for all that country is said to be an inferno like a thousand volcanoes in eruption. How is it then that it is spreading this way when it was first crossing Mic-Hollester River and headed for gound unction which is said to have been blown up by a great explosion. Where it not that I hope the fire aight be might be checked I would make a retreat to a better position. We'll be surrounded by a sea of fire and God only knows whether we'll survive or not. We can hope it'll chanc change its course. When the clearing is finished the only mere trifle hope for us to escape the terrific heat is to lie close to the ground, and keep ourselves souked with the water we have in the barrels in the warons wagons..... "Well" said Fulter gturring the fire " thefire is indeed sweeping our dominions, , , , ,

but , for one do not think we are at least hard pressed i, but yet we cannot be too careful."

"That might be so" declared the gamger " but nevertheless a far as I can say there has been no fire yet of any kind that has outwitted me or my subjects in fire fight -ing, neither will I yet allow this one to overcome me in the long run, when , get the right lay of the land. They'll soon have the whole nation out fighting it ifit if it continues on as it is now. But c since it is heading tward us, and the Government complains of the causes and the result, let them be content to send you help in your efforts to find out who among the glandelinians ordered the making of these disasters. and probably something then can be dies to stop it and stop it for good. And what our country can afford they should give thee if your mission is successful. ".

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Abbicanta and her states, even though of course course the service was hard and dangers us, and my wastes could have been so small as to not enable a man to live on it, but I did it for the sake of adventure. I am not really a foregoing soldier sir as some think but an adventueror, for for the Abbican Abbicannian Government a Professional Spy, but I do it more for the thrills of adventure than for mere profit or wages and resard. Then I started out on my first adventure, I did as other considerate persons do when I made mistakes, look out, if perhaps I min might mend myself. But now I have started out on this mission only for the sake of the Princesses, they have asked me to go, and how can I with fairness back out when the government alone may concern. Only God knows what y lolet, and her sisters have done for me."

"And Heaven knows you are right." cried the Ranger. "That they too have done is a marvel a record branker when they could have stayed at home and enjoyed the lives they were born for. They have done everything according to their means, though even then the enemy has changed from bad to worse. Yet it has ordinarily been so that those who have professed themselves to be their aids, have afterwhile given them the slip in cowardilness, and that is why in many of their efforts all has not been well. I like you general starring have given them my faith, and sworn my allegiance to them. and therefore I destort any who desert them in time of danger and they should be hanged as a traitor. Some of my own rangers have done the same to me in time times past, and vot had been compelled to follow their example of mercifulness, and be willing to pass by all. What , have promished to them, and even their father the great hely Emperor was in my very childhood, and besides I count that the Princesses under whose banner now stand is able to do many things for me if I only ask, and besides Walt to spouk truth, I lif love their service, their very beings, the Abbienin Abbieannian government, their company, and country botter than my own which , left so long ago with my parents (France) and I will follow Abbie annia in all she asks. And Walt consider yet what you are likely to meet with in the adventure you are on no w. You know that recently and that for the most part many of the christian spies g have come to an ill and, because they are transgressors against wicked clandolinia and her

How many of them have been put to the most shameful deaths, and besides you are non a more dangerous mission and yet no one han been able to deliver the captured christian spies out of the hands of the enemy, but as for pargar misself how many times as all the very world very well known has he delivered from power and even necessary violance those that have feithfully servided served him and his, though taken by the Glandelinians rind pargar, consult him, and he will have you covered by his members and then your work will be a successful end, and as for the ill end they have come to that will be most glorious on their account. For they do not expect safty in any of their expectations of hazardous work, for they do it for the flory f glory of their country, and they shall have it by and by, iv if not in this world then in the next."

"And " said methor Ringer. Thou hast been already very faihful to the Vivian Girl Princesses and to the country and service of the country, and some day you'll recieve great been from them."

"where in phiefRungers have I been unusually faithful to them?"

There is records kept of which you have accomplished many great marvals even in first setting out, you attempted many things they couldn't do and came through successfully without a scratch, you have frequently raided the enemys here lines and escur secure their many important hans, you provented generals from attempting wrong ways in trying to relieve the pressure of a glandelinian attack against their lines, when they should have sent in botter troops, you have prevented many generals from mostling dimester, when they a wore almost persuaded to make a retrat retreat, and and when you talk of your journey, and of what thou hast heard and seen, thou art even even now making efforts to accomplished something more record breaking yet. If you do succeed you denorty a great commission.

"All this is true, and men more which you have left out, but the Princesses whom I have corved and hencred have done many things also, and besides I have done this for the sake of my n country, for here I've soon enough to make a status weep, and I tto too have grouned ador undor the strain of witnessing these sights, been sorry for the millions of refugees suffering and in want without homes, and have obtained from event more or Vivian the pass to do this mission."

"Then" the Ranger said "Often too I have broken out into a grevious rage over these scenes. I am an enemy of glandelinia worst than you, I hate her government and her wicked cause, the massacres, horrors and other disasters she causes. I am come on on prupose purpose to help the pations withstand her wickedly made disasters. Here comes the time for the start of the work for you and your followers now, gut beware what you do, for we are in the "Valley of the shadow of Death", therefore take head to yourself and don't allow your self to be trapped."

"Starring unewered "I am av void of four in this matter, lets prepare to frustrate the conflueration, for , swear by all that is goof, that is good, that with Gods help the conflueration will go no further, here we will remist its progress to the end." and with that he threw himself with good spirt in the work with his followers.

All the others as fast made at the trees catting and blasting, and when one would fall they would scatter to prevent the danger of being caught undernoath. Starring led the whole fracis for with the near approach of the fire he sawcit was time to bestir himself, and sparks were seen far in the sky rising up thick as clouds.

The one ranger got struck by the large branch of a falling tree, which wounded

him in his hand, head and left foot, but he continued working nevertheless.

Though so far away as it was the terrific heat of the conflagration made the Rangers and walt rs f Eulters followers give back a little, but they soon followed their work amain, and sooing the breach was getting wide and long in so short a time walter took courses again, and worked an manfully as he could.

This sore combat by hundreds of men lasted already for about an hour, even till a number of the rangers were quite apant, for by reason of conclean tell like this and as as fast as it is in their vpower to work, they cannot help but grow meaker and weaker. The gap had grown sufficiently large however, and Walter eapying his opportunity begun to gather up closer to the main line of workers, and while he worked on, one of the rangers was struck by a flying branch which gave him a dreadful dreadful fall, and with that his axe flow out of his hand. He was recorded however.

At this time one of the leading Rangers riding p said;

"I'm sure wo'll succeed in heading it off now" and with that he presend them on still harder, so that the work progressed still botter. But as bad luck would have it, while the pangers were fetching the last stroke to their buttle, thereby to length on the size of the breach, the panger r Chief rods up and suid;

"The fire is moving around tward our flonks. We will have to give back a little or be caught in the rear and have out our escape cut off entirely."

The order was given I along the line and with that the workers agreed at first, and then sped away to the other edge of the clearing on a high rise.

During all this toil and combut, no man can imagine unless he had seen and heard as these rangers did, what hedicus and unusual rearing the flames made far away or how the clouds volcanic eraption like rose high into the air all the time of the fightt fight, and when he saw the battle ending in favor of the coming blaze what sighs and groone bursts from Starrings heart-Not as of them even smiled or gave a pleasant bok, not till the captions gave the commands for them to move out of the danger zone, then indeed did some of them smile, but it was becoming the most dreadful sight ever observed it goes like this; that is the battle to stop the progress through great excitement and perils; ::::::

During the progress of the work, and prior to the advance of the terrible conflagration, far to the north eighteen villiages with a good population of nearly 23,456 each, which needled fourty miles north of the advancing Red Plague, were being mustered out on small trains and handcars and on swift horses to come and help the mangers with whom starring was with to crush down the terrible Plague of fire. Near this town there was a large channel being burely two and me half miles wide, some kind of a large section of the Mic-mollester River both sides so densely forested that no one could go through except by passageways and small roads.

The city of Majorcium the triving town of that section of Calverinia with a popelation of over 100,000 also was sending its men folk to aid in the battle for she and the big villiages lay directly in the path of the conflagration and were in cancer of destruction.

Walter starring ben being also one of the men of science and a member of the gemini, knew for months before this when the war disasters first started what what lay in store for unfortunate Calverinia... And experience also had told all his observors that when because of the enemy swarms of forest fires begin in the vinicity of southeastern calverinia, the "Glandelinia pragon of horror" is writhing and preparing to make trouble or try to as to say to St Michael who is in this story the guardian of galverida Calverinia. This was now the greatest forest fire in any volumes written, and so far it has wiped out billions and billions of dollars worth of trees alone not counting towns and villiages, and rendered nearly four hundred thousand to a million homeless, adding continually to the volcanic eruption like enemy made explosions and flood disasters that nothing in realty can ever compare in the far future not alone of the past.

Y. of Yet throughout Calverinia Scientific investigation is to be in large measure to be credited with the real small loss of life in the forest fire instances, for it is through the contu continually made up quick warnings of the advance and progress progress and direction of the fires that the inhabstants of any populated town or city directly in its path were enabled to floe from the "RED FLAGUE." In Abbleann and Bengal county on the other hand far past the cataclysm of earthquake, flood and forest fire and combination disasters far surpassing the horrors of a Katmia gruption caught the big Calverinian city of many millions and all its river ports unawares and unprepared.

It was through fire Rangers, the gemin, the Weather Bue Beaur and other persons the that the progress and direction of the great forest fires were predicted, conver saly it can be hoped that in time fur future explosions can be prevented. If such

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for dusting of the advancing of forest fires is achieved, it is concievable, that a forest fire of this intensity could have occured with a loss of life something terrible if not predicted on time. The strange phenomena of this forest fire and its a ttending horrors could prove of great importance to the scientific world if actually happening as well as the series of great mysterious explosions is caused caused and the measures which could be taken to safeguard life at the proper time andownrn warn the inhabitants of towns and villiages many hours before the fire came even within eight.

As Sturring know many writers throughout the country had published warnings, that them great forcet fires were likely to spread, and oven general purper rae absolutely confident that disasters of major portions was impending, for the land two years and more during the outbreak of the immeasuremble war prior to the great flood and forest fire disasters, great supplies exclusions caused by the enemy had occured in all parts of northern Angelinia, and this had made general purgar and many of his members make observation trips here and there, to find out proper details.

The observatory at Angelinia Agathia had recorded two hundred and eighty one explosion concussions in the early season of 1913 as compared with an average of 100 explosion made quakes against annually over the first year of the war.

The greatest of the 1913 xplosion shocks occured on Jane and July, and an the ready well know by this time did great damage, Nort of the disturbances were where the great flood and other hereons occured afterwards. At many pints because of these concussions springs in great numbers counsed to flow, n and pends and wells in the country dried up, uring all the spring and summer menths throughout all sections of were we western and southern Calverinia there had been very little ruinful, and this too may be the reason why the forest fires had such a good start when once started.

The ,,iolain violent and of forest fires causing great cruptive explosions of mysterious cause also began somewhere each of Vivian Wickey, where there were formed also three errormous conflagrations, the last two being on November 10 1912 and also throughout pecomber, and the following month within great winter snowasts storms finally stopped their spreading. Naturally the inhabitants in all forested regions of the dangerous paths of fires became extremely apprehensive day after day, but outside of the main blazes sweeping seatern Calverinia elsewhere nothing amount happened.

One great marval of forest five fighting was done by tremendous mining by rhouseads of engineers. The explosions of the mines made quakes and tremendous eruptions, being in swarms of terrific blat blants, so that needs nearest the dangers jumped. Three strong shocks caused by these mine explosions were felt on the afternoon of Septembar the fifth, followed in the evening by two more. The next morning there were a handred and fifth strong snocks in endless succession accompanied by thundering noises in a long revervating roll. The concussions were increasingly alarming and people of towns and villiages believed the enemy were up to something. Grive growting noisespreceded some and a roar us of buttle followed others.

The mining was done along long stretches of force with a purpose to breach it quicker thus can be done by saw, or dynimite and ax puring The sixth of September 10,000 atrong chocks were counted, and scores of greater convussions were being registered by the seimpgraph at the meteorological observatories west of Angelinia Agathia, five hundred chocks per hour during the morning, eleven hundred had per hour about noon, and some twenty thousand thousand per hour in the ovening with a maximum of twenty eight thousand between 10 and 11 P.M.

There was a lad in the strange quaking after midnight, but on the following morning twenty thousand more shocks per hour were felt from six to seven what ever ammount of all this blusting was done, and what ever the breaches were made stopped the way in nowmy in no way whatever.

THE number of concussion shocks felt in nearest cities and towns could not be determined but they were felt every ten or twenty minutes, and some times every five minutes. Then here would come a respite from strongly felt shocks for about an hour during which period there would be fifteen quakes at very irregular times. The armings of the ruvages of the approaching forest fire which it seemed noting nothing could have stoppes, probably even rain maybe, were heeded. Many towns noted in 'he path were warned. Every available country train, rushed with frantic speed back and forth from these towns, day in day out moving the inhabatants from village and city, their bedding matting, food, everything the people had some time to save. Breach after breach was made by the sories of mine explosions, the wind of the fire stopped not for this and the fire raged beyond the breach or around and renewed its spread with sterrifying fury. Every day at many points, the army, the navies of rivers, government departments, shipping of various rivers, and river steamship lines were helping in the saving of people from threatened towns,

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By the time that Starring and the many rangers, and all those who had come from villages to help had finished the breach of their own maring as far as time allowed, a report came from one of the men that great emoke cruptions was rising from a large forested ridge to their right. This scene regarded by them was strikingly terminated by a volcanic outbreak of clouds nonrest to their own center. A terrific heat prevaded the air, it grew dark as if the approach of a hurricane in the Tropics and the sky in the distance restance as height as an _lotric light.

All other distant forested regions on movement slopes had all this time been veiled by a dense cloud, while for off there was an incessant din of rumbling which proved that Bangers and fighters elsewhere were still blasting in the hope

to stopping the great conflagration.....

At many points in the forests in the path of the advencing fire continual and quick explosions of the most tremendous force were heard for many days and nights, and no of the mines was set off near Evangeline St clare which again the fire was threatening but from a new quarter, a large explosive pair of smoke being reported at that time, but it was not untill later when a wind broke away the fog smoke clouds that the great forest fire drawn anfolded under splendid photographic illumination before the view of many of the apprehensive people of that city. It was also tward this city that Starring and the Rungers were fighting to prevent the progress of the forest fire, and at Starrings suggestion the Pangers decided also to try minding a mining a breach.

The first explosion came at Ton thirty oclock, when in the middle of middle of of the forest near the c clearing already started, the waiting rangers and Starring saw the hard profile of a smalling baloon balloon of black and white smake rise majestically from the ground, where a few hardon before were trees. The concussion was almost as terrific as a volcanic cruption and many trees were term away leaving a large gap where they stood. The big cloud shot up obliquely, then straightened to a ventical column and rose nearly a thousand feet into the sky, first balloon shaped then assuming the form of a great muchroom. Finally the top bent majestically westward than assuming the form of a great muchroom. Finally the top bent majestically westward done good work. It took nearly half are an hour to make the second mine. Then the batteries wont to the shock and again a similiar cauliflower column rose high into the air, but this was dwarfted by the towering cloud of the half hour before with which it eventually morged. Another gap was term in the forest but somewhat smaller. But all this time the others continued working cleawhere with saw, a dynimita and axe for they never took as advantable of the mining to foolish by step their was work.

The breach must be accomplished before the fire came p. With occasional lulls but with ever increasing violence, the booming concussion of mine cruptions grew more and more terrible, but soon it got no further for the mailtions of the Rangers became spent and so nothing more could be done. But though fifthen explosions had been made, they done more in that time then the Rangers alsowhere had done with axe, saw and dynimits. The terrible conflagration was coming nearer and terrible shoots of flame dunced and shot in undulating forms and writhes through through the great volcanic cruptive like billows of smoke, and in the lower portion of the great wall of rolling smoke sometimes strange verticle lines of upward streaming shoots of flame curling as high apparently as the smoke clouds themselves, or even above could be seen from time to time. Explosions occured occassionally as fierce as a fussilade of cannons as trees filled with turpentinecsap exploded when they caught fire. In addition there were cutward spurts of large shooting tengues of flame that apparently enot across a portion of the sky overhead, leaving leaving curving trails of strange glows for a moment in their path.

The Rungers and Starring and his companions were not forced to abandon their work at this point and flee to a great distance before the terrific heat. Great streamers of sparks thick as clouds looked like glaringrock bombs, yet they would darkern after passing the crest of their various courses, or light on trees beyond and set them 509ng in hardreds of flercely blazing torches at as time...ons time...

By this time while approaching the breach the forest fire was graining in fury and just then felt by starring and rangers extra heavy concussions were felt indicating other fighters were doing their own blasting close by warkness gradually begun over the city of Evangeline St Claire compared to that of midnight, and continued for days. The work of the gangers resumed at the further end of the breach where the heat was not felt so intense, and the fall of trees cut down began an hour and ten minutes after they had retreated to a good degree, and continued on untill they again were compelled to make another retreat. The crisis of the work which resulted in the finishing of the breach as far as the heat of the advancing conflagration permitted occured four hours later, when a terrific mysterious explosion on the van of the forest t near the breach hurled down nearly a whole score of forest trees or splintered thom, dislodged boulders from cliffs, and threw the fighters on their faces gome of them come near being trupped in a land-slides, and thirty five of them narrowly escaped from being crushed to death.

They just got away on time. The nearest advance of the left wing of the conflagrat

They just got usay on time. The neuront advance of the left wing of the conflagr ion had begun, and the glare was growing as bright as if the very region of the forces forest was in scuption and ejection hundreds of millions of tone of moltan lawa, gimult modusty with the occurrence of this my sterious explosion which in some degree had the means of accidentally enq enlarging a portion on the of the clearing or breach, a sudden new iglow of fire equally as bright in its sheen of light was observed through the smoke rolling up on the central line of the conflagration. This continued to increase, and the roar of the flames could be easily heard, while now the fighters were termented by a terrific wind that eway ed the trees with a roar seering off bruches and raising great clouds of dust-it was the advance guard of the terrific fire aburricans. The convussion of explosions made by miners to try and gap the fire were occassionally so severe and reached at times such a maximum that people who remained in threatened Evangeline St clare citythroughout the passage of the " RED PLAGJE" testified to witnesses and newspaper reporters that their ears were aching as a result of the incessant detonations and the everlasting ruttling of the partitions doors and window shashes of the houses. It was a vertible bumbardment of sound. The city itself looked like some big scarlet town from the terrific glare of the distant conflagration-

Religious Processions Headed by the City pardinals and priests were made

to askedur Blessed Lord to save the city from the flames. Yet it might seem probable that the big concussion shocks happening as frequently as the number of musket shots fired during a buttle was the climax of exploding mines used to fell great number of trees in the headway path on the advancing flames, and also that other and greater detonations were the climax, of the explosions in the region of the woods nearest grangeline at dare, where thousands of citizens of the city, and many rangers were fighting desperately to check the progress of

the flames..... The glow which increased within full sight of the city at the time, ,, of the fusitude of explosions was due to the ever increasing of the flames as they spread, wildly among the greater turpentine forests. All through the time since this great fire first started it had been followed already by many months of intensie intense activity in burning and progressing forward and in many other directions.

An Starring again observed, which gives truth to the statements of the sungers there was a new danger brought on by the tremendous forest fired. At first something that could have been mistaken for hot lava flows ermorged from a slope which was all a mass of flames in the distance moving rapidly the first few hours and then settling down to a plastic flow looking more like some small glacial moraine than a melted rock flow. Evidently the heat of the flower were melting rocks on the slopes till they became of lava formation gimilar false lava appeared from another sour r source, where the fires were in greater and fuller blust-

And now Starring and the Rongers had only half on hour more to complete the breach before the flames now roaring in the distance like a hurricane of the _olar Planet would be upon them. A great series of mine explosions almost new within sight of Starring and the nangers, which had been set off by workers elsewhere,, and during the explosions something else happened which sont up an avalanch of clouds and flames, and rumbled like a thunderstorm. At the front of the conflagration emoulders of great size were as fierce as molten lava streams and seas reaching the ocean and they made a sea of rising tails and rolls of cottony smoke.

some portion of a nearby ravine before the concusuion caved in, and there was

a noise somewhere as of a volcanic eruption. The climax of fire luminousity, accompanied ever end anon by terrible detonations und concussions of mining explosions made an appearance as if the whole forest region was being deventated by some ernormous volcanic eruption issueing from every mountain and valley and plain in the neighborhood, and like huge skyrockets, burning mons secured over the unburned forests in all directions before the screaming screaming hurricane now blowing. Over the closest mountain still more thickly forested hung a huge black cloud of smoke in which ernormous tongues of flames, either undulated, writhed or zizzagged in long white streaks. Suddenly from that ridge with the awe struck men all gazing intenstly some tremendous force of heat sent a wall of fire seemingly more than six thousand feet into the air. Then along the slopes a brilliant column of flame simulan sously seemed to fall through the wemake, and down the slope tumbled like a vast Niagara of fire in wide streams, amaze of burning trees which scene evidenced that many had burned through and crashed crashed down. Newer fires were hurled black smoke, and the tumbling fires of rulling burning trees down the slope seemed to strike rocky obstructions and ike like water sent a fiery mist of sparks far into the night. To see what was up Starring climbed a huge pine tree to the top. There he felt the heat as if in an

rearing gale. From there he saw a great stretch of fire moving tward a new section of the forest, mushing like motion clouds, across a far off ravine, roofing it in flame, filling it with broken and burning trees, and changing a forest of ernormous dimensions into a glowing fire sea. This dreadful scene increased, and spread fire now tward where the great breach was made, Now it was coming. The entire forested region fronting or in front of the big clearing was ablaze. Flames leaped high, and the glowing embors of trees burned down elsewhere glowed like a heilish nightmars to the Infernal Regions. He caw some small vitlinges a score of them which

oven and he had all he could do to keep his perch the tree swayed so in the hot

had been built in line and also the fire was catching and burning rapidly along these. A perfect "Rapids of Blizzard glowing ash or sparks" torn from the burning forests by the howling winds seemed to behave like the famous downrushing blust of Mt Pelse on the island of Martinque in the eruption of 1902, setting fire to patches of trees car in advance of the main conflagration, obliterating a big patch of woods near the viver at once with flames and smoke, and with ever increasing violence the winds blew, beginning here and there to throw down the trees, with their tops away from the fire, the stumps shrodded and puctured by flying

This was the moment of most extreme danger for Evengeline t St Claire, for the blasts of the fire harricone like an incandencent blast we blast was headed in swirling whirlwinds straight tward the city, scarcely more than thirty miles away, but it was hoped the Even; cline St Clare stroum being wide at this point would not permit the flumes to cross. If the concentrated flumes crossed, Evangeline St Clare surely would be destroyed, but the ourcome was to be happybeer the city, for the explosives used for breaching in that neighborhood, and the width of the river, and the efforts of all the non inhubatants of the city in breaching across the river in the ci city side prevented the conflagration from crossing at that point. Al nd also if the conflagration had concentrated tward the _learing quicker than it ald, there would have been no hope for starring and the Rungers in escaping, but the outcome for them was happy for some time, for in the explosions of miles the clearing had been extended, and therefore the fire did not readily reach the clearing proper till that half hour was up in which time they were able to work to partial success. Hear the river immense patches of dead fishes floated brown and all colors, and all sizes, some places in such ashes us to impade rowbouts. As the wind was mostly southwest the heavy spark and hot ask harricens and blizzard accumulated thickest over the woods.

The main line of fire within wight of the clearing, and which was heading for the clearing was forming more than sixteen miles long in three minutes time, and varied in width from less than a mile near the source to three miles at its widest in the region of the river. The more voluminous east fire sea came from three near by valleys, many of the burning trees expld exploding ike artillery. From the heighte where by heat alone a new fire was forming starring could see a snake like stream of fire spreading on the forest at the rate of a hundred feet in a half second, to u region further up the slope where the flumes spread out to the right and left in into a suden sea. All three were gaining. The heat of the fire rassing down the river was so terrific that even where Sturring and his friends were the river water was boiling hot with clouds of steamy vapor on all sides, where if any one

fell in it would meun certain death..

Creat caulificwer smoke in explosive like puffs were sometimes brightly incandescent in flame reaching a height of thirty thousand feet, and somewhere probably from the heut of the fire, apparent blowholes of paroxysmal gas puffed almost continuously from some terrific pressure, and strangely enough enough which seemed unusual some of the fire streams or stretches when seen at that great., and unusual distance (everything met be unusual in this case) divided into lobes at their lower ends,,, and as of these burned up the side of a ridge, and covered the summit untill it began to look like one of its fellow hills which were all ablaze. The greater moment when the hill became entirely a hill of fire occured about twenty minutes later when the whole ridge was obliterated by fire and smoke, which began to rise a the sides and summits in secthing flames us high apparently as twice the same kind of a mountain. The least of these flames seemed to rise to a height of threese of four hundred feet. At Angelinia ot at clare the temperature was 138 degrees in the shade but at some other places in the city the thermometer gave such runging degrees of heat as follows; Northwest city, 100,, then rose to 115, 120,, 125, 134, and 154, the highest 1 186 where people could not stand it.

A n investigator out in dangerous location in an effort to learn the main course of the fire was caught near a sudden outbreak of a new fire that at that time was manked from him by smoke or masked from him by smoke. It suddenly appeared within thirty feet of him, the heat of which inflicted some injury upon him, and his attendant. Fortunately a large creek was at hand into which they wetted their

clothing which was aftre, and then fled for shelter

The remarkable record of life saving, by even starring and the Pangers in the moment when Evangeline St Clairs was throatened a fourth time was par partly due to good luck but also to the instinct of the people of said sad scoity, to the wis wisdom of the city's government, and to city Geminian Societies ... Also city army, and navy and plice officias in that intense heat and durkness took control , river steamship companies, newspaper men, tourests, sight seers,, and high school school boys organized rescueing expeditions to the endagered cityy, in the face of the terrifying explosions of forest fire tree bombs and unful heat and dense smoke fosting the city streets so you could not see a hundred feet, and helping every one possible to get out of the wind racked city before the heat would gain more and start fires of its awn. Yet despite the peril many refused to go. They lived

through all the horror, through heat, some and wind which thra threatened to sip off the goods of the buildings, and send alexis of dust and debris alying down the atreats. Three headred persons had been injured during pastice and taken to nospitals, and two persons driven income by the spectacle jumped into the river and were drowned or scaled to death. People outside the periled city camped in internment internment or refugee camps in country cometeries, there being fifty thousand the left for the outside. The majority of the mon citizens went out to combat the red domon. There had been a general exadus, all belongings of shops and private houses which could be moved were taken off, soldown took up their quarters outside the city, and general in charge of an army detatchment that was bound for a portion of general vivians army which was at this time situated about thirty miles north of

gouth Eand.

gound pend and about as many miles south of avengeline St Clure diverted his own command in rescue and relief work, with tarring and the pangers helping. People in outliving towns reclaved some of the refugees, and systematically provided lodgings, even though they too might be threatened by the " NED P: AGUE" cometime later, on. Many foriegners, who were familiar with the trugedies of St Pierre at the time of the Mont Peleo cruption, and of other great aruptions, who had witnessed in America and other places great forest fires, and other disasters, know the nature of this big forest fire, and their views had been made public. As gtarring had been told, the highest member of the Comini kept stendfuetedly the record of the shocks produced by explosions, and atmospheric changes produced by forest fires, and did not allow anything to frustrate his offerts to obtain anywhat he was after. It was also a most astonishing commentry on the advanced idea, of the aurthorities throughd throughout Culverinia that they should blame weather observers for not predicting in advance all they " should " know about forest fires. At the time when the forest fire passed the city without doing doing any horm, aurthorities brought official bulletins to the effect that for the city the worst was over, so that thereafter the population straggled back to the city,, and the she shops and the hotels were rep reopened. All railroad communications with the city were broken, and telephone connections also. Over the series of disactors as Starring also learned relief funds were continuing to pour in o from all parts of the world. In the vinicity of Evange line St clare city 1,155,000 people had dwelt within the death zone of the most dangerous forest fire ... Yet no lives were lost directly to the fire in this locality Probably one hundred and ninty two thousand people deserted that part of the country and were cared for by unusual hospitality ...

As Good luck would have not, the fire been did not move an directly tward,, the breach us had been first feared, may if it had prengeline at lare would not have excepted. O when the battle to keep back the fire was ever, turring said, to the the chiec Shief ranger, "Let us all give thanks to jur pleased Lord who had delivered us out of the path of danger, and they all kenlt kent down and prayed most fervently. After that they all and town even in that smokey atmosphere to eat break and drink some of the warm milk, and then afterwards they all decided to alimb up to a high ridge as best as possible to get a good view of the ernormous fire, as starring desired to do so before he would continue the journey, for he

Bald:

"By that means we could easily know which way my travels would be safer. E e Even though some other enemy may be at named, fear the fire worst. It took nearly half a day to reach the summit and here they had a good view from the great height. Now million books of words can describe the fury of this raging billowy series of red lakes and sens and rivers of seathing flames through i menser seas of heavy volumn rolling like smoke clouds. Fo givery where great sh oots and spouts of flames flames shot up through the smoke along a stretch of a score of thousand of acres and at that distance they seemed to be something of incundescent light, yellow when it rose and disappearing the red blood through the smoke. The noise of the conflagration was a continuous roar like carf, and by a noise like gas rushing through a lava pool filling a rift, the winds c seemingly to churn the flames to foum, and flinging up seus of sparks. They proceeded across the summet to a m better clearing to the immediate edge of a precipico to get a better view of the tremendous scene. To them it was like taking in the views of a hundred big volcanic erup erupts eruptions at one time. A large ridge a great distance beyond where they stood was about five hundred feet higher than some of its near neighbors, and stood or north west of them stood the highest of the hills, and densely forested . Next to them immense mountains of flames rose up continuously half again as high as these ridges, and so many trees all ablaze and burned through were falling that they seemed eternally scattering n w new fires, and rolling noiselessly or fiercely down clearings seemingly to be gilded with a mottled fiery puttern. Through the southwestern wall of the highest forested ridge there, the fire had began to surge and here in a stretch miles wide and of a length which the naked eye could not determine rushed a ne new fire surge, from that distance like the sluiceway of a dam of fiery matter. This new fire only ten miles south of the observors quickly eproud into a fiery sea, with epoed up the clopes estimated by gtarring as probably more than fourty miles an hour. At that distance the fire stretch of course appears far narrower than it really was at its first formation, with many upriving waves,

and bright surges along its own left. As the wind was off tward the observors from that direction the heat sometimes became almost intolerable, and they were forced to babeat a quick retreat. The flames was pouring across the River within view at this section, and the rangers obtained one glimpse of the flames before a sudden black shoot of cloud shut it from view. A large stretch of heavy white hot lava could not have looked any more fascinating. The upris uprush of smoke clouds at this point, where the flames was suging up a whole line of slores seemingly at once, curried up big brunches of trees, and a blinding shower of flaming embers and sparks showing the force u of the uprushing currents. Some places the flames played in the clouds like red shoet lightning. Then they view the scene nearer with field glasses they could observe great rafts of hillside rocks, red hot or black or red below and black above rolling done into a ravine, either smoothly or rolling over and over showing the terrific heat of the flames almost melting even the biggest rocks on the hillsides. The color effects of the conflegration through the immense smoke clouds were sometimes gargeous beyond description. Over the highest clouds at times rose sheets of red and even strangely to say purple and vermillion green and blue flames topped with like fume, against a black, or blue gray bl background, ! Inewhere rose the great buff-colored volutes of cloud with individual billows, black, white, coffee colored, brown, gray , cream color, and black each. All of this was backed by an further distant Columi Nimbus like yellow and dark gray cloud.

While observing it only ten minutes the great scene had by that time vastly increased, and the noise had changed from a mild his hissing and other kind of rour to a loud thundering beening. The fires couths hills increased in size and height untill the whole series of hills began one gigantic line of conflagrations. When the wind was strong strange gases guite different from the smoke of the conflagration which had been sufficating in volume but still somewhat telerable with the aid of a wet cloth over the no strils would be whifted over to them, and they corroded the eyes tissues, and gripped the lungs so as to instaneously stopped stop all breathing. A wet cloth would produce no improvement whatever, and there was no possibility of coming too near the smoke belt of the fire and surviving unless with an oxygen halmet. As Walter had great anxiety which continued unrelieved by any complete information as to what was transpiring on the ridges west of them, they made an excursion around to the east side of their observation post t in order to compar compare conditions with what had been observed in the earlier stages of the conflagration there. A line of fire was observed at this point rising in places cloud high above the surrounding country, darkened by clouds as fierce as a Man Mauma Lon eruption for three times the height of all the mountains. Over the high summit of the nearest ridgs and through the half of the valley beyond the flames would shoot up in their red sheeted tongues through smoke clears like a beginning of a burning world, which rushed on up two immense slopes in an endless climbing avalanch of fire. The wind on this hot surface and before its advance set up every now and then small or big ternadoes of fire and smoke lasting from half an hour to several minutes, moving along the glope and tearing up all the branches of trees in violent noisy whiris. Taking advantage of the wind at this section being tward the fire inst ad of from it, Starring climbed a nour on the same side in order to yet a better and clearer view of the Red Plague by as close an approach as possible. It was necessary to clumber up a slope, where trees and ground felt unusally warm from the radiance of heat from the distant conflagration which made him sweat like having a murkish Bath. Here on this spur he saw gigantic surges of flames surging forward and upward, and suddenly from somewhere to his surprise rose a geysor of flery fragments of trees two hundred feet above the summit. which evidently told him the fire had exploded something. It was evident from occassional changes in the direction of the wind, that the greatest heat radiance from even that distance of the conflagration might at any moment be turned in his direction, so that it required quick work to get to the summit of the hill, and get to a sheltered spot on the other side where he would not need to sweat himself to " death. The sensution of incessantly looked down in valleys over plains and mountain slopes at that towering sea of flames, and calculating its movements, with the heat almost insupportable, and the noise uncal uncanny was an experience never to be forgotten. He succeeded however in getting to the summit, and taking a look down into the flaming valley below. It all had to be done in much less time thun it tukes to tell it in a few words, for a very few seconds of the rising heat would have rained his face. A The wall of the spur made a reflector for the heat, so that but for the wind at his back, it is doubtful whether he would have reached the edge at ail. The valley below where the fire only smouldered after burning down the r trees was like an ernormous volcanic crater, the seething flames elsewhere being impolled continuously forward by the wind driving it on in glowing surges. The whole vailey was ablaze and the flames were quite as fierce in appearance as any sea storm and the fire rouring and thundering, quickly put one in mind of getting a downward glimpse of the Infernal Regions.

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There was a smaller interior vailey which was like some titunic pen chalice of fiery amoking embers, and which looked like a big sea of smouldering couls, with loups of flowe like gayeer jots flying back and forth. So fuscinating was the scone that gtarring felt desirable to tarry several days around this section, but it would be extremely dangerous. Further off but in full view could be observed a moving and frightful "desert of flames, the creation and the prey of the mightlest of fires ever heard or written of, dominating overy other view, and towering up slores and hilltors in huge mountains of fire. The whole conflagration was composing itself into a great sea of fire, opening apparen by in all directions.

Now however when starring decided it was about time for him to continue on his journey withihis followers he for a while was a m somewhat taken aback.

The whole region before him was a worse than even the Valley of the chadow of Death through which Christian passed through Starring and his followers if they wiched to find their way to general Johnstons Jackken Munleys army had to go through with the danger of meeting these terrible forest fires from three sides. Now this valley being the extreme northeast section of the great Imperial Valley was a very thickly forested place, a wilderness of trees, yet a land of extreme beauty, a place of surpassing interest, but now with the forest fire soon to threaten it if the wind should change direction was to be a valley of death. Sturring feared to take the chances but he had waited so long or stayed so long with the Rungers thatbnow now there was no other way, and to remain another day would mean disaster for them

Even all the pangers were now worse off than in their fights with the fire. Starring and all the rest prayed forwently that the fire would remain on its own proper course and not head for this vailey. Then they had descended to the borders of this bountiful valley there mot him a group of men making a hasty retrat retrest in his direction. Starring was surprised and somewhat apprehensive, and asked them naked them: ::...::::::::::::::::::::

"Where in the world are you men going?"

"We are going back out of this valley, and you and your comrades are wise in

acing so too if either life of health is prized by you."

"Why what is the mutter "!""""""""Demanded gturring."
"What is the mutter you say!" said no of them" "We were goinghthe same way sas you are going, and went for about half a mile, and indeed sir we a were almost beyond our chances of coming back, for had we gone a little further, we cwould not be here to bring the news to you."

"put what did you see! What is it you encountered!" asked one of Sturrings follows

Followers. "When we were almost half a mile in this vailey, but that by good luck we happened to look before as and saw the dangers before we came to it?"

"But " said Starring impatienrtly" what have you seen. For the love of Mike epeak

plainly, not in riddles."

"Seen, thy the fire is spreading north of the valley itself, the smokecoverhead it making it as dark as pitch, we heard also in that valley a continual howling and yelling as of many facitive animals and over the whole region hange the discouraging scenes and confucion brought on by the fire, in a word it is beyond measure dreadful being utterly without order. The fire is flanking the valley." "But" said Starring. I perciever not yet by what you have said and seen, but

we must go through this way if we have to fight our way through the fire."

"Woll" said one of the men" be it thy own will, we will not choose it for ours." so they parted, and gtarring, his followers and all the rangers went n on their way. On the right of the valley there was a long deep and wide ravine. Again on h the opposite side there was a very large and dangerous quag of oily tur. The tar if it caught fire surely would smoke the valley out. The ravine run for miles and gtarring and his followers decided if there was immediate danger to seek shelter in the ditch and fight for their lives there. The pathway too between ravine and the tar quag was only about ten feet wide. It was quite narry wnarrow at some places , and also as the heat of the advancing conflagration was growing great greater and greater, Etarring became more and more worried, and even it began to grow so durk and smoky that when he sought in the darkness to see where he and his comp unions were going he and any others of them were in danger of either falling head first into the ravine or tip over into the mire into which if any one fulls and no one is around to help him he can find no bottm bottom. Thus he and his companions went on, and once in a while of o one of them would sigh bitterly, for besides the dungers ment ioned which they faced in the ever increasing darkness, the pathway in some places was so dark that very often when they lifted their foot to set forward they new not where or upon what they should set it nest. nextt. Dome places usar off scenes broke out as if a great number of mouths of hell suddenly appeared, and ever anon and anon the flame and smoke rose upward in such abundance, with clouds of sparks, and sheets of flame and hedious noises, that Sturring and all those who followed him were forced to Pray with all the power they could infuse in praying. One of the Rangors cried out loudly;;;;;;;

"Oh guared Heart of Josus I beseach Thee deliver us from unseenn perilss." Thus they went on a great while, yet still it seems as if flames would sear the patches of trees nearest to them and reach tward the adventuerers, also they heard strange delegal neigns and rushing sounds sammingly to and ire, so that "sometimes

they feared a wind would come up that wouldet a would tear the forest to places and overshelm the whole region in a sea of flame in h which there would be no escape but the raying. These frightful lights was observed, and these dreadful nouses noises were heard by them for neveral miles or more altogether, and coming to a place where he thought he heard an extra rear of the conflagration coming tward him and the rest,, he shouted to them to halt, and then stopped and began to mase whether they all should seek the ravino new in the dark or go on .. Sometimes he was tempted to retrace his steps. Then again he thought he might be nalf way through the valley, he remembered also how he had already vanquished many a danger, and that the danger of going back might be tenfold more than to go forward, so he resolved to go on. Yet the rearing flames now showing themselves in a long rising clouds of shooted tongues seemed to come nearer, and nearer, but when they were come within a mile of them, they came no further but changed course and want in tward the heart of the forest. The heat it gave forth however was terrific.

The neise of the conflagration was so conformding that starring and all those .. with him were so confused that they did not know their own voice,, as any one c couds could have percieved. Just as they halted to watch the forward progress of the

seas of flame and wendered where all the noises came from ...

.One of the Bangers who was behind him, stepped up softly to him and whipserings in his our suggested some plans to him. It was hard to make up his mind, for this situation which he met with was something never in his life before, even to think that it seemes as if the whole world was on fire and he and his followers were facing a hellish d scene and yet not participing in it, ,et could be haved helped it, he would not have doe it done it, but he had not the discretion to dare to go back, even though he did not know from whence the wings of the forst forest fires came.

Then they had all traveled in this fearsome and disconsolate o condition for about three hours,, they thought they neard the voice of some man going before them saving:

"Though I walk through The walley Of The hadow of Douth, I will fear no

evil for Thou art with me. ". ". , . . .

They all then felt before chearful and that for these reasons, if there can be any. First because they gathered that so e one who could not us a guide and knew the dangerous valley, were going through this valley as well as themselves. Becondly for he and they percleved that even now god was with them, though in that dark and hellish dismal stae state, and why not thought hewith us though by reason of the impediment that attend this fire threatened valley, they cannot percieve :t?

Thirdly , for that they hoped (could they overtake them) to have more reinforcements reinforcements by and by (providing they were not enemies \$0) so they went on, and shouted and called to those who they heard in front of them, but there was no unswer. By and by a bright glare rose in the oky turning the valley almost as bright as day, with the sudden light manesfesting itself, They all looked back to see why the glare, and what hazarde they had gone through in the dark. Evidently he and his followers saw by the help of the terrific glare more perfectly perfectly the large ravine that was one the one side of the narrow readway, and the big tar quag that was on the other, also how narrow the way was which lay between them both, and also he now saw, scenes as of the main entrance of the hell p pit, but all afar off, for the flames were not as near as at first supposed yet they were all revealed to him by the g light of the flames.

Yet sturring was much affected with his unusual deliverance from all the day dangers of the fire swept Imperial valley, which dangers though he and his companions feared them more before yet he and they saw the perils more clearly now, because the glaring lights of the conflugration made them more than ever reveal themselves to him, and by this time the distant flames was rising higher and higher, and the increasing lights was another mery mercy to the adventurers for though the first part of the Imperial valley was dangerous because of the near possible fact of the fire changing course and sweeping right on them, vet the other section of the valley with which he and his companions were yet to go through was far possible more in danger of the firecas the formation of the valley and its course at this section turned in such a direction that if there was the slightest slightest change in the direction of the wind, they'd never escape and they were far from the big gully or ravine by now. And also it was a long ago left eners by the retreating enemy who after the Evangeline St Clare horror left enurse, traps, gins, and note here, and filled so full of pits covered over with brush, usep holes, and se shelvings, that had it been dark, as it was when they want through the first part of it, had he had a thousand hundred men with him they would have been caught and injured badly or killed, and his trip would have to be abandoned.

Taking divantage of this fire glars they continued on cautiously and after two hours finally came to the end of the valley. Here they came upon bones and skelentons of men and animals, and mangled bodies of men, evidently some vict ims of a cutus roohe not found till now, probably of some party of soldiers that had gone rh this way formerly, and while Wal Walter Starring was musing what should be the remon, he aspied before him the results of some explosions by which they evidently had been killed. Not by this section the adventuerers went without danger, whereas they much wondered. Lots of mimals were flowing past ..

Starring and his followers continued on their way, yet at the creasume sight

they could not tell themmelves what to think, especially because a mysterious, explosion a killed them. And there was no one in slight. It might be they had lain doud a few days only partly outen by wolves, and as for the horses, though one be yet a little alive they could not hardly move.

How as Starring and his followers continued on their way, they ascended another hill. Up the aloges they therefore went, the Rangers now remaining behind to do more work against the probable turn of the fire in this locality. Then they reached the summit they pay a young boy and girl scout going before them on horseback.

The it was no one would say riding with the girl scout, but Starring called aloud; " Stay and we will be your companions."

At that the boy good locked behind him, to whom Sterring cried again; "Stay , stay till t come to you."

"At that the boy enswered. "Come on, but hurry, for we have no time to weste, The fires are spreading b hind us."

At this Starring was somewhat moved, and he and his come companions putting to all their their strength, they did quickly catch up with the gir and boy scout,, but starring no . not taking good head to head fout, he suddenly stumbled and foll, and could not rise again untill one of the men came up to help him.....

Then they still a ntinued on their way with the two scouts, and then had some,. conversation,, of all things that had happened since first starting cut, and thus gtarring himself began; ;;;;;

"It gooms a wonder to be able to evertake two child account of your age cut herevin a dangerous fire threatened wildernesse, and as God has brought us tomethor, we can coni continuo on us companions in this so dangerous a path untill He sees fit to brings us through and into a sufer spot..."

"I had thought sir starring, that you are and your followers were out here and were sourching for you, but you did get the good start of us, wherefoe we were forced to mearch and search and come this much of the way alone. The Vivian Girls sent us to be your guides as we know the county well. Had we found you you would not have faced such troubles us you did."

"How long did you stay in general Vivious inco, before you were sent out to looked for ma!"!" ":!!"Asked Storring.

"As soon as they gave me the advice to go forth, for there was great talk presently ad after you were gone away that the whole country side would in a short time be one wast conflagration and as the Glandelinian camp in which they were working to secure the information they sent you for were destroyed, and they had to go, for their own safty, they set we. I'm Jonnie or Angeline lience, and the boy with me is Rudeliffe."

"What did the camps under Manley get struck by the fire. ?"

"Yos. Was a terrible disaster. But all of us oscaped. Violet and her sisters are again with general , ivien."

"Did everybody talk so about the ravages of the forest fires."!

"Yes. It is in every ones mouth. Especially the partl you might be the Violet and her sisters were greatly worried."

"Mut!And did no more of them but you come out to search for me!""

"Well, though there was as I said, a great talk thereabout, yet ; do not bink think any no but violet and her sisters firmly believed it at first. For in the heat of the discourse, I heard some of them speak of you and your desperate journey as a journey through the regions of hell, but wiclet and her sisters did believe and do still, that the whole countryeids will be swept away, by the worse forest fires on record, and therefore they sent me and the boyscout to look for you Instead of we finding you, you found us."

"Dear you hear of any talk whether general Vivians army was in the path of any fires or not. I heard the fire crossed at Sound pend and the armies were encamped somethers northeast of it?"

"Yes, but he escaped after a hard fight. But I am sure his army had a thrilling tim time of it. In his own thrilling escape general vivian was caught in some sort of a bog, having fallen in in his excitement, and though he got out himself he was covered with the mud. But he pulled his army through the danger zone. It was like a fight through the infernal regions."

"And what said many of the officers about it. "! asked starring. "They saythat it is probable that even Violet and her sisters did not know what they were doing when they sent you out on this long adventure, that the very ele ments may be greatly in derision, and that with the War torn states ten times worse than before you are bent on sucide in your mission//munin

"But why should every one be so set against my mission for iol t, and her sisyers Violet and her sisters, since it is the only hope ; believe for the winning of the

"Oh"they say" you are too venturesome for a general when others could have takon your place and you should havecremained with your command."

"Had you no talk with violet, or her sisters since the fire struck general Manlays camps."

"No" We were separated during, the confusion "

"Hud you any talk with my of the glandelinian generals before you came out of the

"I met nome of them during the confusion in the company stroots, but they were too busy conducting the refrest, so a did not converse with any of them.

"W 11 I declare Jennie." Wielet exel imed with almost a len langhe" We ere in a Brotty fix I o'n ato'l you that and we haven't the least h files ofther how we ere going to got out if ita's

As if to add to their trough troubles the night was now excepting excepting on and gray clouds which had overspread the s'y was changing to inky blackmost-put the sound of the distant buttle had stopped and the elight breeze of wind that had been blowing had wifted the smoke haze away and the little waves of the creek began

te quiet down and not be quite so rough.

It was having for 'iolot and her sisters I think that the horses had re ran away in fright and taken the wagon with them or otherwise wholet and her sisters might mays been killed as a she, shell would have hit the wagon and exploded the ammunition benes in the wagon-Many little girls and hoys in the place of io let and her siters might have wapt and screamed or even given way to despair, but because delet and her sisters had encountered so many adventures and perils and come safty saftly through them it did not occur to them at all to be even the least bit afraid even when they were in a wagon loaded with boxes of boxbs and cartridges and even dynimate. The little girls were wet and uncomfortable it was true but after sighing once they managed to recalled some of their customary cheerfullyness

and decided to wait patiently whatever their fate might be. By and by the clouds rolled away and showed a clearer sky overhead, with a large full silvery moon sining shining brightly and sweetly in the middle of a large rift in the clouds and little stars winked morrily at inlet and her sisters when the little girls looked their ways, he raft did not toos much any more now but was moving along gently and quietly so that the floor upon which the little girls stood or sat was not any more being awee swept by splashes of watr coming through the wagon side slaths. Seeing this and indeed being quite exhausted by the exsitement of the past two days the little girls decided among themselves that sleep and rest would be the best thing to restore their strength and the easinest

way and they could pa pass the time. The floor of the raft was domp and the little girls were themselves wringing wat but fortunately the day and night had been warm and sultry and nei' neither of the little girls felt cold or chilly.

As there were too many of them to lay down they had to sit as comfortably as possible but nevertheless it was not long before any of them were fully fast asleep and

floating down the stream as if on a large rocking cradle.

A most populing and still most strange noise anche first violet and her sisters afterwards, and liolet and Jannie who first amp anoke opened their eyes and found h that day had dawned, and the summer sun was shining brightly in a beautifully clear and blue sky-violet herself had been dreaming that she and her sisters were back in the christian encampeents again and playing with gentrude Angeline and her other friends and with the boyaccuts and even officers and senerals and at first as she herself rubbed the sleep from her eyes she really imagined she was there with her sisters still.

''Hello little goils. what ye doing here on the wagon

bottem.''!

y' ish here was the strange sound of a still stranger voice again that had awakened solet and her sisters. urely it must be a man or a boy speaking, gut her wide open Eves first saw through the wagon clats still adhorring to the bott on the blue and green waves of the stream of water new calm and placed like it should be, and her thoughts flow back to the past night so full of danger and ruch discomfort. also after looking more carefully also began to remember or discover at least that she and her eisters were still f g fugitives of a past battle and now admift probably upon a strange and treacheriess river of tweel immense width for new they were not on any creek for the land on both sides was far away.

"I say little goils what ye doing here on the magon bottom?" Demanded the voice more firmly.

' hat's that. ' '?' 'Cried violet starting to her feet and looking at her sisters who was beginning to stir.

"hy I just disco ored you on this wagen betem floating on the river that's all. "Raplied a storn grim and manly votes but sharp and distinct and looking around her violet discovereda tall man standing upon the bottem seat of an immense river rowboat wearing a yellow coat and blue pants while a little protty bobbed haired boy was siting on the other end of the beat. "mear me" he exclaimed in great surprise "U" H we you been afloat on the river all night too. 191

Incourse not. newered the man still rowing tward the raft to get closer and yawning. " "Karly this morning I and this little son of mine were persued by rebels and escaped byour boat and while rowing down the river I discovered the wagon bottom floating tward us and wishing to see what was up discovered you on it with your little companions and strove for ten minutes to try and awaken you little girls. The ungon bottom was floating on a small sand bar and was tipping and so I had come with the purpose to take you off or tow you to shore for I knew if you little girls fell in the water while sound asleep you would surely be drowned. Indeed I nearly drowned myself and my little boy as it was inattempting to overcome the raft you are on and nearly captized h my boat. I never found y little children so wet in my life and even sound asleep. Are you not coldeto.

"Yes' agreed d violet as she shook Jennie and her other sisters' 'It was pretty wet for us all at least for a time you know."

aut do you feel more comfortable now! " Asked the man.

** ot very. The morning our bos of course helped to day my dress on it seems to have dolle to the dresson of my statershore but I feel better to since yesterday evening. We happened to be in this plight on nocmust of a fight and of two runnway horses aut what's to become of us t should like to know now affect on this hi unknown rivers f shot river is it ofretis

"It is the norma une "Said the noldiere" Put I'd like to know what is to become of us too. But neverthelose I'm going to tou you nehore an this raft of a wagon bottom won't float wich langer Im sure-nut tell me how does it happen t hat pretty little girls like you so young and delicate looking happen to be able to pass through such a night like this without even being afraid. You don't seem to show even the slightest fear . 'I expected to see you cry and serem as a on as you

would wake up.

"my as for that 'Anomored Jennie herself r thoughtfully as she slowly aw arose''I have gone through one thralling adventure after another with my sisters and never knew that there was anything to be afraid of especially that I can remember except sin. But when you asked my sister folet a question a minute ago when you awake us it seemed the most natural thing to answer you. o we spoke and we seem to keep on feeling no fear just as you mentioned to her a moment ago.Strange isn't it. '!

'yery' Replied wielet he herselff. 'If we were not going through all our adventures in this land of galverinta where there is no much trouble going on I or my sisters would not think it so q queer, because many of us Angelinians have no fear whatever the that we can remember, but also out here in this hig river we must be a long way off from Julio Callio by this time IBm sure."

'you is it that you suffered from a runwa runaway and got in this condition?' Asked the man tying the rope to the raft from his boat and looking anxiously and lovingly at the little girls. 'bo I speak properly without too much

curiousity in your judgement. "!

"Yes. 'Said folet while her sisters looked on. 'you do very well, for a new found friend." And she told him all about their experience of the in evening and might before and confered to him who they were . He was fully actonished at being confronted abou by the Avian airls who he happened to have heard about and he

said joviously;

"I'm glad indeed to know that I'm in the presence of the daughters of Governor Coneral "Ivian and that I can atleast be of some service to them. "He continued with a walute of respect and in a confidental tore. "Because if one is going to have further adventures like I expect it is best to have it in company and o not onlyons or two. This little boy is my son andmany have often said that my son and my daughter were quite perfect in ways and manners and now it is a cof emafort to know that I have come within contact with the brave Heroines of Angelinia at last. A thing I prayed for for a long time and finally gor got answered.

'not p p ying any attention to his pa praise violet remarked; "I'm beginning to get hungry and probably so are my sisters. It's breakfast time

but there is to be no breakfast for us yet. "

"You may have some of my pro iprovisions I have in my wheat." Said the man-"We have enough for a while and I would not like to see you little goils g go

"Don't you want tosaye it unless untill you need it? 'Asked the little girls in surprise. 'We can wait for a while. We are hungry but not starving as we were only

one night on this things "

"no indeed." reward the rematilf you little goils are hungry you should ent-I never care to lot any of my friends go bungry unless I have nothing myself and then it cant be helped. Theore is thirtsen because of food in my beat which I secured from the wheeler "landelinian encompanies and its a lucky mamber for us since I found you here on the wagon bottom. go you may no well take away your hunger and eat something in one of these boxes.

"Oh I or my misters could not possibly eat it untill we get ashore. "Exclaimed Joice. "I'm much obliged for your kindress to us and will wait if you don't mind."

"'nen't mention it my dear little goile.'Arowared the man calmly and began rowing with all his speed while his little boy and girl who also appeared from under a seat relooked at the little girls with great admiration and curiousity. per a moment field and her ever her sisters at a stood looking out over the the wide expanse of water. She and her sisters were still thinking of the food bems so presently inlet again asked.

''Why did you bring all those provisions on one boat when you

dont expect to remain on the water very long."
"It is not all satables." Replied the man. "Only two boxes are food. The others have ammunition, that is bullets. It has always been my pride to do something for my f country and so has it been for by boy and girl here and so I thought I would need it in ease I found some soldier refugees or escaped child slaves or other fugitives. I never feel like being happy or contented till my hopes are realised and without the chance of doing something for my country I I or my som and daughter would not be happy. The little girl is seven years old and the bey is ton. 'T

"'It is strange. "Said Bettie reflectively But as I'm not a soldier I samet expect to understand that, "In coursenot my little deare."

Then follst and even her sisters fell silent again if you please to mention. The man and his two children was some company, and a big of comfort too; but it was dreadfu llly lonsesse on the big river nevertheless.

After a very about time therein biseeff stood up and labed in several aircetions while his little daughter fairly perched upplymon the termest part of the beats rummy which was a little histor than the raft which was heing towns choroard. Violet and har staters having nothing also to do had been all satisfies down alone together upenthe bottom for nome mements panta

why we are not for away from land now. 'Exclaimed the little h girl herself

looking atwher pap enroently.

"Labore? here is it little girl. "!Gried joice jumping up in great excitement and nearly trip ing o ver one of her sisters and tossing the raft almost dangercusly and onusing her sisters to marn her to be on reful-

''Over there a little way.' 'Anamored the boatmans daughter pointing her little finger in a certain direction. The we are going tward it now so that before long we ought to be on share again. "

"We are reaching the abore." Declared the man and by noon at least we might to find ourselves upon dry land again. '

*I shall like that but we have to be careful of enemies. 'Said Angeline with a little sigh for her fast and legs and also of those of her sistersmore still watted now and then by the river mater that came through the bottom of the raft.

"Bo whall we." "newered her eisters." here is nothing so miserable in the

world than to have feet and legs wat. "

he river shore which they seemed to be rapidly approaching since it arew more distinct every mimits was quite beautiful as viewed by the little girls on the floating and towed ungon bottom raft . Next to the western side of the river was a bo broad beach of white sand and even grave, gravel and distant houses and further back where forests and high foothills while beyond these a trip of different i kind of fir and pine and evergreen trees marked the edge of a malverinian forest. There were also many houses half in ruing to be seen but there was nowign of any christians or any one eles who might inhabit this part of the Calverinia region which was north of Vivian _ickeye

'I hope we shall be able to find screening to eat and then the man came save his little provisions. "Baid Jennie looking a engarly at the pretty river beach tward w which they were being towed. 'It is long pant breakfast time

"I'm a trifle hungry myself. 'Declared the man himself.

"why don't you he ent what you have in your box then?" Asked he his own child. "No I cannot stop to out now." Uricothe man impatiently. "I do not want to stop rowing now or the current or of the river wi 11 pull us out again. ** 1 I beg your pardon air, Isa sure Hr, Mr, by the name may I inquire your name sirf ** Asked the little girl.

"My name is hiller gauter. 'Raid the man semewhat gruffly.

* hat differences does that make little goil. "

* You are an Angelinian are you not? "

'iog a In course I am.' But when I first came into the world my mother gave me that name for no one could tell where whether I was going to be a boyor girl so my parents after I was born called me whilliam and many of my friends made a pet of me because I was the only real Angelinian without an Angelinian name. hen r grew up nd when I found that i I did not care to quarrel or fight with any one as all boys usually do, and girls too, my paprents did not think it probable to hom change my name and every creature now know me as whilliams.qo hilliams I have always been called and whilliams is my mame.'

a ''nut it is certainly all wrong you know.' Declared joing very earnestly earnestly and if you certainly don 't mind I shall eall you u only gauter. It

sounds better for an Angelinian you see. "

''Oh T dont mind it in the least.''Returned the man as they were now close to the shore. "It does not matter at all what you call me so long as I know the name means you are talking to me.''
!'Very well-Sauter. My name is joinsy vivian and these are my sisters - just

ivian girls to my friends and Miss ivian to strangers. You may sall us by our first manes if you like We are now getting very near to the shore. no you s uppose it is too deep for us girls to wade the restof the way or swim to the shore. We

''Whit a few minutes longer. ''As Advised the man. I don't 1 like to see you wet o your clothes again and the sunshine is warm and pleasant, and also we are surely

not in any hurry whatver.

''gut our feet are all wet and soggy.''Said the little girl''ns so are those of my sisters. "Our dresses are dry enough to be sure but we don't feel right untill we

get completely dried foot and top together."

who little ivian girls weited however as the man add advised and before long the boat had reflehed the shore and the man and two children got out and grabbing the rope started h uling the wagon bottom as near to them as possible and soon the pec peculiar raft grated gently on dry land entirely and the dangerous river trip was entirely o ver for the time bwing. It did not take the fugitives long to reach the river shore you may be sures, the little girls got off the raft at once and soom all were safe ashore dfa drawing off their shoes and stockings and spreading them upon the sun warmed stones to drye hen they sat down and watched the two other children as the man went off to see where he could place them all, the two children digging sway with thehr hands in the sand and gravel which they scratched up and started making m sand pies out of.

"wh what are you doing!" Ashed Jonnie. "

" Haking sand pion of court to "numered the boy buistly working sway.

these do you find in making much things an sand pies? 'Inquired the little

a curricus torne.
On just to find semathing to do so that I am see see In and higs and other thin a things mingle in the cand and the like. They make a very sweet and niv "" or dreadful it is indeed. 'Explained violet in a shocked voice.

I "hat is so dreadful!' shed the boy litting his head to gaze at the little "line grip with his bright eyes.

Y hy whitting less also as a litting his head to gaze at the little

by putting live things and huge and anta in a saniple full of water. It is eruel. you should and might to be nahomed of yourselve little bey. " eriel. you should and ought to be nebrosed or yournelve little bey."
"loodsees me." and the boy in a pushed tone." or queer you winn irls are
willes. "Live things won't die in a little sand pie and surely whom you make mus pies of your own you put all sort of insects in them don't you. "

o we don't indeed do no much a thing. 'Sait wielet.

"'You do indeed.' namered the boy.' I believe you even put flies, and grasshoppers and even birds in sand place."

and even birds in Sand plow. ' v
* "Ef we did we don't remember it. 'Said inlet trimpbantly.

"Mat difference does that wake. 'I'!
"'A good deal ' newered the "twint dirl in a graver tone' There are many things a person did when they were very young which they could never know or remember when they grow older. Of so urse I ar meither my staters cannot really explian the difference but it is there anyhow. Ind anyhow we would never but such things as issents in sand and mud pies. It is eruel."

"'got we don't intend to do it to be exuel.' ottreed the boy with an odd look.

''go we are not doing anything wrong little girle''
This made violet and even her afeters very thoughtful. "hat the little boy said was truthful enough and strange enough to say the night of the candples with all kinds of peculiar insects ornwling among the entery substance almost took away their appetite for breakfest at that. As for the boy and his little sister they continued to work on the sand ples and indeed somed quite contented with their play .

wim lly down near a small rock at the edge of a tree stump the little girl yielst herself in picking up a small stone she saw which looked curious drow

her hard back and shirered. Her finger one out and bleeding.
"Ow" be eried. "I struck matel or semething solfs that time, and it nearly our out my fin o finger off at that."

" 'It probably mas a sterry sterry . " Caid Jonnia corolossiy.

onwerse. I know a rook or stone from motel and agmething charp to out you with I guess '', he answered. '', no there is a large out on my little finger of my

right hand.

"but there surely could not be anything like sharp metal or "knives on this wild deserted river share I'm sure." Forsi persisted joigo horself. "where's the place sister. I'll dug it up with a piece of atiek and prove to you I'm right." Violet showed her sister the place where she had sut her finger and Joice and Jemie dug away the dirt and sand untill they felt screething hard does in it. Then thrusting in the stick deeper they drow the thing out and discovered it to be a small walkes, rather old but still bright, of he of perfect abupe one on sharp as a swords
that did I tell you. '''fforded globe with a critic of triumphe ''one I tell
sworthing like a huffe when my finger pate out in on its or in the cutiess semething like a reek. ''??''

"'It is a cutions our conough.' "nemered the princeses gazing thoughtfully at the curious sabre che and her efeters had found." I think the cutions was made of pure sold or stell sateal cented with cold and it must have lain in the sand or graves gravel a very long time. How do you suppose it came there violet. and what do

you suppose this mysterious out lass was used for!"

"I can't say. 'Replace delet.' You bedre clear reise cught to know more about golden cutlasses and swords more than we even do.' joice glanced around whore was no sign of a house or even an encompaent in that part of the calverinian ocuntry and the littly girls finally reasoned that every sales and outlass fitted its own scablard and every sabre and outlass must have its out purpose for use. Perhaps the sabre was lost by some rebel soldier of Angelinian during a conflict somewhere and the soldier who may have been wounded w unto death wandered to the very place and buried it so no one would find it. gusing on these things yield herself claimed the cutlans as she had founf it found it and put the cabre in between the band of her dress and then she and her sisters slowly drow on her their shoes and stockings which the oun and warm rocks had fully dried. .

''I believe roise''She said as the man was coming back''We'll all have a look around

and see if we all k can find some christian encomment."

Trotting almost a mile from the shore of the river but still walking along the waters edge so as not to be too far from the river the little bey whomscompained his father and sister and the vivian firls came to a flat stretch of land covered with velvety grass and the boy looking down a saw a handberechief lying there. He pisked it up and saw that the cloth had some queer letters or emprayings upon it just as one would r write a code upon a piece of paper.

"that does it easy!"He asked Jennie who be came up to and who was tretting along mi with her sisters in a rather dignified fashion.

"'You surely ought to know.' he answered pleadingly.
''New should I know what it is!' Returned the boy reproschfully.' I cannot read it'o.

"'Oh can't von. !"

"Well I have .''Ad a admitted violat 'And one took the hendlered for the the state of the state at it she gave a surprised englamanation.

"why it is a gode and the atrange letters are very big and far apart and it's hard to spell out the words. 'She said. I'll have to examine it. It may be something worth the finding."

As they continued on their way she looked at each letter carefully and finally dispovered(As who dould mee out codes) that these words were written in strange letters on the handkarchief;

the divien itie. book out for them.

gigned the wheeler largellarians.''

'That is rather strange.' 'Declared the hashful hop when wielst had read aloud the words.' what do you suppose the wheeler landelinians are. rolks that wheel baby carriages or har hand carts. '!

"'Perhaps they are men and woman to have automobiles and other machines' guggested his little sisters' Thore is no need to have of much things except autocoles which are extremely dangerous things. Several of my friends a boy and girl were run onver

by one of them."

They are not automobiles or an one who push baby cabs and the like. 'Replied wielst whome they all truded on recognized that this part of galverials was a new wild country to them, without even tracks and trolly cars or even topephone wires' 'The Wheelers have not seen us yet ISm sure that is we think they didn't . _ . I don't think we need fear of danger. And she explained to the boy and girl what the theeler claudelinians were. They were Cargoylians but which were combbe front of their robe a design of a wheel and thus received their name from that. "'perhaps not.' 'Admitted the man. 'But where are wegoing now!"

"we think of gong over to some of the woods so to see if we cannot find out way to some christian campe" newsered Jannie. whole party tramped neroes the meedow, skirting o the foot of one of the smaller

but rocky hills that stood mear, and soon reached the edge of the forest. At first they were greatly disappointed because there was no encomposent within night, all the treas being minite or o' cottonwood or what you usually call sucalp sucalptus and at no distance a small they even see the sign of a single house. Werything was woods, but bye and bye, when they were almost in despair, the little girls and the most of the most of the most again and the most of the most the rest of the party dams upon two distance houses that premished to furnish them will shelter and allow them a chance to eat some breakfastenhe men

had drew out of the horse the cartridge belts and placed them around himself and what was left around the little girls and even his son and the other boxes were paper boxes of food, but now no they proceeded tward the the houses .. tolet thought she saw far in the distance full square shaped tents which stood in great clusters in all directions and in the font of the tents stood the biggest and largest house like tent. who trees which were of all kinds in the woods seemed to be a a forest indeed bordered by a dinet distance encompress for look where they sill there were all kinds of tents and further off from the man main camp tiny little buts and tents were to be seen that were quite green in color, the color of most of the bigger tents were of paper mapking and the encomposent when they drew mearer presented a very plean pleaning appearance to the hungry little girls. nut after a while they saw further off to the right another encampeent which was even more wonderful for it bore immense quanties of batteries, and within were cities of barracks and other army houses and there were so many tents that the little girls could not count them all . Over some of the furtheat branches were blankets hing so heav y that the branches bent underreath their weight. one of the hig barragks buildings were dark brown in color, these still larger were of a dull tin color, but the others were if or seemed to be ecated with bright tin that shows and glistened beautifully in the rays of sunshine that touched them. wiolet and her sisters were delighted, and even the man who had rowed them to shore acknowledged he was delighted and surprised but cautioned them to be careful as he knee from the shape and color of the tents it was a rebel encampment of some sorts

yearing the house however the party finding it empty went in and the little girls recieved the nicest of the lunch boxes from the man and then they sat down on the chairs found in the row room and eagerly opened the boxes. Inside they found nicely wrapped in paper and cloth, han ham sandwitches, pieces of case, of three flavors, picks pickles pie, cream and swiss cheese and ap apples and or m oranges. every box cont i contained exactly the same but the little girls found the food very delicious and they ate every bit of the luncheion in the bexes

before they had finished.

L A lunch of this kind is not really a breakfast fo for us girls. " gaid Hettie to the manwho sat near her and her sisters curiously watching. * But when we are hungry we can even cat anything and not complain. " "I hope you did not est too much. 'Observed the man in an anxious tome. 'go much sickness is eaused by overeating. "

''O ih we are sure we did not eat too much at that. 'Declared Daisy. 'We however did not out the pickles as it they are green and we don't like anything that is sour or sweet and sour combined. But everything else tasted perfectly splendid

and we would rether have this than a regular armymeal. And now I think mister if you don't mind we can may the rest of to the food so we will have it when we and History again, and now wa'll start out and explore the encomposant at a safe

"Have you not any idea what part of the Calverinian country we are inf "Inquired

Catherine herself of her minter.

*Mone at all-But listen-I'm quite sure we are semewhere north or south of vitam wiskey as this is the Norma iver and we remember last night we drifted northward on the creek. At least if we were not we could not come across an encampment of the enemy so soon. Besides gathy being in this part we would not be able to get through a water way route like we did without danger if we had been going north-I bet we are south.

"Parhaps we are in the state of Om Ozma. "gaid violet thoughtfully. I' It is south

of 'ivian _ickey''

"'wo that can't be. 'Answered hor little sister' Because I have been all through parts of that state and its all surrounded by immense scenery more beautiful than even a paradise and I only hope the horrid rebels will never mare it. "when how could we get here and not be destroyed or fired on m by the rebels?" Asked Joine. "We could not have passed the city of ivian mickey or through it on any of her waterways without annihilation.

''I believe we entered the river by the creek, but neverheless nevertheless it

does seem as if we had lost direction. 'Said violet.
'Ah indeed.' Remarked Nettie in a tone of surprise. 'Don't you see the sun in the

''anyhow ''nesumed the little girl ''There is no such thing as a wide beach anywhere near vivian lickey as the river braks are steep like precipices, so this surely must be a part of the stare state of Omen indeed." while she and her three sisters were arguing about where they were the lot of them selected a bright dusty rondway that seemed to have a winding form and then accompanied the man and his two children and walked cut of the shadow of the trees tward the main stretch of woods, they were partury to it when the little girl

the daughter of their manocepanion oried in a a voice of terrors "that is that, ivian irl?"
violet and her olsters furned quickly around and so did the others, and saw coming out of a path that led from between a mass of pine trees tward the road the most peculiar ly dressed or uniformed landelinian their eyes had ever beheld. It had almost the form of a tall ghost on horseback which was robed in a similar way, except that the horse galloped at a furious speed instead of troddytrotted raising a cloud of dust, and the horses legs were covered the same as the mans legs were all in mist gray color giving them both the appearance of a gray man and horse p phantom at the same time. Yet really it was no ghost horse and man that. the party of adventures really beheld or discovered for the persons sold shoulders was covered with the most gorgonisly embroidered designs of many colors that could be imagined and he wore over a fierce looking gray hood a large hat more like the form of a girls sailor hat with two big ribbons floating from the side of it, the hat being worn or perched h jountily upon the side of his head. But he differed from other Cargovlians in this respect that instead of having the En Klun glans designs on the front of his robe on the chest there was designed two pictures of spinning wheels, under which was a skul and eross bones and other rounded wheels. He had a terrifically 'eng cabre uprisced and his horse was galloping swiftly over the level ground. Afterwards wholet and her saleters found when some of them peopples had been captured that these odd wheel designs were of the same description as of other gland linians captured later on and they also learned that Gargoylians of this kind are no fiercer than the others but have the swiftest horses ever known. ut having not seen any real glandelinians like t have at close quarters before the little girls when they first caught night of the first individual of a race of Gargoylians

ghosted robed creature and heres was on hesenese roller skates so owift did the herse ride forward at them. "Run" Boreanedwylolet as she and her at sisters starred away as if in great fright. "It's a heeler Cargoyliane"

"A wheeler "Endelinian" Exclaimed the little boy. "that can that be!"

that was destined to cause them lot of trouble they had an idea that the brilliantly

"Mever mind what that can be. Run and run for your life. Run T tell you run. " houted Joice as she and her sisters drew their pistols." so the man and two s children ran iclet and her sisters following after, and the wheeler seeing them rush away gave a sharp wild curse and blasphemy, and now e me After the fugitives in full chase and was upon them in a o moment. iclet at once fired her pistol and down went the horse throwing his rider headlong. Though they had thus stopped the man for a moment he tried to rise and shoot at the little girls but Jennie seeing the danger fired her own pistol and the bu 11 laid

him outstretched on the ground. Lecking over their shoulder however as they ran the little girls and the others now saw a great procession or column of landelinian hedger Cargoylians ermerhing from the edge of the forest from the direction of the eneaumentscores and score of them -all elad in similiar style but the leader seemed to be more splendidly dressed though his robe and hood was black in color and all the horsemen galloped swiftly tward the fugitives with sabres uprissed and uter

uttering commands to them;
"Stop you dirty christian dogs or We'll out you down without mercy."

"They are ours to eaten us." Fautod the men who was still carrying some of the free boxes." I'm fatt fattigued and can't run much farther little garles Toyley hate to do it but pheliove you all will have to fire like wild and stop them. so we can get away or they will ride us down. **

'Glimb up thin hill quick with your children. 'Brid wicht mg '"nd no will do what we can to check them for a minute. 'And while the brave iving file started firing in general but not hitting any one as they did not wish to the man and his boy and girl found they were very near to a heap of loose rocks and stones and jagged rooks they had presed on their way to the hose house. The ' little girls were even now working themselven from rock to rock and firing occasionally, damage, am as the three got to the upper part folet and her sinters followedne boat as they could, shalf climbing , half stumbling up the rought rough and rugged steep and pausing every new and then to open fire. The fugitives however had been none too soon for the foremost wheelers had reached the foot of the hill a moment after the little girls had been half way y up but while the little girls scrambled up the rocks, the rebels had stopped their swift horses with howls

of rage and disappointment. Jolst was now laughing.

""non't hurry my three friends." he cried. "the rebels cannot follow us too closly closely among these rooks and if they start to meant by foot we have them badly exposed while we are safe, perfectly safe nowe"

who man and his two so, ds children stopped at once and eat down upon a broad boulder for they were all out of broath, the two chilren were terrified while wielst and her sisters looked only excited and interested. he rest of the healer Cargoylians had now reached the foot of the hill and dismounted from their horses as it was evident that their horses oo ld not climb up the rought rough and jagged rocks, and also they were therefore helpless to follow the fugitives to where they had taken refuge for they know that the fugitaves having plently of amounita ammunition oul could shoot down any one who storted up. put they circled all around the little hill, some going back to the engamement for some reason, so that the man and his two children and the vivian irle were for the time being fast prisoners and could not come down without being captured or shot to death. the rebels shock their fists at wielet and her sisters in a most threatening manner,

"We will get you in tire you dirty viving girl hellhounds never fenre and when we do get you we will tear you to bits for killing one of our comrades and his

horse.

"Why are you so anxious to tear us to bits!" Asked violet. "we are mere children strangers in your country who at the beginning have done you no harm until you persued us."

''No harm.' 'gried their leader shaking his sabre at them.' 'Did one of you not kill our courade and his horse. Have you not smoking pistols still in your

hands you reakless little fools." "We had a right to shoot him. 'Jounie Answered.' I killed the man and violet shot his horse. It was a matter of life or death between us. ' 'That is no excuse ''neterted the leader angrily''It is the law here that who ever comes lurking around our encomposents wheher they be son vessen or children

are spice and must dio immediately. " "g pon't you believe it. "Endd Joica" We we no we were not upygag on you rebels and out own affairs do not belong to you in the first place. You alandelinians seem fit for any kind of mischief and it is my opinion your won would have tried to kill us just the same whether we spied on them or not. "

'I think so too. 'Agreed Angeline.' 'gut what shall we do nos.' 'I he asked in am

undertone.''

''I suppose we will have to stay where we are. ''Advised the man himself.''We are safe from the pheeler landeliniane untill we have to othere to death or so, ething and I m ours before that the semen a good many things can happen. We may find a way to fight our way through yot and even secure their horses. Mayor can tell.

After two hours or so going to some most of the hand of heeler landelinians on horseback had galloped back into the forest, leaving only six or seven of their member to f guard the hill and provent the escape of the fugitives or prisoners. where had dis mounted and even laid down on the ground beside the hill within wiew of the little girle and the others and pretended to fall asleep, but mither ielet and her sisters or the man were fol fooled by this triem of the Clandelinians, so they all remained in the utmost security smong the recks, a pretended to pay no attention wintever o to the claudelinians. Finally the man genter screenbling over a mound of rocks and earth, exclaimed suddenly;;;;;;;

""" by here is a versylong but marrow p path." go to see what was there giolet and her sisters at ease elembored to where the a man sat and there sure enough que a long marrow but very smooth path which looked as if it had been out in the rooks but which was really had been formed by some matural cause if not anything else.

The most pecu, i peculiar thing about the strange path it seemed to wind around the mound from topto bottom, almost in the fushion of a cork seriew, twisting here and there emong the rocks and boulders but always remaining; level, and easy for any one to walk on. "ven a horse could do it-radeed at first yielst and her sitters wondered why the plande linians did not come up this marrow path ins purpose to surprise them, but when the little girls in single file followed it to the feet of the mound's ("has it a real foot or a leg) they found thay that many

big pieces of rook and gravel and earth and other debrie, had aither fallen or been placed directly occess the end of the paths right of my thus probably prent provent ing anyone on the cutsed from seeing it or the my o up, end it was also the remember. my dispose of the distance of the state of t time) when gloost and her eleters whiked back up the came path, and followed it untill they came to the very top of the high hill, it being an hours climb or walk and here they came across a wall of great rock all solid and inone and which was like a immense barrier. he path came to an end here also just beside this great wall of solid rook and for a moment it pur z pussled all of the little girls and even their friends who had followed them to know why the strange path, had been made at all. But Jennie who had been gravely following them all in the renr. and was now sitting upon a rook behind her sisters suddenlybremarked;

"It looks something like a small hole in the rook, desen't it. Maybe the entrance of a ogverm.''

'hat looke like a hele in the rock.''Insuired the brave child violet hernelf.
''any thatlittle hele in the rock just facing you.''Replied Jonnie where little blue eyes were very sharp and seemed able to see everthing. It is as large as an open doorway but wider noro se the top and bottom. "

" hy the hole. Can't you see it Violet dear r or have you gone blind? I must think it is a opening to some cavern or a door in the rock or something, although it does not seem large enough, to admit but only one at a time."

'Oh yes I see it now. 'gaid iolat now observing for the first time the hole in the rock a little beyond where she had been standing. "and is not this a small enverm Jennie ?"Fi pointing to the round hole at the side of the rock.

' Jennie came down and looked in.
' 'he orening ends into something like a strange stone door does it not!' he sald.

"that looks like a door or of stone. 'Envaired iclot.

' by the cracks in the closeing part just fadning you. 'Roplied Jennie. he erack seems to run up one side and down the other, or even across the top and also the bottomego I think it must be a stone door although we cannot see any himses."

''Oh of course it does.''Said violet now observing for the first time the crack in the co enclosed opening.' This also looks like a large keyhole'', mi she pointed to a round deep hole at one side of the door which when she felt of it found it was colored like stone but of real hard wood.

''Of course 'Baid Jennis.''If we only had the key now we could have the chande to unlook it and see what we could find in the cavern. 'Replied Jennie with her sweet ehildish smile. Maybe it is some landelinians tresso tresure chamber where some important information may be kept in books and papers or at least diamonds. rubies and shining gold or-

"That reminds me." aid Joice of a large black ket I picked up in the path on these sails o you think sister th that the key would fit the keyhole, Jennie or wielet?"

o joins searched inthe cocket of her walet and found the large black key mearly six inches long and an inch broad. The put it into the keyholo of the door and then turned the look. A sudden charp map was heard more louder than they expected to e hear, then with a loud solean creak that made the chivers run down the back of every one of the little girle the door fell cutrard, like a regular door on hinges and revealed a large Cark objector just ingide.

"Good gradies s' 'gried jolet in constornation shrik shrinking back as far as she could. For standing within the marrow chamber tied up hand and feet was the form of a tall man. He was only about as tall so a five foot man and his body was stout and strong looking. He had on him a h hat made of burnish copper as it seemed. He was perfectly still having been also gagged and where the light struck upon his form the little girls could see he woren gray uniform.

"non't be frightened violet.' Called Jennicand her other staters from their ever

"I see it is not. 'Replied the little girl drawing a long breath.

'It is only some soldier wh no head must beamage out of copper to have allowed himself to be taken prec prisoner so easily. ' ont imied Jennie looking in more closer so that she could examine the man more better .

"'Once' 'Soid violet' I known a soldier a man who served in the army form over two years without being wounded or captured once whose name was general ick hopper. But though he went through many battles and experiences he is still alive are are, cause he seemed to have been born with a charmed life, and got his experiences a little at a time---first spying on the foe as we do, and then being a flag bearer, and then for hisbravery getting the commission of a general, for the reason he had went through many accidents during his experiences and though he had done things in a very careless manner and caused us to go through the dangerous trouble to resous him he never got injured once. **

'Oh' anid the little boy, with a sniff as if he did not believe the story she told him.

big eyes fill of pity and curiousity at the same time 'Is not like him at all, and I wonder how he ome to be left this way for, and why it was that the landelinians may have looked him up and bound him up in this queer p,ace. "hat is a mystory to us indeed," Remarked the little boy more politely. wielet alone while her sisters remained outside stopped inside the cave to get a more better view of the man and to have arrange a way to release him and after he was released and helpled to his fact and unbound, folet discovered in his pockets a poculiarly printed eard that she placed inside her waist, and

which was suspended at the back of his mask and the fourth possibly as thing that was suspended from a small copper tag at the base back of his time to be a first part of the last the base of his time.

After looking over his carefully the little girls can that the man was only min evivor of between another getting on the erope of the parties are the evivor in the contract of the contra as soon as possible ... dolet returned to the path where the light was better and sat down upon a large slab of rook to read the printing on the peculiar card.. ** "but does it say? 'Asked the little boy curiously while the man and his deughter came up to view the unconscious, man-

Violet read the card very lind so all could hear spelling out some of the letters with some difficulty for they were I almost bu blured out and this is what she read:

TO general smith Tninker.

Be patient with the double action of your lines and have your generals be extra responsive to your orders. Rebels advancing on your right wing. Be sareful and take w warning before it is too late. "

"yow queer' Said the little boy. 'no you think it was alltrue violet?'
''I'dom't know '' newered itek who had read it. 'But he wasne doubt the victims of the landelinians during the batt le of pulso callio just past. Listen to this other mote to it sisters!

"'denoral Manley intends to move want forces to prevent general Hansuns movements upon Julio Callio. He intends to strike the christian armies under the two wiviane combined and smash them before they can id one another. I advise you to notify general Hanson that Hanloy is moving immense forces to take general ivians rear in full force...

"'signed . Gertrude Angoline and Jermie

"oull I declare "Casped Joice herself in great amasement." If general Manley had certainly intended o to do these things be certainly was a wonderful general for the side i he is on for no matter what he did he won the battle anyway. But I suppose it is all humbug don't you think so. Violet. Just some decoy writings to decieve some one."

"wot knowing whether he was a landelinian or not we might as well hold him untill we get some satisfaction.' 'uggested . violet.' We don't know whether he was attacked by christians or rebels for if the rebelo had him they would not have placed him there ISm sure. We will unbind him and take cut the gage and have him fully revived and then we will so whe 'what he will do."

'Lhere is the key to the door of the vacerni' Asked Angoline.

'Hanging own string in my proceet, where I replaced it.' Then' aid toice let us try him and find out whether he is a friend or fos. He is therefore if a friend carrented to be a guardian for us on our journey for the christian lines, but revertheless we have to be careful for me do not know even how long he has been standing unaconsiders fraide this rook. Paybe for days, and without

Joice had already taken the key and showed it to them and then replaced it inside her pocket.

After having ungaged him they found that the bonds around his hands and feet were to peculiarly tied that neither of the little girla did not know where to fing the beginning.
''hich shall I untio and unwind first!'Jonnio neked looking again and again

at the strange bonds. ''It's too band none of us have a knife. ''

'hy not use the cuthurs. It would out the bonde all right I should think.''
returned Angeline.''That would free him do you not think.''

"Yes. 'Said wholet but his bonds are not ropes but heavy wire. ' ho sherattempted to out the bonds under his left arm but failed.

'I does not seem to be any different .'Remarked Jennie critally.''It does not

'shy of course not. We will have to think of some other way now.' Said Angeline.
'I wonder if we could not force one end o loose by all of us twisting.' "I have one end." a cried Violet. "If he only would come to we could have

him tell us why we found him in such a way." 'After some further difficulty they had him finally all free from the bonds though it was a good half hours works, a soon as he completely regained consciousness the man immediately said, without moving any part of his body.

''Good morning little girl. good morning little friends. I'm thankful to have you

The words sounded a litt le hourse and even coracky and they were uttered in an acgnite agenized tome, without ah hardly any exchange of expression

whatever, but glolet and her sisters and the others undertated them all perfectly. "Good morning sire" They answered politely ." "I thank you again for rescueing me. " ontinued the man, who they finally discovered was even wounded bad ly.

"In n nout continue at at all." Annuared violet removing the cont and shart and starting to mark on his wounded and obdil blace blooding arms." and then being curfour very curfous and yet wishing to find out for her countrys cause. *How did you nompets to looked up in this old cavern cirl'

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"It is a very long but true story little girls." Rep. ted the man in agony." Bithut I will tell it to you an briefly an posnible. Outh , be tender with my arme I was sent by general Gale to take two messages to general Hanson Vivian muring the battle just past but while on the mission ; was secured without a chance to defend myself by a bunch of simparmannian glandelinians who dragged me here with some oldid slaves show they heat untill they died. powerer as I would not give them any information they did not kill me as I suspected but nevertheless searched me, and took the information papers many from me, and gave me duplicates in their place in yellow paper. The real ones were white. All of his beating did not All of their beating did not get any information out of me and merely made me all the more determined. These aruel glandelinians who had secured secured me had with them a levely woman and thirty beautiful Calverinian children, five boys and the rost girls which in a fit of anger they had intended to mannare but to whom they ned nold to nome other plantelinians who by manne of their own ways changed them into children of minerable toil and put them into underground mines as the rebels dared to tell me. Afterwards the landelinians being closely persued by moncentinian soldiers on horseback tri tried to escape the christians and seeing themselves failing made for this hill and in despair locked me up in this rocky cavern tied hand and foot with some kind of strong wire, and then surrounded by Angelinians who were pressing them hard. and seeing there was no escape at all hurled themselves down into the river below this hill and drowned themselves.' "How dreadful. "Exclained the little girls realizing that the man was really telling the truth for his face was honest and not only that for under his gray uniform was the Argolinian uniform. 'It is indeed.' Said the wounded mane 'then I found myself imprisoned, I shouted and shouted for help untill my voice man hears, and with my wound not attende d to I was not able to do anything being bound as I was. After that I remember nothing untill you came to my rescue. I do not know how long I was here. ''It's a very wonderful yet shocking story. ''Said wielet while her sisters nedded''And proves that the enemy were really bound to whip general Hanson at any cost for the ignue of the battle really would decide Julio gallie. I believe it was general gy's lamielinians who did this to you. " "Of course it was." namered the wounded soldier. ''Idid not a uppose however that such a rise and alort man as I am could be so consily surprised by the glandeliniane as I w was, nut I was aminished." L'I never soon or heard of such an occurance before. 'gaid wholet. " ut where did you got the means or the key to unlook the envern entrance!" noked the man seriously. "'Ity adator "'"-pointing to joice) found it on the small pathway here, where it was probably 1 dropped by one of the rebola who looked you in. "I believe also now shy we found the path blooked down at the foot of the hill. and now sir if you don't mind we will like to know if you are able to walk. And are you hungry?" "That will please me very much for my other members are in good condition." andd hos 'Ent I had too mich aredtoment and no long as I may have lain or stood tied up in there I do not feel even a bit hungry. The ran was helped to his feet by the other fellow who had rowed the little girls ashore and so in a somewhat stiff and jerky fashion he walked out of the rocky cayern, took off his hat with his well arm and howed politely to the pretty little girls who who admired beyond describing, and then kneeled before them. Said hoe !! "From this time fort h for rescueing me I will be yourseld electiont servant for I recognize you to be the givian pene funious vivian girls. _hatever you semment that I will do very willingly." "what is your minof" Jennie seked. ''Hrin Brigly galler. 'He replied.''I wonder if my watch is still goingly former ownede the was killed in bathe gave it to be." He took it out and saw it was safe. 'I can hear it. 'Said Angeline.' '15 cm I 'and Jolet.' And then she added with some anx lety;
'The rebels did not strike you with any beary implement did they.'
'Ho' Answord the man.' I can tell the time though I was contured and that was exactly two colock that afternoon. But to morrow if we mint t the lines yet I can waken you little girls at any hour you wish to get up in the morning. 'That is nice 'Said the little girls' But we never do wish to get up too early in the morning. It ain't bealthy for us withour work we do.''
'Yu can sleep callep untill nime o-clock.' Said he.' 'At what time do you want to get up!' seled the other man.'
''About eight o-clock' Replied violet.' And everybedy eight to be up by that

time we are sure.

with a voice full of the entire the form and new composition. """ first Appoint of the entire thing to be done for an all to for any out of an entire the entire to the en these control of akings restartie filandallulars or gargoylines called 'the boolean action is a currentle or de aces thing to un because they charge us withheing spice for bedranar their competition there is no remon may you little girls should be afraid of the heelers. 'gain aller the wounded man. a "hy note" he asked while her minters looked at him alrest representatily. short in his speech, waved his hands franticulla, and then dropped and lay motionless, with one arm t with one hand to his shoulder and the other hand held out stiffly before him with all hithe fingers of the hand spread out as if he had been killed anddenly. "Indd Januis in a frightened tene, while her adoters were amazed. "That can the matter be and who fired the chot!" ""He'm shot down I suppose by some old support "gaid "Asletin a voice full of distress but nevertheless calm." "You couldn't really t hink glandelinians are trying to onip us do you. ** ''I did not know they would make any attempts to get up to us among the rooks.''
replied gatherines 'But we will have to look out now and see that we don't get it curselves. '' she and Jennie ran up to where the man Lay and seeing he was wounded mertally and probably no meanly deed was harriffed and finding a small spring mashed and promoty re nearly dend and harrified and finding a small apring mashed the wound and brought him apound, and then yields looked for the bandages she woully carried with here, at it was not in her pocket.

"It's gone o''Cried in fo yield in dicary anxious over too longs delay.

"plat is gone?" asked Catherine also anxiously. 'It o probably foll out of your pooket when to you ran to a rook when the shot was fired. 'noturned Angoline impatiently. 'Look around please Violeteand see if you gammt find it again or we will have to use our dress." iclat looked imputiently worried beyond describing and some of her sisters even Holped her, and in a few minutes the little girls discovered the small rolll of bandages, which had fallen into a stack of the rooms rocks. At once she would or bundaged the wound taking ours to put on as much as possible. It had been quite a task to remove his sent and shirt and bandage the wounded and blooding choulder with the help of the ot her man as you may imagine but the sounded mane first words were to assure wielet and her einters who looked worried and afraid that he was not going to die as yet, and that atleast he would have time anyway to lead them out of reach of the fibrro gargoylinna.

"I did not see the support of first." He andrily said. "Ind we stood up so long we will be to the support of first. "He andrily said. "Ind we stood up so long we will be to the support of the fibre I or even the rest of you were dangerously expended to eniperre. I hat there are rebels oranling up ten tward us among the rocks. To will have to be careful now." The other man alounly helped the wounded run to his feet and then as they all went to where the rooks were high enough to shell them tolds and her sisters drow their pistels and kept a sharp leakest for approximating andpers. while they were going continuedly forward the convergation was continued. ind now 'Said folot, whomealt the latter was accomplished.' Toll me what you were going to may about the heeler installmans below who have surrounded "I why they are nothing to be frightened at if we know how to manage the affair." gaid the wounded can him arm in a sling now, 'It is no doubt though they are as fierce as any ordinary gargoylians or other lendelinian soldiers, and all folks believe they are more forrible than any mandelinians but as a matter of fact. the heelers or other landelinian garged gargeylians are completely harmless gaugh to any one dempired to the fury and carriers of the figures. issermannians and Mio-Hollestinians on he wheelers of course I know have veey swift horses and are good c crackshots and might try to capture the whole lot of us perhaps for they are very fisces. But if I was able to do any shooting I could out a path through them for you girls and secure some horses for you before they saw or realized what we are up to. gut m Itm helpless as my left arm is wounded, and now my right shoulder i s gored. ** 'Havan't we any means to slip pasg past the landelizions without them seeing us? 'shed Bettie.' and you won't find such a good s chance to get away so easily with them aiready starming around us among these rooks, either. 'Declared declared the other man. 'I say ten of them not far away either and they are coming closer and closers The only escape ix is by the mysterious path.

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'shen what shall we all do to get away?' 'Asked Daisy anxiously.

'give me a few moments and g will try to think of some other plans.' 'Said Sallere Feeling very secure wherethey were already hiding justnew and while the wounded man was thinking of some plan to get them through the besieging lines of hhelers heclers inlet and her sisters feeling very hungry decided to eat their finner or at least that they had left in the boxes of fool.

Her sinter Joseph man already bedaly enting amy at her own boref mania, so har nisters ant down and opened their own boxen. In one part stolet found acceptaing that looked like a small took which was full of coffee. It was devened by a large coffee oup. within the other perts were three large ulives of allakes, and other rease. being what you would enil a toneme that is cold, seem lobaters(not alian though thank you) silts siltens of brend and butter numbered enough to feed a whole company of soldiers, full custord and mice pien(A punch in the eye) oranges. Da penalisa, homen of atranherrica (chaybe to they were under of atran), and a lot of mute and randing. Singularly enough the mute in their boron were already eracked, the to that stolet and her adstore hadno trouble in picking out their little b mutte ments to ente, folet and her sitters spread their fo feasts upon flat rocks. first offering some to the nounded man, while the other felcom and his two kids ent their own. wholet meeting that each had different things that she had offered to exchange one or the other secusting which she did not like but which the others would like for nomething they disliked and it looked like if they were going to trake exchanges by the whole and end hoth men and even the other children almost laughed the fun was no great.

"No the giornollogitinians and the giornomannians belong to different kind indelinians like the mealers." The man girl child anked giolet h herself,

while all were engaged in cating their monle.

wonling and were emprised in starting manufacture of the matter what they are called they all are the earn but they are called according from that landelinden state they access from, the main generals who used to dominat the Habhollentinians was generals Eve and Evoldo and general mome and 'ruggide Ruggide but they were all wounded in some of the pint buttles and have not been heard of mince. o as there was no one to command them and as Mis-Hollester Johnston also was put out of the war by his wounds the Employs had to commind the Eve glandelinians on they are generally called. who glammariannians or account of their fury are usually called the Emphises or min garmaniann of account of their Kirk it can not think of. Ferhaps it is for this reason that the thoulars are anaposted to be equally as force on the others, but I for one do believe t bey are for they look so hereid in their queer uniforms and hoods and designs they wear on them. But whatever the landeledation are called, of their states. The Carfoylings are the Ku Klux Klane of the Klandelinians and are called Cargoylians because of the hoods and garbs they wear. "

'Are the Gargovlinns nomething like the Gergely Gargoylies little perpthy Gale encountered in the one of the On bol books. 'Erquired the child . no these erentures were made of wood and couldnot hipry o hurt even us. . aid violet with a longh. "The Cargoylana we metten are landelinians but an I said before are sailed by an Cargoylana because of the garb and designed or masks they were maer wear, they den't call themselves Cargoylians though, but I have heard they are very dangerous when aroused and the ,ic-Hollostinian general who was mortallybrounded in the battle of Codernine used to command some of them, and so independent did the Cargovlians not that he had to place special commanders over them to keep them in order and prevent them from becoming too reakless when I first was with my sisters encoun captured by heelers we secured some of their horses and in that may escaped them and even their comp and from that there rebels soon found we were too b brave a bunch of little girls for them to serve. But these have us

surrounded on this hill, and we have no manua to count their horses.' west through so fare "gold the woundedooldlore" ghe made you that way. "?
"the horrors of child shavery me wish witnessed. "mawared wielet."
"hid the glandelimine make you work. "facked the mane.

''id the glandelinians make you work.''IAGked the mane.
''No. _e only spied.''
''Are the Manleys really no wicked and an dangerous as they say!''Asked Jemmis.
''No.' _he innless are worne enough it is true but generals germania _ivian
, the Teen Federals, the Invertines and some others are note ask ked than they and the most devilish clared liniars that the Boydl over completed in mature. He replied. 'gome of those chandelining generals however as I have learned are not early great soldiers but wonderful inventors, are great at mistories, and specifix xpec spelling, and also know all the Geographies in the world by heart, can mention anyt hing in them without looking at a map aor a page, and tell the exact location, and are also quite artistic in all they did and do this make them very damperous to the christian cause and glandelinia's most able generals, generals to be feared by the christian world.'

"'ISI'm sure of that myself.' gaid Angeline without any surprise. ''po they have armies close around here anywhere now or mear the riverEvna?''
"Their armies are b all gone out of this location.' Replied the wounded man. "General mith grancie with was an artist and a mi mistorian and also a general who not only knew all Onepgraphies by heart but wrote and made them, was a great inventor, and could also paint pictures, ma make all kinds of maps. one while making a map of a christian encomponent while out spying he had just time enough to jump into the river and escape a party of christian soldiers on horseback. "'Oh The sorry for that indeed. 'gaid the little girls hating to hear of a apy escaping with nything important about the christians.

"ignored. Thinker gradet is another greet general of the release in pose is some that the Timber gradet. "I subtimed seller." ye had on army so demone once that t believe if he would have discharded a it up thank the sky he could be a could be another content the If he pould have expected in as up, as an early or every he could be a been able to ne roke a line two miles long of his generals and ather menions gut when he got wounded in the frightful course or hig stell Knool or wis them plackerts so have note non him or board of his since."

"It was said he is a great loss to his own omittry and a u couses, 'gaid Jenate, who man by this time enting her piece of p mines pie and offering another piece to

inna. "The in a great loss." Acknowledged Sallor." The being great loss to the wicked Manlays and the atili more wisked Temprilans. For if one of them or ever the Manlays h should in a battle resistant would be revers to recover from in time, there amild be no one found to copings them for the attention of the reb rebels cause to no complianted now with no many diameters happening. You have no idea how near min minonen we are despite the my everything reams. I hat the rebellion is on the vorce of the domfall.

"It can deagles it. 'gold wholet and her adeters readily. 'nut the war never seems to down to an and and it is meanly four years and two monthsolons rows." A' out now if you ple please my Frincessor of Angelinia. ' ontimed the man't munt stop the talking or convergation for a shile and hegin to this to do my thinking again if your loans no may have a may to encape from this hill without being all shot down by the landelinings she been us surrounded. We will have to fight our may through also, 7 ****

o he turned half may around in order not to be disturbed by anything while he tried to think of someplan....

justing of the worse glandelinian macrals I over knew or heard of "Said Jankin trian to the little how" "San general Raymond Richardson wederal."

"'In the before the best to of his girlhood and he admond me all the way to the city of gittens habet, in his afforts to get me, and to me it general as if he had wings no quick run he after me and so long did he chase us. ut it seemed also to re that he thought just as well to keep his distance from my aim no I did to keep my distance from his swift bornes!"

'ho you ampact no to bellow all that rubbah abant the rebela generals.''? Enmulred the lad, who seemed a little grosse-perhaps because be had been forced to leave his home an account of the recent battle of julio Callio.

"hat rubbish do you mean! "nated Jackies or Dailay on her right rome was, and who man now finishing her rute and other foods

"Why all your impossible s tales and stories about the rebel generals who would persue little girls and hows alone without soldiers to help him, and yet not catch you, or even dare to face your gurs. " 'They are all there in truth. 'Brid Angeline' gor I have also seen him and we do not tell people lien."

"Just the same I don't believe it." ried the little boy with a toss of his head."
"That's because you are trying to be ignorant. Replied Jennie who was a little offended at the boys speech. 'Bof Bo caroful boy. He are Princesses of Angelinia and if you dispute one of us you will be sorryed

mhe lad realized this and did not argue further.

The the Calvariate that of the above the battle of mig of calvariate of the calvariate at the of the above the battle of mig of calvariate the wounded coldier, turning twent them 'anything withthe wishelest of rebelo is fully possible.' This country of calvariate is a womerful country for the we world to admire now. It has the flercest and bloodiest battle fields the world wor heard of and the robel generals do not only persue little girls and boys but kill thousands of children as fast as they can lay hold of them. be refelled of a bearing one man 'telety betant' ago or he soldier and asked in an eager tornel

his wounded soldier. 'But the state of proums is only seperated from the state of Angeline wine by the broad Erminie gun 'iver.'

Jennie clapped her hands together in a Belighted manner.

'I'm glad of that, 'ghe exclaimed knowing she was in that same state. 'It makes me quite happy to me so neay near my soldier and other christian friends. The general we were speaking of or we told you of (speaking to the boy) is one of the wo wished est of _landelinian ge erals."
"'Pardon me is nois not the worse now! "Said the wounded soldier."

'He was as long as we knew or heard of him. 'peclared violet.

"I know he said, but he is not now. He left his former armies to take charge of one of manleyspreat divisions and is moving for Albrahambra now and general Jinjur gmap is in his place now. unjur is disponed to be the worse robel general living, and has under him a fierce and bloody rebel officer by the mome of

Ozmanna who was claimed to be the rightful heir to the infernal regions as the the expression sis jused, and now he commands the worse of all the alundelinian armies.

'That's surprising news to us.' aid foise, thoughtfully.' ut I suppose lots of things hopen since I left that region. I wondar what has become of general Calmanus flooringing, and of the firene and farmions hat friendly general Leonia Mellonia isknell, and Adele pe Carbe. And I wonder who this general Commanda in for I never heard of him before!

But the soldier ald not think it wise just now to reply to this. He had turned armind again to require him thinking, the little girls were already packing up the rest of the food and publing them book into the hoxes, so as not to be masteful of the good things, as the rations were course, and the may end girl absect forgot their own diginities and were or had been plaking up all of the contiered remains which they are rather greadly but the jivan alla did notobject. By this time the wounded soldier and the other man approached them with their bow. "The kind enough little girls to follow us" he soldier said "ne we will both lead you and girnelyen even away from here and make our mayte the christian lines for I know the way and where we will be more comfortable, and also we can with our pintols protect mirselyes from the wheelers . If we can get their horses all the better.

" 13 right " nomered the little girls promptly." We are all randy." whey walked alonly and carefully down the poculiar path, between the rooky ledges of the hill, "tolet and her staters and the two other children following the two men, the boy and girl trotting along leat of all." the foot of the strange blocked up path, the man and aums of the little girls managesto toom anide with ease the rooks which harmed the way. hen the man who had round the little girls

ashors and to the yaving files;
'Int me be in the land, but everybody who heen use a piatel planes use it and

who little girls budtheir own pistols in their bands already, and the man a fingers closed firmly over the trigger of the one he had in his hand. hen the brave little

procession marched out upon the level ground.

'As soon as the number of whomler glaudelinians she were guarding the parts of the hill saw them escaping, they began to shout to them to halt in the name of the law of Elandelinia, and quickly mo n 1 mounting their horses rode swiftly twardthe little groupe as if to capture them or bar their my lat at least, aut when the fore out horseman but opproached many enough, the man who was the quickest this time fired two shots. he first shot missed but the second one struck the robels horse wight between the eyes. he heree was instantly killed and in falling threw the Glandelinian like a footBall. Formups the rabel despite the violence of his fall was not bury burt yory much at that, but he made madeca great noise with his oursing and impo impresentions, and getting to his fact the The ler uttered a howl of rage and drew him own platol and fired. The shot missed the Angelinian fugitives by a marrow margin and buried itself in the tree trunk near by. The next minite the rebel attempted to fire again and the two children boy and girl soresching with fright started to sornable up the hill. Before he had time to five the man brought him down with another shot and he lay atill.

"I told you they were dangerous." hearn wholet but before she had time to say any more the other lineler landelinians were upon them. Grack, crack went the pistols of the little girls this in time. One rebel was hit in the knee, and fell from his horse,, another was dismounted, and a bullet carried away the hat and hood of a third sailing it a hundred feet army together, and a fourth recieved a ball between the heart and left lung and fol' but his 'og me caught in the stirrups and he was dragged along by the dashing horse, who hereas were however ep empty and would have found the others had not the man himself quickly run out and capture them and bring then cattly to the passemble little girls seeing the success of the fray so for gave order of delight and the led recovering his nerve

then been to his pratty defenders and said;

"Bravely done little girle. and winely thought of too you we are free from those

fire of the others.

g ugly Cargoylian.''
''put just then a large band of "healer "landalinjane came racing from the forest in a long line firing as they same and relying upon their numbers to conquer the fugitives and advanced florcely upon them but allently. yielet and her sisters retreated a few foot and rotherd believe rocke and storen, the two men and the other children doing like wise, where father grobbed the little doughter of his in his arms and held her tight, and the Ind forgott ing himself in his excitement embraced the form of little brave Jounda with his arms. Thou the healer horsemen s yelling suddenly their 'Devil Yell' wowere upon them like a cyce cyclome. One man rode quickly over them but was shot down horse and all and all had a marrow escape from them at that. Batt lety, bang, bang, bang, bang' went the pistols for every shot from the little girls and the man and the shots made so much c.atter and the rebel guns sesuch a roar that the little boy and girl were frightened. Ten of the fourty rebels fell, two with horses and the remainder for a moment surprised by such a reception were seized with a panic and retired a safe distance. Grawling forward under the cover of the fire from the brave "ivian girls the man secured the horses, and when a rebel rushed forward to seize him and prevent the capture of the horses the soldier or man who was very strong disarmee him in a moment and using him for a sheild brought him and the horses to the hiding place. By the time they got to the rocks he had fastened his fin gers into the neck of the gorgeous regalla robe of his rebel foe and held him fast

'We are going to use you as a shelld in our retreat from this place. " He hissed in the ear of the Angelinian rebel. At first the rebel hesitated to yeld to this means so the man shook him violently as a terrior dog does a rat, unhooded or unmasked him and shook him untill his teeth rattled together with a noise like hailratones on a woodes woodenside walk. Then as soon as the rebel could get his breath, it he shouled to his commandes to fire or come to his assistance, which they immediately started to do but got checked by the pistol

''yor'''9a id Dhillion goutar'''''en aball arma with na you dedgrated rabal and trafter, and by aballion na orable na to encope.''

Firm will be doney for troubing so in this say yes impedent Wedgest. 'Theored the

To darpoyling in a rage. "We do not seem of the affect of him tigate govern liking girls "In for that aresered her father the had brought the horner formed "I'm only a plan attitue and cannot know how the fares of war got goes on no matter whathappense "Dut you are wrong to be afraid of the a Cargoyliana-They are no worse than the

" why not "Asked violet on the end her minters out of range of the foss muskatry

mounted the great flary atsends steads.

"Bacquae no one elee can think of them on me do. We can at least fust make this prisoner of ours helplane to injure us or any cos. or he had no see poss now to do anything with or even a cubre or haife for we took everything away from him. 11 he can do now in yell or shout, but he better not try that unless he mants to be riddied by pistol shots.''

His little girl and boy homever being afraid of the enemys presence burst into a flood of tears, to the surprise of lolat and her misters. "how we will shall surely be captured and even raimed forware", a sobbed."
"hower mind that "Said folot "motherest; happen and it will only emable us to

am nationals are trying to rain as nation landelindans forever at that, 'The

Gargoylian captive said in a surly manner. "Our cause being so fint our only hope is to conquer all you dirty christian dogs and by pretending to be very fierce and terrible you are all trying to take from un our moorets, amdowrite all kinds of warm ings to our generals. But not evennow have any of you Hatsonals or christian dogs succeeded and not even now have you frightened any on un even thoughyou may have discovered many of our secrets, and if we swer get the better of you christian hallgounds we will fall upon you all like a syrlone does upon atoms and eads you all very miserable and unhappy. "

''Oh no you cannot do that. 'Errolaimed folat horneliss' howeven then was almost morry to see the clandelinian captive not n or he no wished." in know all secrets of you landelines and no you cannot conquer the Angalinians now. You cannot under any conditionsefrighten us children any more, and we would dare come mear your

enem encampments any time we would like. "

'You won't indeed you won't' morled the rebal while the wone little girl also began to ory, though the boy was backering more charries. 'We landelinians are not really so had as you Matiogale think we are, but just the same it will take morethen the world to lik us now. you brinting degently pretend to be terrible in order to prevent us from attacking you too openingly."

"mbat is not exactly true." and the wounded soldier definitly, started with the who laparty tward a path through a dense forest out of sight of the other lands in lans n and #till covering his prisoner with a po pistal who rade slowly along beside him. "Ton and your comindes are full of idealist and other wickedness, and like to massacre di ildren and do all wieled things possible and un charge you guilty of near rebellion against od at that . and even now you speak in great impudence and are disagreeable too. If you cannot try to cure those foults a will report to the gener 1 when we take you before him that you attempted to shoot the ...ivian

girls down in sold blood thinkdeng they were being con. "
"I'll try of source to dafy you Sensy form: 'Hep/i replied the robel, with a uniff."" nd thank you my shristian done for the sompliment."

e are not christian dego. 'anid Saller. 'We way be ordinary Angelinians or Felerals but we are only doing our own duty and shall do so.'

"In it your duty to tore tote christian doggie children around to sneak among our lines, or sout and spy and give information to the christian rederal Chiefst. demanded the Whenler anniquely.

"Tee it is properate se fode in ware gut do not may any more to us as we are set wishing for concernation will, rebelo 1 ike you.

''Tall ma'' shad wholet of the other man'' hat general de you think is in charge of the dandelinian encomment younder.''
''I do not know who it is.''answered gauter' Because the rebels are always even gareful to keep the mames of every general and their members as secret as possible. ut i I ve believe the general may be Home Langwidere gvoldo and his army if he ls in command is immence. That is , believe the right wing of ganleys army really or at least a portion of the army because don't you see little girls Julio Callio is not far off. The rebel general called Languiders is not exactly the main r general in command of that division because he did not yet recieve any commission but he is the mearest approach to a general we can know of at pressant and one to be avoided too.''

''I do not remember ever hearing of him at all. 'gaid Hett ie.' '_hat does he

''That I cannot say' Replied Sauler' But he has a great crafty spy that your father has been looking out for these past days, although I believe I may have seen him over thirty times. I saw him at many places and tried to capture him but to no avail. He seemed to have been a different person every time T seen him or persued him sometimes a man and sometimes a wo, and sometimes was wearing the garb of a wild beast or tiger, and the only way most of us who have seen him can recognise him at all is by means of a geouliar ruby colored chain and medal he always wears attatched to his left side. hen we saw the medal we har knew we were beholding the most dangerous papy the landelinians have to sent into our midste'

"Imint is yary aspecdingly strants." Said Violet in great astonishment and subrassment 'Do you really mean to may that so many parsons are one and the same person. I enumbhaldaya. At. "
'I did not any that."
'Annuared Mr gauler. "He is only one person but has appeared to us Angelinians especially in my dis i division in may forms or disguises, which are all the more or less handsome and sout mes hedious and fierce. "He must be a male witch or a wisard like "the Wisard of Oz" Exclaimed Angeline with a worried look. .. with a worked Jook ', andered Bauler.' ', ut he is a crafty and most dangerous spy, and there is some most straige mystery connected with him nevertheless which no one can explain. It was he whocaused the defeat of the christians at Auli Julio dallio. o ix also a very wicked and wain person and lives mostly in a tent surrounded by guards and the like to protecthim from christian Gaminiam spice and others who may be within the rebel lines to attempt to kidney him, and so I think he is eafe no matter which may he turne. " No one answered to this strange appools because they had just passed out of the forest , and their attention was fixed upon the atrange seems righthefore thema beautiful wale not yet touched by the grin respec of mar, in which a great tessing sea of fruit trees of all descriptions and green fields and pretty farm nd other hours houses sonttered here and there and broad smooth roadsthat led in every direction but all around in this vinicity nothing was also seen but vast incomments which were really Manleys lines but no signs of Julio gallio or any other portion of ivian wickey. In the centre of the lovely wale or glenn whatever it may be about a mile or so from where lut fir friends and other christians were with their prisoner, rose the tall spires of a an immense huilding almost in the form of an place, which in the midst of the centre of the west landelinian enounpeent atret hed right before them gliglittered brightly against the bla background of blue akies. he building which they helieved without doublt was used by general Hanley and his chafff staff as headquarters was indeed surrounded by most charming grounds, full of flowers of a all kinds and oven beautiful strubbers. A mumber of beautiful fountians even could be seen, and also there seemed to be may pleasant walks borered by rows of whire marble and even gramuite and golden statutey. All these details tolet and her sisters were of course unable to notice or admire untill they had advanced along the reads to a position quite ment the hullding, and they were atill looking at the pretty sights when h their party entered the grounds without being stopped or challenged by guards and approached the hig front door of what they believed to be the generals our apartments. we their disappointment ghey found the the entrance closely guarded. Of course the children and the two men were not in disguise thin time and they had to be very careful for no landelinians had as yet seen them enter the lines as must of the tents in this , a locality happened to be one vacant. ow' and autor who fol a little nervious at being within the

obristian offristian robal lines I mean' me must fird a may to be unbored into the building. "If we would only seize some rebels and a couple of boyscouts and segure their uniforms we would be all right. "

" e will have to take the dammen on it is. 'Agreed violet also feeling nervious but quite collected. 'The heat may to enter thebuilding is around its left wing.' ow can we get into the building at the right wing. 'Themanded Catherine

who feared the galandelinians may have every entrance guarded. 'necause we can find some way. he building is in three wings and so the one at the right is theonly engiest way. If you little girls can play some trick you ean make Manley or some of him rebel officers believe that you are boyscouts diguising thesmel themselves as the vivian piris. I have heard they do itsit is a trick of the lamedinians used you know to annoy you little girls."

two can try it at any rate. 'gnid Jolet .
hen having secured their captives Into a hidding place and tied him hand and foot Stillwithout being detected on no other rebels appeared the whole party went around to the wing mentioned, they counted: a 1 the a'll the guarded doors is the the wing and then sh wing the guards a fake paper which was made out introducing them as boyscouts disguised as the juian iris the guards admitted them put past to the

doorway. "
"he do you wish to see!" emanded the guard at the door.
"e wish to see general languiders on some important mission. To be in. "Asked remais trying to imitate the voice of a boy and succeeding such more than she expe t expected.

 $^{''}\mbox{\tiny{NO}}$ Master disguised boysocut, he is not here, you are in the wrong section of the campe' 'Replied the guard-

"Well may we see his Excellency general Manley please them?" her showen him a card which read;

To your excellency, goven landelinian boyscouts accompanied by two men and two kids to be admitted in disguise as forthcoming; the boys as vivian livis.

Sus man to appear as wounded.

nother to appear as a citizen to be accompanied by buy and girl.
Order of general Nome Suggidoe. **

WAAL tight mentors I will tell his supreme excellency you are here y to see him and not him to geant you an audience with him. '' finid the mard.'' Step incide rings, and take a neat in his recordion rooms."

tolat and her minters and the others of theparty walked in followed closly o Violet and her minters and the others of temperary the man the wounded man tried by the boy a d girl who however looked frightened. But as the wounded man tried to enter after them, the guard presented his misket and orded;

''you are not permitted to man until resieved.''
''go on with yourself.''' storted the soldier drawing back in anger and fineering his pistol with the army not in the sling ready for action. 'Have you not any better mannerathen that. noss not the card say I m admitted too. "

''Oh but + did not remember that. "Ind are you really wounded or pplaying wounded!" en quired the guard who to tell the truth was really suspicious of the whole party. ''Can't you see for yourself without asking foolish questions.'' supped the soldier. "SUrop that rifle and get out of the doorway so that I may enter with my friends. KI'm to go, on that mission too. "

he general won't like it the way you appear. 'Smid the guard hesitating. ''I don't care whether he likes it or not in I go. 'Replied the soldier, and drawing his pistol he simed it at the guard with a wicked look in his eyes. ...he soldier guard at once ducked ax aside and the soldier reached violat and her sisters

in cafty.

"'Very well' aighed the guard mournfully 'If you are it in serious trouble because of this chatimate soldier don't blame me for it. I know who you are, and do not favor harm coming to you but you are upying on general Manley and if he recog name of you good day. It is not safe to anny his excense excellency with your spying trips."

'ITell his excellency we are waiting if you will please?' 'riolet requested with utmost diginity." he we wounded man in our friend and will go wherever we go."

"thout more words the guard led them to a righly furnished reception room with

a big wide window lighted with subdued rainbow that that came through veautiful stained glass windows and he said;

"If anything happens jump out of that big open window, and y will do what I can wire without being seen to help you. But remain here now. hat names shall I give the general in disguise. **

'any manes you can make up. 'Replied the children seeing the guard was really a good alandelinian and would be their their real friend . he guard bound and alouly withdrew with an anxious look on his face and g. going through several passages and mounting two wooden stairways before he came to the room accompled by the great rebel general General Manleys room which he had nelegated in the building was completely paneled with small doors o which reached from the neiling to the floor, also the ceiling was composed only of heavy

good, and the floor was brilliantly varnished that reflected nearly every object upon it General Hanley at the time the party of christians entered his hendquarters had out in him chair mear a 'large obling table, and was looking over and at udying a or certain geography, while he also had large maps, p lane and important papers on the tab table, and which ever way he turned his head it looks looked as if he was expecting someons whom he fenred to trust. .e had an orderly in the room with him who was playing soft meledies upon a large mandolin, for for his master he loved to do and funt as the guard entered the general

was looking over an important map and saying to himself; "This map of galvarinia is quito the right thing to make everything in success very attractive to mad rank attedy it over more often than I have done of late although it may not be the best so llections of my maps. Ut nevertheless it will

help me to beat the hristian ar ies and defeat the Federal Governmets."
"You have strange dompany, tyour excellency." nnounced the orderly bowing and them standing at attention.

"the is it?" shed the general looking worried call of a sudden. in disguise as christian dogs, and a boy somet, with a little girl. ''. newered the

"that a queer lot of persons for spice. id they give any names. "gurmured the general beginning to be both ainterested and yet suspicious. hat are the boys like are the boys pretty. Ind what are the man, and boy and girl like?"

"whey are all all good looking." the guard replied.

'Are the men strong and and of good built?' nont inued the general looking still more anxious and suspicious as he knew he did not send or ask for any one. 'That I-eaunot say your Excilency. Excellency, gut they all seem to be very bright, will your Gran Gracious Excellency see them now!'

"Oh I may as well Gallmanna. But I do not trust the visitors and if the visitors have any claim to being real christians in disguise. I must take care that they don'T

se ure any of my important papers, maps and plans. o we will go to the cabinets and place everything inside of them and look the door. On 't you think it is awise plane You know I dread the ivian Sirls most of all.''
"'Your iden may be exceedingly excellent but no one ha can defeat them.''Answered the guard with another low bow-

'Again Manley looked anxious and hegitated for a moment-then he said; Help me to put everything away, and quick before we admit them."
go the guard assisted Manley to collect everything together on the table, and then then they slowly walked across the polished floor to the cabinetonow y must explain

to the reader if he don't mind that general Manley had besides the maps, plans and important papers thirty seven geographies of all sizes, nut of course that day he had been looking through only one of them, because he had nothing so very important to do that time. Those books and latters, maps , and impo important papers were kept in his subinet, which masin what had been a beautiful libary that lay just between a dining room and a bedroom. To make things more carefully arranges he had placed each bookand other articles in a seperate cabinet lined with velvet. he cabinets ran entirely all along the sid: side wall and had elaborately carved doors with golden numbers on the outside and jewelled d orknobs on them. He hassade a grand capture for his victory at Julio Callio battle indeed. when the general had gotten out of her hed him hed that same morning after captur ing the place the day before he had went to the cabinets, i opened one of the velvet lined supportes and finding how they were had placed his most important papers and so on in them. hen by the aid of some of his officers he had put in all the geographies he had also captured and afterwards called all his generals for a council that day. Despite his highest commission he always were almost a r privates uniform with only his decorations and shoulder straps to show who he was. Despite hi his highest com ission and being the chief general of all, and despite his cruelty and wickedness there was no pride in general M n Manley, he was as good tonll his soldiers as if they were himself but he had no use for christians or those s' who p opposed him, and he had no interest in wearing re rich generale uniforms as many of his lo west officers even had one. Of course the thirty four or five reographies were in great variaty no two alike but all being of exceedingly value and loveliness. here were geographies so simple that children could study them, there were others more like schook geographies, and of other kinds which gave everything the world has in detail and pictures and maps. The maps many of them were of golden co, or or rich authurn bue, gray, basel, and red but there were on small maps among ang an any of the books, and all the illustrations were bright and landsome in colors representing all tr types of co color and beauty and the landscapes in the maps were all of assorted sizes and shapes. He had found one ket key that unlocked all of the cupboards,

containing all his treasures which he intended to use here as long as he remained, a curious key carved from a blood colored rubis or stone—and this was fastened to it his key ring which he always carried with him, hen his orderly and the guard had helpled the general to the cabinet he unlocked the door of one of them with his key and after handing the plans and maps to the orderly he put in the geography in to it and then the rest w re place placed on top. There was only one trouble with general Manley that made any one really dread him, the temper that he had, which when he was aroused, was fivry, hares harsh and haughty in the extreme and wicked as he really was it often even led him to do and co cognit things and deeds which he heartily regretted when he came to realize it. Ut he did not remember any of his uglioness this day and when to meet his guests in the recoption room with a feeling of cortainty that he would ap surprise them with his at lye of uniform. However he was greatly disappointed to really find that his visitors were merely small girls in long dresses, a wounded man with arm in allng, anda civilianwith

a boy and girl.

"Oh' gaid the general slightly lifting his noise like a young weman for he had the face of a sleay." I thought semesone of great importance had a lled to see mes you are not but the base spice the vivian girls who have dared to defy me by entering my domains because there are nosoldiers in this part of the encampment. "And because of this you think you have me at your powers."

"Then you were right general Manley." Declaired inlet. "we are a good deal of importance indeed, and when we have you at our mercy some day we will let you know how it is to make us suffer as you did for all the praying we did for your

conversion. As for the rest f of it;;---'

"'Stopment op. ''Commanded the general with an angry flash of his fierce eyes."
How dare you amnoy me with such somesless chatter. Get out of my lines at once

or ISLI place you under arrest. ...

"Why you horrid insurgent. 'Said Joice who was not accustomed to being streated so rudely.'' o you think you can frighten us after all we have goin gone through.'' he general looked at her more closely and realized what they really were. 'Tell me' He resumed angrily but with an anxious tome. 'Are you going to try and force me to give up my plans to you?'

"Bettor thanthat Insurgent Manley. 'Said Jeise.' I came to make you prisomer."
"Huh ''gried the general scornfully. ''you vivian irls are foolish children to
try such a thing and yet I cannot understand how you have the merve to try ite
num away you little geese and bot her some one else. Mean as I am I'il let you go
this time since there are no soldiers to oppose you."

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Yolet and her sisters were so indignant that for a moment none of the little girls
could find a single word to reply. But the they rose from their chairs and were about
to draw their gums when the general scanning their faces and percieving such a move

about to be made stopped her by quickly drawing his own gun and saying fiscosly; "Idome over hear mearer to me you dodgasted Federal spies."

violet and her sisters seeing themselves covered by the rebel general, saw that being sus surprised as they were it was useless to resist just now so without a thought of fear they obeyed and stood before the haughty and angry Glandelinian general, while with a fierce s i smile he examined their own weapons with exceful attention.

"Your weapons are rather attractive to re and I would like to have them for my cane"He said presently." Your weapons of course are ret at all beautiful, you yederals may underscand but they have a certain syl style of appearance that predict they are better guns than the one I have. So I believe I'll relieve you of your weapons."

"Well I believe you will not." Exclaimed violot. "You have us covered but that will not make us give up anything even though you may shoot us onthe spot." "It will do you no good whatever to refuse my request. ""Ontinued the general" por I need your weapons for my one use, and no no matter where I be my word is law whether my army is near or not. I never have cared for old weapons with me . will have in my hand is little worm. If you will exam exchange weapons with me . will do as I said before allow you all to go without being molested."
"I don't know anything about you old weapons and other gure and neither do we want

to other. 'Said Catherine firmly.' We are not used to giving up our weapons to ink insurgents so we will just keep our own weapons.'"
''.ou refuse me you fools.'' ried the general with a fierce from from.''

''.ou refuse me you fools.'' ried the general with a fierce fromm frown.''
''On Of course we do.''was the sudden reply.

'hen' 'gaid general Manley''I shall have you looked up in one of my private romes untill I decide to have you turned over to the proper surtherities to be held for investigation as spies. he phen turning to his orderly he said; 'call twenty mens'

The orderly obeyed and at once a captian and twenty men in bright gray uniforms entered the room and saluted the general in a very grave fashione.

'Seise those spins and christian dogs and carry them to my private room and lock them up immediately.''Gried the general pointing to violet and her sisters.

'To hear the command is to obey it your excellency.' "Enswered the big op epait captian, and ave advanced formand to so ise the little girls by the arms but the little girls suddenly opened fire wounding six of them while the citizen at the same moment raised a chair and pounded it so forcibly against t 3 the captians head that the i big officer sat down upon the hard cloor with a sudden bump with a fractured shull while the surviving soldiers looked both dazed, and 'l'Help' the others shouted, and some of them sprang to assist their commades. here was now great excitement for the mement and the man had knocked down eight more of them who were spranding in every direction upon the floor, when suddenly one of the rebels managed to jump in behind and suddenly soized his arms with the chair uprriged for another blow and help him parfectly motions notionless.

"hoot him quick." Ho called to wielet. " hoot him quick."

Bho drew her gun again to chey but then to avoid being captured by the "landelinians a she and her cisters and the two other children managed to dash into another room and at the moment other rebels had grabbed hold of the wounded man and he also also was helplans to follow them to escape.

''This is too had.''Baid the wounded ane.'The poor vivian irls ought to have kept on shooting untill all were down.''

"We'll it on can't be helpled now 'Said violet with a sigh.' We are out of arrunition and cauld not do it."

''will you exchange weapons with me now you foole?'Demanded the general.
''He indeed we will not.''Gried the little girls.''mhen Isli lock you in the room
''He said and alcoding the door shat he put in a key and looked them securely within before they could make a rush for the door. mhe soldiers in the meantime took the two men elsewhere.

"The other generals wil think I have some body of importance now" Said the general with a one enser. "go it won t matter in the least, and as my army is moving already I'll leave them there to try and escape of their own accord, and desert them and the house entirely. The christian armics are coming under some general and r must take my deportant books, bapers and goographies and get out "cuick."

my deportant books, papers and goographies and get out rquick."

"hat shall we do with the two men prisoners." Asked the captian, who had just thought of thems."

"Put them in another rok room as we cannot be bothered with them in our retreate."

answered the general. "It is goneentinian Aronburgs army coming and with my army
dwindled, badly by my losses in the recent battle I cannot meet him now."

"''he situation looks rather tough your excellency. 'gaid the op ep captian rather doubtfully.'

"The situation is a base slander for us indeed." Said Manley. "But the christian dogs will find that the breed of men I came from are exceedingly dangerous when a remand."

"hen "faid the a captian y will order my troops to move on, and we may as well lave the prisoners here to either be rescued or escaped as they will. I'll leave one man to guard them though so if they escape they will not attempt to follow me and get into my lines again."

The guard himself the was left behind brought senst hing to eat to miolet and her otherculature and the other prisoners the most they had to eat however being bread and black coffee and a little milk and all the poor prisoners had to sleep upon in the morning or night following I man was the hard stone floor with a single pillow for each and only thin coverlets. In the morning the little girls werethe first to be up and liolet herself lenned out of thewindow of her prison in the tower to see if there was any certain way to escape from the prison. he room of gibeir prison was not so very high as usually but nevertheless it was nearly two hundred feet from abvo above the ground nearly compared with the height of the highest huili building in chicago and it gave them a g od vie view of the surr surrounding country. mo the west and even eastand also north they saw something like a distant forest, with a great expanse of shining silvery like river of water beyond, it, (Probably the "orma nun) and other landscapes br beyond that if you please, here was even a dark speck upon the shore of the river that they thought might be the old ragon bottom in which they had arived in the silgular fashion to the nearest portion of gulio gallio or givian mickey. hen she looked first to the straight north, and saw a deep but narrow ravine 17ing between two hilly sections of the country and a third hill much higher than the others the that shut off the ra i ravine from there. In that location dense masses of smoke rolled but th the little girl did not pay any attention to thatat all. gtraight westward the artile land of gyna gtate of Calverinia and early ended a little way from the building like palace and the pretty little givian girgirl who was Jennie could see miles and miles if of seemingly familiar encompments mist ly all of gray, white, red, o pur, ple and blue tents of all sis sixes, with buts and rows of black tents which stretched further than her eyes could reach. he thought sure she had never seen it there before. It mis must be that this encampment, she thought with much interest that alone can separate her andher sisters from the wonderful christian encampments, and she then remembered sorrowfully that she had been once told already that no one who are di ristians or galverinians siding with Aniel Angelinia again t the Recollion had been ever able to cross the dangerous section of julio callio or ivian wickey, not even themselves now. he rad once of the voc books called the Ox Book or volumes and had reach much about little orothy gale and her adventures and als almost wished she was her instead of herself for norothys experiences and adventures were tame compared to hers and her sisters. and the region she and her sisters were now in was enturely worse than the nA g pangerous desert in the Oz Books, or M re mysterious than the worse or most peculiar lands in the country of Oz or elsewhere in the Oz Rooks, worse them even the Nones Nomes or the platheads them slves. he read that in the first book a cyclone had carried little porothy across the doddly sands of Oz, and a mi magical pair of silver slippors had carried little porothy back again. The almost now wished that she and her sisters had either a vyolope or apair of such slippers for each to assist them escape the dangerous region of livian vickey, for to her she believed just now the condition of her and her sisterswap and indeed, he know only the rebel enchian have tents ofall various colors, he Angelinian tents are Kaki Kahki color. The little girl realised he she has and her sisters had beel lookedup in

this 1 pl ce by the most disa disagreeable general of all the landelinians who insisted she and her sisters should give up their pretty little revolvers for the ones Manley had which the 1 i tle girls had no use of, and which might not be any good at all.

Really just now there seemed no hope of help for the little girls or their friends for there was no e ristian army in sight, and to escape cut of the place was impossible. Thoughtfully and sadly she gazed me t most wintfully from the narrow window On all the I miscapes note living thing was stirring, and the distant encappeants which probably was Manleys no one could be seen except moving objects and it looked as if the tents were now going down with the greatest hasto whatever and the volumes of smoke clouds was growing long larger andnearer every moment.

'Whit though ploase dearreader. Curely senething was stirring on the far eastwr engtorn Januaral Januarapa-semething her over had not observed at first. At first it seemed like along and large aloud of dust, and at t ines seemed like

a stream of something glittering and moving forward, also like spots of silver, and then then lo like a mosterous mass of rainbow co, colors that moved swiftly teard the pala e and trard the distant encomposent which was fast disappearing from vious

I'h ghat in the world could it be?' he wonderede Libra gradual'y but in a brief space of time, nevertheless, the vision drew mear exough

to the little girl to make out what it really was. A broad column of horsemon mester menaterilously long seemed like something unrolling itself over the ground, while simultaneously advancing across the fields and ot her landanonpos was a wonderful and seemingly never endless procession of men, in purple, infantry, artillory and other horsemen, long seemingly endless trains of ba ggago vagons, automol automobiles, trun rtruks, and other things that made the little girl open her eyes in amasoment as she gazed . wirst came the magnificent cavarly, while elsewhere crossing other vales or through came came long processions of monatoriously great guns drawn by great teams of horses, shoulder to ghoulder and trotting along as gracefully as a well matched team pulling a wafen. nd right riding in front of the whole wast column was a beautiful little girl, clothed in purple robes, and wearing a beautiful purple bonnet upon her dainty hond. she held inone hand the reins that guarded her horse and in the other a small banner which a small design which seperated at t he top into something like two prongs, the prongs being completely t tipped by the strange letters

"O" and R" made of bright red color-she realized she had a contured robel flag which mightfied the robel states with the two letters, Overinia, a and programminembe girl who was very beautiful both in form and fentures goomed only a trifle older than her older minter voice but you no .. more larger than wielet herself and at once the little prisoner and ivian irl in the strange tower guessed that the levely go girl riding the hores far in advance of the immense advancing christian army must be her friend Jennie urmer of whom she and her sisters had so lately become acquainted with. whe best friend of her and her misters and Gertrade Angeline. pollowing close behind the little girl Jennie naw her old friend general Jack Evans himself riding calmly astrice his own grand and magnificent black horse which prac pranced and trotted as naturally as the best race chorse, on the hars dones, and then to her joy and numprise, c me general lick ghopper, Hanson lyian her uncle and also general Robert ivian her father, and another christian general with a funny funnel shaped hat tipped carelessly ver his left ear, his gleaming sabre over his right shouder shoulder, and his chest full of religious medals sparkling as brightly as it had ever done in the old days when she first knew him for it was general Jacob Balawin himself. He and all the Controls were on horseback it being a company of thirteen mindred generals and her officers at the front, of whom some were lean, stout and fat, some short and tall but all were draressed in handsome uniforms in various designs, and of p mirple or lavendar color but the horses were decore decorated in clothing of various designs and colors no two being alike in any respect. o on wed wonder the rebel encomponents were undid. he enemy saw the advance of the christian army and was rer retreating for better ground as it was general Hansons advance and attempt again to help capture julio Callio and other sections of Vivian lokey. chind the generals came a perfect rolling tid tidal wave of infantry and yet long as the procession was there seemed between them ground enough for other columns to pass through and walk upon. Jennis knew at once it was the advance of general mannons army and her heart beat high with hope and joy as sheerealized she and her sisters were soon to be resoued and allowed once more to greet her dearly beloved friends of the Angelinian armies, and Gertrude Angeline and her other girl and also boyscout friends, the generals and her father and uncle and Evans. Indeed she felt as good as rescued as soon as she rego recognized

all those in the procession, for she well know the courage and loyalty of all the her good old friends and girl comrades and also believed that any others who came from this marvelious christian army, ''mho flower of Angelinia (('' would prove to be pleasant and reliable acquanitioness. Jennie at once awoke her friends and notifed her sinters and all were soon provided by thaother windows looking at the scene below them.

As soon as the are necreat column had crossed the Evan landscape and all the procession from the beautifully and dainty Certrude Angeline and Jennie murmer to the whole column of soldiers had changed direction a little, and the foremost had renched the grassy m mendwos mendows of the Calverinian country of the palan palace there was heard sharp orders and the whole column was graudil gradually halting, the foremost column mostly the many christian prevals turned tward the handsome building, and rode haughtily andin a most dignified manner u i nto the broadroad broad roadway leading up to the pl palace, while all the prisoners still gazed from their tower windows in eager joy and excitement.

While the rest not changing their direction of revenent had halted, the column of generals cale quite close to the front door of the palace, and then halted, the leading general being Hanson himself dismounting to approach the door. that he might demand entrance.

As the was not admitted, he ordered some of the soldiers to break it downh hey succeeded and many went in besides some of the officers. he little girls just above him could keep silent no longer.
'there we are friends, more we are uncle,'the little girls shouted in a shouse

and as loudly on they conod. 'Ellero'n violet, and my sisters.''
''violet whe! ''Asked general Hannen Vivien looking upward.

"Violet _ivian and yo my minters, your nation of course."

Yetthe distance was to far up that the general could not make any out anything the little girls were saying and managed by means of making signs to tell them to drop a paper wrapped in a stone down so they could understand what the little girls were hollering about.

As soon as one of the little girls obeyed there was great excitement, and general manson shouted through a large trumpet which made a gr great moise heard

why hello my little neiges. Tell me what in the whole name of Goodness Gracious are gou ivian irls dging up thereino you own the palace or did you capture it from the glandelininis?''' othing b just now.''Violet herself ealled down as lodu loudly as she could 'Hecause there is nothing whatever for us to do. Save usunole save us please."

"'Save you. From whom. here are no enemies in the buil building and you are quite safe now.' Replied the general. Two rebel guards were the only ones found in the buildingoandthey are prisoners. **

"gut we are prisoners in a room. We are a' pall looked in with our friends so that we can't get out of the tower itself. 'She pleaded.'

"That's all right. 'Said the general. ''you might have been worse off little girls if we had not come in time. Just consider the matter of our prompt arival. You are safe now and can't get sho shot, or out up or troddne down by a wheeler. But don't lean too far out or you will fall out. some folks would think themselves lucky to be up 5 herehaving such a big building a 11 to themselves."

"As long as you are here we don't mind it at all but we don't like the idea of being /o looked up in this tower without anything to eat. 'Declared the little girls real ini g that Hanson was tenning them. "And we want to get down from up here tomediately and see you and our friends and the two little girls with you. "

'Yery well you will.' Said the p great generalnodding. 'It shall be just as my little neigen say my brave little jvien "irls." he was it that looked u you up so

far up therefittes

in up there:
"The general in chief of the glandelinian armies, who is a horrid general."

she answered.
At this Jennie turser who had been listening carefully to the conversation, called tow lolet and her sisters from her horse sa asking;

" Wy did the general in chief look you up, my dear. pld you try to capture him and

have the twbl tables turned on you. **

"It is that in one way but because I or my minters would not allow him to take our guns from us. "Exclaimed Jennie" It was out own fault in one way for during out our excitement we ran in the room, and he slammed the door in our face and locked it, and then left us all alone in the building and went for hinown command. "I'l don't blame you for refusing. "Exclaimed Jennie urmer promptly." We will find

our way to the room at once and oblige your freedom immediately. ''Oh thank you very much.''Uni Gried Catherine who as soon as she heard the sweet voice of the girlish scout knew that she and her sisters would soon love to learn to love her dear y dearly. The little girl followed by Gertrude Angeline and a group of armed soldiers drove around to the third doorway of the wing, upon which the soldiers boldly proseeded to break down. As soon as the door w gave way the two girlscouts stepped into the hall, and made their way at once to the hallway followed by eighteen soldiers. he soldiers made a great noise and clatter which brought the other soldiers who had broke in front the front to the scene bearing two prisoners with them. he rebel prisoners were roused to great anger be this sudden turn of events and though captured and armed stood before them all, and seeing the slight and delicate form of the two little girls cried out; "How dare you and your dirty christian dogs enter general Manleys heacquarters unbidden just because our army retreated. If I or my comrade was not capture you two litt le devils I'd make you leave this pulace at once, or bind you and all you your soldiers in chains and irons and throw you into the pits of lime.

'What a dangerous man indeed.' 'Murmured Certrude Angeline wit h a laugh. -' 'He seems to be a little nervious.' 'Replied one of his captors.

authorie former only smalled at the angry rebel prisoner. git down pleane gister. I he said very calmly. The christian armies have traveled a long way to see ivian wiekey once more, and now we being hear you must listen to what we have to say. "

"Must listen to what you have to say you little guttersnipe. "Screamed the other opt capt ive his blue eyes flashing with the giznormannian fury that was in hime "You say must to me again and prisoner though I am Isll strike you to the floor."

'To be sure.' 'gaid Jennio murmer.' 'I am chiof girlscout of the Boyscouts companies of Angelinia and you just try it and you will find out that I myself am powerful abough to order your immediate execution at any time I wish to do so-I meed only to speak the words Yot I or my companion did not come here to do you landelinian guards any harm but rather to free the wivian airle from the tower your general had looked then in, the news having reached up that Hanley had locked hem in the highest port ion of the palace towers you have got to show us to the room or you will be shot down where you are, the both of you. "

Her eyes flashed fire, and she pouted and stamped her little foot at the same

time but just the same the rebels were not could and answered;

''you can shoot us down right now if you want to but you m will have to find the rooms as under no conditions will we show the place to you. " "Hearing t hese words the little girl grow furious, but a repreachful look from Gertrude stopped her just the mount when she was going to utter the grim

"If they were your ch ildren who were looked up there I suppose you woulf would wish us to rescue them. 'Said she indignantly. John.' he said to a soldier mear her. 'March these two prisoners before general Hanson ivian and tell them he ingulted me and certrude Angeline. We willourselves find the room where the 'ivian irls are locked in. And if they are not found or restored to the christian army within an hour come what may the two rebel dogs will be shot. At pressent athere are at least ten mimites every day that we try our best to do a good thing and so will mover stand for-v being insulted

by any enemy of got whatever, a traitor to his country and god hisself combineds go if we fail to find the room in which they are locked in, I must and shall devote my time to see to their immediate execution, and I would like to be able to have ordered the command on the instant but by one looked look my companionhere

(Pointing to Gertrude Angeline) begged me not to and so T won't." who soldier obeyed and the men were led outside, and then many more came in

so help search the place,

"'we must try to find a way to the rooms the quiebest way possible so we can liber ate the 'vian' irlestatighe said as the men started the sear che. 'But first we must find the room where the little girls have been locked up in the

"I''Of course we will." newered one of the officers readily. ""But we have forgotten all about mentionein mentioning it, Jennie. "There are others with them in the town which we did not notice before. That was just a moment ago before we entered to help and we did not expect to see any one clas with there, where are several sen we seen with some other soldiers and a boy and girl. ' hen turning to the e men he on id i

"does follow me and the other officers, and search every hall way and room. gome of you others make for the t ower and we will soon release the prisoners.

Gartrude Ge gertrude and sennie turmer followed the searchers, and those going for the towermy passed jpthe stairs that led to the rooms in theupp er sections of the t over. Thile the were gone nome of the Angelinian soldiers if you please to mention remained in the reception room near the towerroom n and the officer in command on was leaning against a form th't was supposed to be a copper statue when one of the Angelinians walking past accidentally walked on his feat and he hollred in a harsh almost angry voice;

et off my feet please and look where you are going, what are you trying to do

grunch my toes in so I can't march. "

''Oh excuse ne planse.''the other replied, hastily drawing back.''Di d I step on yo4 your foot. "

'Yes you did and spoiled my polish too.' Baid the private.' nut I can believe and so think it was accidentall so don't mention it again or have no hard feelings babaut it. You missed the fun just now and cur comrades are searching for the Livian irls."

''nhat's all right. ''neplied the soldier.' ', iolet and her sisters and the others with them will soon be free, and then we can take possession of this palace for the christian generals. But it must be a great misfortune to see that Manleys army has moved away so suddenly before we could catch him and prevent him from confirmting us near galio gallio. I'm sorry but I feel general Hansons plans will be

"" why?" Asked the soldier who was stil feeling his hurting foor. "

Because general Manley by getting away has cutvitted us, and I can say y so because I know he has?''

''Oh yes I believe it is true too. 'Returned the soldier''I wish general Manley had an outfit of mith and inhers Improved Combination steel brains like porothys Tiktok had and maybe he could not be so confounded wiso. 'Said another soldier joining in the conversation. hat sort of generals have we got that t key allow themselves to be outwitted this way! "

"I don't know admitted the first spoke wane." It is not general Hansons fault though fir for he did not get a chance to get after Manley after being checked in the pas part battle. Ut in our advance our armies worked wonderfuly this time and pas pawt battle. splendidly too and my conscience tells no that even if we don't worst Hanley in this conflict we can at least let him now we are notafraid to move on ivian

ickey when commanded to do so. .. "'No T think you are right. ' Said who man whose foot had been stepped upon. My

Hame in grank Shirtor.
"'you don't think we will meet defent in our attempt here do so suppose?''Added another coldier who had been listening with great interest to this conversation. "
"No I don't think so but I fear it."
"Then continued the came opohogoman. "I regret to any that we would be looked upon

or our generals at least would be looked upon as greatly inferior to general Emaley and his Ocea Guafederate officers. For we have many times been already outgeneralised by less higher and better commanders than man'sy himself, but that is because he and so many of his commders know all the country, are in possession of all Geographies that they know or learn by heart, and can find anything on the map at a moments notice while it takes some of our generals nearly ten misutes to find a secluded spot.''

''I congratulate you for this wise speech.''Replied the coldier. "wome of our generals can help boing inferior in hnowledge to revel generals when they st cal all our grographico, epolling books, renders and histories to use against us for information they wish to know. But nowertheless our generals and we curselves try our best to do all our duties we perform. Ut you have no idea how great they themselves we cald be if children at school would have the interest for all schoolbecks, artimatice, histories and geographies that the rebel generalx ,have. they usually den't knew the value of school untill they find out to late. he rebels know and take advant go of it alright. That's the reason why T think we have so mus' trouble worsting any of the Insurgent generals." we have so must trouble worsting any of the theorems granteness. I can gless. I can gless.

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at a small geography he pulled out ofhis pocket' hat some day I hope to look
general Manley in the face and may to him that all hir st udies did him no good. "
  'no not be overconfident too soon, I beg of you. 'Baid a lieutemant' yor you could
not and can never tell what will happen in the future. Our cause for all you know
may be worsted and even destroyed. Only Our ford knows the future. If he wills it
we will come out in victory if not we will lose."
"'Oh are you very sure of that?' 'Asked the captian looking surprised.
'U'very' 'said the lieutenant.
"In that case 'Baid the captian. 'I won't be overconfident but shall pray always
that mo my hopes will come true in the long run. For I am a poor commander K.
I'm afraid and had many times made poor minupa."
    'T hank you for the confession. 'gaid the lieutenant.
 rust then to their surprise and relief Gertrude Angeline and Jennie urmer, and
the other soldiers re-entered the hallway, with , iolet and her sisters, followed
closely by the wounded soldier, the boatman and his two children.
the first thing in turn lolet and her sisters did when they got outside the building
was to rush into the embrace of their father and uncle and other generals whose
handsome faces beamed with delight as they pressed their forms one after another
to their bosoms honors. hen general Jack Evans enbraced then --very gently in their strong arms and Baldwins and some of the others also---very gently though,
for they knew their strong robust arms might hurt the little girl herones if they
squeezed too roughly. These ogreetings haveing been exg exchanged, wiolet took the
bet from her pocket which she secretly took from Manly during the argument with
him and led the followers to the cabinents and unlocked them all with the purpose
of inter interducing the hooks and maps and papers Manley had concealed there,
but while doing this they were greatly disappointed for Manley had taken everything
with them. wevertheless it was useless to cry over suilt milk and so while the
other generals were seeing to it the miniss would be intremched right where they
were the little girls told of their experience and why they got locked up in
the room. when they shook hands with some of the h the other generals and officers
and thanked them all for p helping in their rescue.
                    ThenViclet herself asked;
"Where did general Jack Evans gol"
'I don' know 'answered one of the soldiers.' ho are the two men and strange
beautifus boy and girl with you?"
whey are other friends of ours.' newered the little girl in an anxious tome.

"but - wonder where gener 1 Evans went ?'
'He went to the other side of the house near the back yard of the palaxe to see if
there are any stables for the horses of the generals. 'gaid an officer who was
a lieutement. 'He declared that hemust find a place for the horses. .....
ithout waiting to hear any more wholet and her little sisters ran to find general Jack Evans, and just outside the door theyvones upon the leader of the boyscouts
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who was still riding his mount and beside him was general wick hoppers atill had the big bow of blue ribbon One of the living irls had given him during their adventure with him and it was fastened to the hilt of his sabre in a pleasa ppleasing way and also he were a red bow of ribbon around his hat given to him to by rennis hersellf. In an instant the general had dismounted his no horse and was hugging each little girl joyfully. ''Oh general wick We are so glad to see you again. 'The little girls cried "18m glad to see you the door litt to "ivian girls,,. 'gaid the general. 'We have

had fine adventures together lately have haven't wefffff "'Tes indeed ''miolet replied 'How areyouff''! "'As healthy as ever.''mhe general answered in a very meck voice.' But I have a friend of 1 mine and he tells me that avery little thing scares him and makes his heaf heart beat fast. But let me introduce you lift le goils to a new friend of mine,

the boy scout leader of Company L. James winnier.''
''the asked turning to the other soldier or young boy who was just then exeminaing two large pistols which displayed large but! bullet chambers big enough to startle any one who were not used to guns and revolvers. ''I'm dreadfully glad to say I'm the knew boyscout leader. ''

the lad answered snapping the two triggers together with a fierce click ***** phenowhere is the former boyscout leader. 'Jennie asked. "'It was of no use for him to command the boyscouts.'' aid the boy sadly." He had tried that but szd to say he failed to accomplish it long." "why it is the same with me and my sisters." Said violet. "Yet we keep a trying." "But you and youtyour sisters escape dangerous encounters without dying so it surely does not matter. 'R.plied the boy.' 'you my par t I was obliged by your uncles orders. to take hisplace. He waskilled by the classellinians duringthe savahe battle of worms catherine.

now dreadful indeed. 'Said poice alarmed? "Isn't it though. "neturned the boyscout leader. "Battling landelinians and lose your life-pon't it sound terrible. But I have never encounteredcamy rebels and I don't like to even thoughny conscience tells me it is wrong to be afraid. If I had no conscience I would probably be reckless like many others have been, and then be killed or gounded maself, which would mean that I have sa sacrificed my own life for nothing. o a fighting lad I was born and fighting I shall die. But I'll not have any reckless deeds on my conscience to be sorry for.

******I think you are and will be a very good boyscout anyway. "gaid violet., patting the lad on the head.

*** Innthat you are mistaken . ' as his reply.. 'I am a verygood boy perhaps, but disgracefuly disgracefully bad in my descimpline as I have not learned enough yet. and as I fear it is the wicked nature of the Clandelinians to be viierce and cruel I dread to meet them and in such state I am aging as no good brave lad would have or has ever done or acted before. That is why left the ra r n ranks and become legder instead of a private boyscout."
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ut I really hope you are notreally cowardly as you say. 'gaid Angelian.'!

have seen many boys like you, who spoke the same may as you have done, and afterwards have sene seen them act as bravely as man be. "

11 a mistke my dear girl friend. 'Protested the boyscout lender very gravely. 'To others and you to they may have seemed seemed to be brave especially at times but T have never been in any kind of danger nonatterwhat it is that I have non been afraid. '

"or I or my sisters. 'gaid Hottie trithfully.' but I must go and see lu our friend general Jack Evans, and then if you remain I will see you and general wick chopper agi again.

Violet and her sisters now ran around to the back yard of the place, and soon found alarge stable being guided to it by a 1 ud loud volumes of voices and a distrat d stravting hu hubbab of sounds such as men and soldiers make when angryvor excited. conthing seemed to be wrong in the place palace barns and when wielet and her sisters arived to the scene and looked through the opening of one of the doorways, they saw a group of soldiers and one officer huddled closely together and watching what appeared to be in the distance an immonse column of smoke (whe same fire violet and her sisters had seen from the tower window). Te column of snoke rose high and of three different colors white, black and cream, and peculiar flashing lights like explosions bounded here and there about the cloud, and at first violet or her sisters could not tell what it was, while the thundering of some explosions in the direction of the fire nearly deafening them. But suddenly the flashes stopped whirling or appears ntn and then to their utter amazement the little girls saw oceaing up the com yard on horseback general Evans himself followed by a number of officers. or an instant the little girls remained utterly motionless, and then seeing them the general hastened his herse at a swifter trot and with a strut of proud defiance of the enemy, while his officers followed olgsley behind, and having in therm idst a number of rebel prisoners. ' ' hy Evans' 'Grice violet in a shocked and surprised voice' Have you been fighting again, encountered a party of the enemy so soon /.

"I really think I have Retered the general in a tene that showed for some reason or other he was not a in a vary good mood that day . "Do you little girls think that I would let a column of landelinian horsemen try to lord it over me about a erossroad, and claim to run this region as long as I am able t o shoot or use my

sabre. ot if my name is General Evans'.''
'It is not general Evans to us it is Jack Evans and you are talking in a tone that shows you are angry, which is very undignified. 'Said violet reprovingly.' Evans rode up and dismounted and Jonnie called to Gertrude and her compainion;

" come here Certrude and Jonnie and show us our way to the front again for general Frams is here with a group of glandelinians as prisoners. "

the two other girl heroines, came into the yard, and the soldiers who were not buisy just then silently watched the nine beautiful children, without however offering to approach or say anything, violet took Gertrude her friend by her hand, and

""Ho Oh Gertrude How dreadfull you look. You have lost a part of your dress, and one of your ribbons is nearly pulled off from your hair, and the side of your mack is be bleeding. "

"That is nothing. "SaideGertrude. " just look at the glandelinian guard. He tried to attack me and I did him up.

violet and her sisters sadly shook their heads.

'I don't approave of this dangerous buisness at all. 'ghe said on helping Gertrude along tward the planpalace for she limped a little. It is not a good and safe thing for you Angelinia to get too close among the wicked classelinians for they hate you and even Jennie murmer worse than we. w ey would soom destroy you if they could lay their hands on you. "

"I don't thinkthey are so dangerous when you know how to manage them. "Replied urmer herself. "It is some of the Angelinians who are to blame. They did not watch the prisoner as closely as they should have. But I was born and raised in Abbieannia, before I was stolen and made a child slave and being one of general concentinian ronburgs neices I won't allow any Angelinian Insurgent to run over se and put on airs as long as I can fight in self defence." "wery wellangelinia" gaid yoice. "We won't talk about it any more."

Soon they came to the boyseout leader and general "lak chopper to whom the little girls introduced the two other girls. "alad to meet any of the heat friends of the vivian girls,, "Baid the general politely. "To judge by your presence appearance you are not as good in nature as the vivian airls are." 'Your present appearance makes us feel glad as we heard much of your adventures.' said Gertrude Angeline loking at the general proudly. "M 'My my, how good it would be if you was onlymy father. 'Said pret6 Jennie urmer with a laugh. ", nd my my, what Iwould give if I could only dare to exc enclose you in my strong arms in an embrace. ' strong arms in an emprace.

"pon"t worry." newered Jennie urmer." ou are only too atrong at that but just now as there are t oo many present to see it it would not be wor, worth while for us to make that performance. " "Thank you" gaid the general, as he rode closer to some of the vivian girls. *Nesides it would not be rightto do it now. Continued Jennie urmer looking steadily at the many soldiers and officers around and also at violet and her "'Of course not' " said wielet. jerself haptily.' Jonnie Turmer is my friend and so are you but it would not be polite to embrace any of us in the presence of too many persons under any circumstances. '* "'K'I'lltry to remember that. ''Said the general''But you know I'm a litt le absent minded at times and liable to do anything when loves drives one so. " As general Hanson Vivian and his brother was intending to encamp their immense armies here for a while and take possessi possession of the building for a headquarters idlet and her sisters and the two girl friends seel selected the drawing room for their own abiding place, and soon tward evening as they were all prepared, they came in just in time to see a strange sight. whey were invited into the main chamber and were invited to sit at the longtable with a mindred generals and other high officers. Gertrude, Angeline and Jennie urmer seated themselves between the two generals Evans and ick chopper. Opposite to them eat general Basson ivian misself and hisbrother Robert Vivian and besides them where the vacant seats for ...iolet and her sisters themselves. Around this important group of high generals and other grand officers was ranged lower officers and soldiers and seargents as witnesses and as wiolet and her sisters lookedcat thehandsome uniforms of the officers and generals she said violet said "why all of you seem to be officers generals, colonels and the like." 'we are nearly all generals and other officers. 'Answered her father pleasantly, and smiling his old old fashioned way. "I have in my own army one hundred and eight generals, six hundred colonels,, seventy five majors, and nearly five bundred captians, besides lieutenants and so one I'd like to promote general lick chopper for I believe he should rection a higher commission for guarding you litt le girlsthrough danger during your adventures with him, and I have noticed that most officereand generals like h im usually fight better andaremore reliable than common officers of lower t ypes. Besides the officers and generals like him are more important in manners, and lend dignity to our armies. " "Mo doubt you are right pape. "Said Jennie scating herself beside yielet"And nowe" mnounced general Hanson , ivian, the chief commander of the
armies of Angelinia; "We will all hold a solumn conference to decide the best manner of moving our many armice to help everthrow the rebellion. The main section I wish is to send general Ransonia's christian army to nove against general mandonia rederal who is moving again t me. ThThat will leave me free to remume our movements against general Manley. General Robert ivian himself was the farst to address the great meeting of generals. 'no begin with 'Said he.' ord came to our noble and illustrous general, Hamon wivian my brother, and loyal occupanion in this war, that generals Manley and his followers have made attempts to send various armies broughout all parts of Calverinia, and had asked general Handonia Federal to move against me so as to orevent my following him as meeded. We all know that all sextions of ... ivian _iokey is under a terrific seige, that general mis Allister Stanck has resigned his command and that Purragatorian had been placed in his atead and are is making millions of prisoners built new fortifications to help him resist and maintain his desperate tug of war against the seige. also that general Manley had recieved orders from the landwilinian government, the Confederacy of Abbi sammia to sent big forces forward to seize Amgelinia Agatha, and or Glorianna and that also to move big rebel armies into the middle western section of Calverinia, and that just now are there are no christian armies powerful enough innthose sections of Calverinia to oppose

Manleys plans. Maturally our superior and great general Hanson __ivian, my loyal brother wishes

to undertake a campaign or adventure to move his armies and mine against Manley

way whatever to cross the region between the two states of Osmania and Angeline

than we already have and may also cause thecapture of Manley and his Cond Confederates and end the inn insurrection. But for a long time we could find no

and make what may be called the wars biggest campaign. This campaign will probably

we hope liberate a a part of the Calverinian country from the horrors of worse battless

ine. yinally one of our generals went on a long scouting tour and his name was general Glinda Greatheart, who having explored the reg o region even at the risk

of capture at once returned and presented my brother with a big and very important

if we undertake it it properly. As a on as he had recieved the map we saw by it the

map, which we all could examine and so make a comfortable turn in events for us

Manleys plans.

only way to complete our movements is to see to the captures of Island Twenty five on Hicrocollector nun River, and Fruniah. We have since the occurance at porma Catherine desembled a nightier army which we now have. you all can behold inthe brave assemblance of generals here the pick of all the finest coldiers of Angelinia or Abbicannia, and if we are obliged to meet flerce opposition in our plans every general as well as the whole army and others to follow our orders, will battle fiercely unto to death even untill our purpose is accomplished." Then another general spoke, and it was general mick hopper himself 'hy should we allow general Hansonia to fight general Handonia Federal!'He asked. 'He is a dangerous rebel and it would be best for one os us to oppose him. " "TT Too dangerous. '[cried violet herself.' who all the others are just as bad.And ithis not wrong for general Hanson our Uncle to choose whom he pleaseas. Is it wrong for him to choose him when he intends himself to follow after general Manley so that he cannot recieve force the rebel armies near Julio Callio and threaten general Mansion. ? ' threaten general Manuson. ... v !'I was not opposing any of general panson _ivians views.''gaid general pick chopper. 'I merely think it was oris not safe to do such a thing as Hansonia could not oppose so mighty an insurgent general as Handonia Federal who has an army nearly one hundredmillion strong. He intends to oppose us or even any other general with the pur purpose of covering Manleys intentions so that we may not know it. It was Ish sure general Manleys intentions knowing we intend to put Hansonia to opose Tederal, to move his own armies away from general manson in a pretense of retreat when in reality he intends to only retreat to a secure position and fall upon us unawares and crush us and drive us back tward Julio Callic itself. These alandelinian generals are so desperate that I suppose if they were surrounded on a high rock with the precipice side of it ending into the sen they would jump down into the water and drown themselves rather than be defeated or surrender. ** "mhis is news to me indeed. 'Said general vivian, thoughtfully. ''! had supposed general Manley to be intending to make a general retreat and leave Hansonia alone with me and Federal. I suppose someone probably spice afare to be blame for the whole matter. But in any case we must be on our guard and not allow any of our armies to be surprised. I will remain here for the present then and if anything happens or if Hansonia is threatened with defeat, I'll leave Manley to himself and strike Federal.'' 'General Raymond Richardson Federal is one of the most wicked of all the Indelinian generale. elared general Baldwin himselff. If he had been here instead of Handonia Tederal something terrible would have happened, but it seemed with only Handonia Federal in the way no o e cared about him or his army. nut he is dangerous too a great fighter and is apt to destroy mansonia or defeat him if we leave him unprotected. " "then " said general Hanson again. " We did not get the idea of the information as was needed before and both we and Hansonia are in peril. I must at once if possible sent a messenger to general Hansonia Federal and warn him. Where do you think general Hansonias army is just now. " 'wo one knows exactly.''Replied general Jack Evans.''wor general Requat has confronted Hansonia also on the east side with another rebel army and he isl believe at the northern end of the region of wivian wickey, and he has advised Manley as my spice told me to watch out for any intentions of our own generals ** "I would like to know 'Said Angeline. ' The this general Hansonia is. "I will r tell you now. 'Replied her uncle general manson ivian. 'Ho is said to be a new'y commissionedgeneral and commands an immense army of Angelinians and Abyssinkilians, and has a great cavarly force to his ownalso under his command are many thougands of the Geminiam members who as you know in spying on the enemy wear black hood and regalls and who are members of spics who belo g to a powerful and st'o strong secret service body, that outside of wars labor at other detecting works, capturing culprits, finding lost persons and causing the arrest of criminans criminals and can catcher find any one or antanything that are even concealed in the crevices of rocks even. hey are the cloverest spice of the christian armies the ''Cemin Cemini and the landelinians if persueing them can only find them with the greatest difficulty. Also they make great plans and plotsof their own in spying on the insurgent general and their encampments, which they hide among their person with great suces success, and so the Gemini are wonderfully clever. and all we have of the informations and plans of our own, is what we get from the Comini. " "I understand. 'gaid _iolet, while she and her sisters modded their little heads wisely.

'You the reason that he is opposed to have many persons kno not know come into his limesgeneral Francis Ha Hamsonia is not fond of those who come too near his lines without the proper permission. 'continued Hanson' and never allows any one whether he is a messenger or not to enter his linescunless he can produce a written order or ducument by me alone. He refueses from any one else. If any one ini wis es to goand see genera; Hansonia and warn him of his peril, they must go and visit his lines, where he is supposed to be a llpowepowerful, and as so many enemies are between me and mys my own armies it would be for the persons going a extremely dangerous undertaking. 18*** "mutfor the sake of our gause and for the sake of the poor child slaves' Said Joice " e curselves ought to do it.A' ""you''Themanded Hanson severely." nothing doing. I'm going to send some men." what do you little girls mant me do to do. Sent you to your deaths and be responsible for it. Never and don't mention it again. **

''wo shall do it under any do conditions whatver whatvers''''''Replied joice vivian ''Elthough it may require a lot of courage for me or my sisters to defy the refusal just given to un. Fe we are only 'e doing our duty for our country's cause, and if we do not try it we are sure he will fail as no man will be able to reach his army. It is more dangerous for the men to go than for us. "

"'me could make attempts to avoid the rebe armies and prowlers. 'gaid Angeline.''

ut just the same we are going. "

"But I can't bear to let my own dan daughters go on such a sucidal mission." Remarked general Robert wiving himself with a startled look. "If you refuse to obey Hansons warning and commandI shall stay here and so will he and abandon the undertaking against Mn Manley untill youbreturn. nut if you cannot be persauded to change your minds we will wish you great success in your undertakings, ve for T do know it seems almost impossible to send men on such a mission. Dut nevertheless we would advise you , little girls to talke along with you a hundred of the most orefty of your boyscout spies. **

**We do not need them father. **gaid wielet *For if with the aid of my sisters and some of our brave followers we may select we could not accomplish the purpose on time. if not stall, then it would be useless for the boyscouts to undertake the

dangerous j journey with us. **

''quite true indeed''sighed general manson himself.
''If you will excuse me I wkl will now retire to my own co and.''gaid Jack Evans. "I have been here for quite awhile, and as yielet and her sisters wish to go on the adventure themselves I must see to it that their selectio as will be safe mes. " When he had left them Violet said to Gertrude Angeline;

"will you joinour party on this adventure. ? "

'You and I are the best of friends.' Replied Gertrude. 'Where you and your sisters

go - will go. "

'Oh and Ism going with them too, with my little girl friends of course. 'Said Jennie urmer also not loke like likingrto be left out. "I would not miss the fun and excitement for anything. Will you go to ichee (To her friend Angeline Richee)

""o be sure 'gaid Angeline richee. in lineat a correless tone, he was looking over
a large geography and not paying much attention.

'Heroine actions are just in her line of that.' 'Remarked one of the lieutenants. "If she becomes as great a heroine as folet and her sisters are, she will be better

than ever. "

than evere" v
'''_hen ''Said iolet hersolf'' e will, arrange to start for the army under general Francis Hansonia at daybreak to morrow And in the mountime we will now rest ourselives and prepare ourselves for the long journey. ***

although for some reason or other general Jan Jack Evans did not again appear to the many generals, the ore orderlies and some boyscouts waited upon the little girls and their three girl companions and indeed both the orderlies and the boyscouts and even others did all in their power to make them comfortable. where were found in the big palace or building many vacant buildi rooms at their disposal, and the brave little girls besides all of the highest christian generals and some of the under officers were easily provided for and even liberally feasted if you fon't mention.

he horses of the baggage ragons of the armies trains of privious were all that time unharmossed and even allowed to room at will among the quickly erecting encomposent horse pens, and duri g the time the encomposite were being erected, many strangers came in toses the christian lines, and many were nearly frightened to fits by thesight of the ernormous lines of cannon being brought up to be placed into position as was custome who Angelinians however did no harm-at all but nvertheless the c r curious persons were not admitted within the lineset one time during that same evening idlet and her sisters even found some little maids who had gottem within the lies semshow crouching in terror in a corner of a large tent, with several armed guards standing before the entrance. The soldiers of coursedid not know there was any children in the tent.

''You little girle certainly look beautiful to might.' One of the guards

said as they approached the tent.

"Maybe so." nowgred violet" But will you kindly allow the little girls within the tent to go out. hey are afraid of you and your long gum."

"yo, mon no, ." Tieed one of the children in the test in reply. "I saw some bad men in the street looking for me and my companions and we are hiding."

''T hen' gaid folst looking suspiciously up and down the company street of the new encampment' Joing warm the general you see first that there must be something wrong in the lines. he children are hiding in the text and are afraid to come out. whey say there must be landelinians within our lines looking for them. I'll see to it the maidens are attended to myself."

''I'll do the best I can. ''gaid Joice, and she ran away as fast as she could to

warn the officers.

The little maidens who were in the tent seeing that prettier children were kind th to them lost their four and as they were brought to the building the list le girls cried for food.

L', re you'so very hunfry. ''fhase asked Violet in worder and sympthy. ,s soon as the little maiss were properly properly taken care of violet and her sisters went about to see if they could get some boyscouts to come with them, and once they heard a soldier say to accurate as they passed them ;

'You can hardly imagine the size of general wansonia's army of Angelinians. "His army is so large it seemes to me it could fill two great cities to overflowing ; and if put in a thick line would stretch from the town of norothy Gale, to angelimin Agathia a distance of thirty miles. I am very sure he is not in as much danger as it is feared he is for his army is too large to be beaten or anything else

by general Bandonia Federal...gone day if I can I'm going to have a chance to go and see his army, and see that to in like Maybe I would like to be init better than

thin one.' "hat army do you like bottor than this one! A Demanded violet stopping in front

of him curiously.

'General Hansonia's. 'Answered the soldier.. The ittle girls had spent most of the afternoon of that day talking with general mick hopper himself, and also some of the boyscouts they had managed to select to accompany them on their mission, and wick hopper related to the little girls a 'all that had taken place in his army or general Hansons army since the little girls had left it for t he few months. jolst and her sisters were much interested in the story of the heroism of Gertrude Angeline and her two girl sempanions, who had before the battle of palmarrinia saved a little child from being stelen by a rebel come company on he horseback. Gertrude Angeline did not know that she had really accomplished a grave not untill she had been informed of it by manyof the officers. Then it was also found that since the death of her parents and sister Annie Aronburg before the late part of the war that she was the only moice of general concentinian Aronburg, the general who was proving himself a perfect Mapoloom of Angolinia and who was entitled to even command in a higher commission but who did not want it. Gertrude Angeline and her companions had had many adventures, before she or they had regained general , iviaze armies, and via these they had been accommanded by soldiers of all kinds, and had once secured a wonderful squadron of splendid horses single handed and got away with them. , a the otheradventures boyscouts and even walter Starring, and some others had assisted assisted the little heroises, but john wans who commanded a division of Artillary men know nothing of Gertrudes experiences untill after she became the highest girl socut leader of the girlscouts. hen he journeyed from concentinian Aronhurgs army under which he had been corving to general Hausens army to see them, and succeeded though he encountered a countless number of perils on hisway, and on hearing that general Hanson wivian was go intending to me e another expedition against the besieged at malio Callio of or 'iving micheym and force the fall of that important point in calverinia he decided to join general vivians army

apt in bornal whey came upon general john Eva s sanding notionless beside the garden gate of the place yards, but when Certrudo Angelize and the little girls drew his attention and intorduced the boyscouts to him he bowed politely, and shook hands with them

and brought along his brother goest 1 Jack Evans as well. Having heard this story islet and her sisters rel related to them all their own adventures since the

Beginning, of the var, and then west out with their friends and so of the boysesute

uto find ohn grams, which general Ranson had caused to gain the commission of

all."

. hat a remarkable adventure to see you little birls again. 'Exclaimed the general as he held wielet in his come.

'I quite agree with you that it is. 'Replied wielet in a happy and pleasant voice. "rittle creatures like us have no buis buisness to have so many friends like thi this I guess as we all know but we cannot help it I suppose when we are so good and lob loving. nut nevertheless it was our heroism that did it, so we cannot be justly blamed."

"'Of course not." aid the general. "and you little girls seem to be bent on another adventure, and I hope your beyscouts who are going to accompany you areof some uso.

"Oh yes we will make them of some use alright." eturned Jennie also nestlinb in his arms." nd we never tire of adventure, never have to beafraid of anything, or care what we do as long as it f is for the good of our own cause and country."

'Are your companions or boyacouts intellenguit' askes the general.'
'I'm afraid they are note 'Said AAngeline.' ut it would be feelish just now to at I gues they know enough to obey us when so make o we will be pretty well satwaste mu h itellengence on the boys, when so many dends need to be performed.

That night violet and her nisters slept in pleasant beds in the champer next to that complet by geber general Hanson Vivian himself, and Gertrude Angeline and Jennie urmer and even Angeline, these choosed their own single rooms and slept as soundly in that position as did violet and her sisters who slept in twos in a single bedgut before daybreak every one of the little girls including the whole army was all awaks and stirring, and soon the adventurers were cating with the generals a good but hasty breakfast in the great dining room of the generals new headquarters at the head of a longtable, on something that looked like a raised platform, with the wivian mirls on the right hand, and their companions on the left-wielet sat next to general Jack Eva schimself so that she might have the chance to ask his advise advice about the proposed journey while she and her sisters ate. Lower down the long table were twenty eight of the boyscouts, and at the end of the room was a solitary officer eating his soup while pacing up and down and doing some thinking. It did not take them long to finish the breakfast meal, and then the whole p party were mounted on the horses brought u brought up for them. and the party was soon ready to start for the christian army under general Francis Hansonia.

The roadway they went upon lead for a long time through e pratty country scene, and the past a long stretch of farm lands and even large picnic groves and grounds that was very inviting to the whole party, ut the procession continued to steadily advance for a mile or so untill Gertrude Angeline cried as in an abrupt and al ost commanding manner that surprised them

''Halt. Halt.''

Violet and her sisters stopped their horses so suddenly that the horses of those riding on behind nearly ran into them, and if they had not immediately stopped their horses they would have either been dismounted and tunbled over one another. Immediately the little girls and the rest of the party saw some one who appeared to be a strange a child or boy, stuggle from a clumb of at black berry bushes. run across the road and disappear into a clump of bushes, and wat what startled them all was that he was a by boyscout of the glandelinians, and it looked as if he was Gerald starring.

" what was the matter. " galled Angeline Richeewho alonched net seen him. "'Why we have seen a rebe, rebel boysocut, that's all. 'Replied violet.
''A lone rebel bo sboyscout. 'Repeated Angeline Fichee, in great astonishment. 'Yyes we saw him leap from the blz black berry patch younder and leap into the bushes across the road, and it looks quite suspicious. "nut do you think a foolish landelinian boyscout is going to cause this entire cavalends which is bound to general Hansons's array is going to stand stilland cower

lime like frightened furry kittens before a puppy dogs 'Enquired Jounie urmer earnest lye

"hat else can we do!' "aked Angelinia Aromburg.' This I believe dangerous to proceed in that direction for there may be "landelinians or more rebel boyscouts hiding im ambieh, and it would only mean capture to proceed. "

'Then it certaily must be something peculiar. 'gold Jennie murmer impetiently

"We are going to proceed."

""no, no. "Exclaimed one of the boyscouts who had or who was accompanying the party. 'If we go on just now we might be shot down or captured as she says.' "'mhat's nonsence.''gaid Angeline piches.''If we are to be kent back for a mere glandelinian boycout then I'm going to go back. Iwon't go along with a lot of fraidy cats , Ism sure. '

go they proceeded onward slowly but contiously all having their guns drawn, but the coke in the faces of the boys and even some of the soldiers showed they were afred of a very serious adventure indeed. All of them even the little girls were restless, but nevertheless the girls alone were anxious to proceed at any coste In a few inutes they had passed the so called bushes where they had seen the boy pass and encountered no one.

suddenly they heard a strange noise semething like a hem makes. 'Kut, kut, kut

ha-daw-kutt. ' mhis was repeated five times.
' what is bithat hen doing ! i singing her lay or something! 'Asked one of the

sco soldiers. 11 **i orward every one of you and never mind the noise. ** shouted Jennie _urmer wavung her arm and he procession started just as violet had drew her own revolvers and

looked carefully in the direction of the hens sound.
"Is not any one going to get that hens egg." Gried one of the boys in great

''If you go after that egg you will get something olse.''asid Angeline ichee tossing her gelden har with an anxious face. It is not a hem but the rebel boyscout making the call of one to summon his assistance. We are being watched by hidden enemies. Keep your guns ready w for we may have excitement. ** The strangecaveleade having moved onward rapidly and cautiously, was then far in advance of ielet and her sisters but it did not take them long to catch up with the rest of them and present ly the boyscouts themselves we were riding in their acquistomed place behind the wivia Vivian girls.

hat shall werdo if the Glandelinian boyscouts foolow us! "He One of the boys

asked Angeline ichee.

''I do not know as yet. 'the girl heroine answered. 'Perhaps we may let them try it, and surprise them when they do not tha think we are being followed. when we'll make them prisoners and bring them to the christian lines...

"It would not be worth the time to waste to take them insurgent lads to the christian lines under Hansonia. 'Romarked violet.', nd to have with us , those boys are more dangerous than ten bushels of bun bushle beed bees set upon us. If they follow us all we need to do is to trick them and get off that's all.'

'we they would not even be worth our company. 'Said Angeline nichee tossing up her nose. 'That lad Gerald Starring have been very mean to you little vivian "irls of late, late, and they should know there is no reason to it that I know of. If they follow us I would for one like to let them know how good a shot I am though a little girl. I have a good derringer in my skirt belt."

pley had now reached a large and beautiful valley a v valley of many miles in width that lay between two beautifully tree covered range of hills which islet and her sisters had seen from the window of the tower. At the far end of the valley they could see something like a beautiful lake which blocked the valley in that direction and was balieved to be the northern edge of the boundary of the State of Ozwana. They believed it must be beyond this range of beautiful hills that general Hansonia's army was said to be but it surely would be some long time before they could recach that army as the valley they saw was nearly thirty eight miles broad. one pl ces the path had become a little rocky, and was diffi cult for the horses to trod upon, and at one side they saw a small crecive erevice , but which to their surpruse surprise was too wide for their horses to leap over-

yo go some of the moldiers quickly made a small bridge out of a fallen tree which they dragged to the crevice and another was placed as close as possible, and leaving their horses behind as they had to do so in the care of one man they proceed across on foot and all passed over in safty.

'mat was indeed cany enough for us. 'gaid angeline 'ichee looking at yielst with her pieroing yet friendly eyes.''I wonder what will happen nest to

imped their our progress.''! They were not long in making the discovery, for they had already crossed only one hale of the path and suddenly they heard a noise. 'Crumphe Crumphe rup crumphe' who noise echoed throughout the villey and seemed to grow louder as they advanced.

They /looked in the direction of the sound, and they naw before them but far off in the distance huge forms of white smoke rising in the air, and geysers of earth and stoke from the ground, and puffy clouds from the distant hilltops , theolouds of smoke rising from the valley floor towering for more than a hundred feet and then aprending cut in a thick wreathe. The noise at that distance sounded like as if the gigantic man in the book of 0 m Ozma of Oz built of cut of plats of cast iron striking the ground with his iron mallet as quick as thirty blows a minute. It just sounded like so many blown having poud pounded the earth, but these resounding blows or thumpswere the cahoes they had heard, and the flashes that produced the stoke clouds were such bigger than usually seen in shell explosions

and even one explosion occured between the rocky sides of the math and filled the region with a small avalanch o' stones and gravels. 'Of course seeing this horrible scene so su'denly confronting them on the once beautiful and quiet valley they at once halted. a safe distance away from the terrible clouds of smoke and crouched behind high ledges of rocks. Thier rifles would do no good for them in this case, for it could not be the means of reaching the cannoneers on the hills above, and for the time being the rocky ledges were the only means to protect them from the dangers of those explo exploding shells and shrapnell, but not from dangers of explosis explosions that would liable to appear in the i air above them.

"wow. 'said Cortrude Angeline with a shudder. 'It makes me dreadfully nervious to see those big explosions so suddenly appear right in our front. One of theese those shells would kill or wipe outall of us at once. ** here must be a glandelinian position on top of those hills or at least a rebel battery, and are working against us as steadily as a clock. 'Said one of the soldiers. Probably seeing us coming they must have mistaken us for an attacking part y and opened fire but had the range forum fortunately too shot short. I knew trose hillswere occupied by general Homes battery of artillery or had been but T thought they had been withdrawn before now. I t is my buty to have inform you of thin this long ago for it did not come to my mind untill now. It seems the only way

we could be cafe from rebel cannons lately or even from rebel soldiers and cavarly and the like, we would have to be crawling underground. Is it not the 'a dangers of the re ellion becoming great. ''?

''Cannot we think of something to do.'' fasked Orgay Violet' Regarding the scene before her with wondering eyes. For the moment since they had gone before t or hidden behind the rocks the artillery had consed firing but the smoke still

howered over the scene. 'no ''No I don't think we could do it. 'Noplied Angeline michae.' 'The rebels would see us if we want wentured out agoin and would pound the valley again withshells and probably hit us this time for sure and then it would be the end of us. There is nothing wise or good to think of this time as far as I know and yet we must proceed at any cost wintever...... But nevertheless there is some place. "

"the enemy may know of our intentions or see us too well or something." Observed inlet. "With their cannons the insurgents are keeping us from going further. Is there no way to stop the men from firi ng the batteries.' !

'Only by having long range rifles, and than only can dothat?'

gaid Angeline iviane,
'then' said Jenie urmer, anxiously' hat shall we doefff ?'
'then' said Jenie urmer, anxiously' hat shall we doefff ?'
'Excuss me for a few minutes.' Said one of the boyscouts and I'll'
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'Excuss me for a few minutes.' go out younder and look things over. when I may think of some plan to accomplass."

He slowly and carefuely left the the rocky ledge, and then retired to a pos position i in front, where he looked cautiously from bh behind a clump of trees to whi which he had crept behin deMeantime the rebel gunners had seen the boy going from the rocks to the teee and some of the guns suddenly fired and two shells exploded near by and the explosions sounded like something striking the earth near the trees terrible blows, and the explosions coming simultaneously school through the valleys like the roar of two canno s cannons. Again and again the explosions of shells came dangerously near the tree , but _iolet and her sisters saw that for some reason or other tha there had

been a moments pause between the other gunners, and perhaps the others had also

noticed that the gunners for some reason had passed to fire, and then the lad

thing some back said;

. the fired upon un but the matter is very simple after all for I looked at t'e hill pps with my one ga glone. If we can ranged it right we can run between shell explosions, but no must be seessporated one by one at long distances apart , and when we hear the guns boom, we must throw u ourselves down, and the shel s or balls will pass over us and explode beyond us. It is the only way for to make a retreat would be doubly dangerous. **

"I'It willrequire very quick work if we escape between b shells. 'Said Joice ivien with a shake of 'is head.' nut it really seems the only thing for us to do. ZAs the distance is only short now, ; wonder who will make the first atrempt. Every one looked at one another hesitatingly for a moment or two. Then the

soldiers themselves who were trembling like leaves in the wind from 'ear, said

"Isuppose we being men and should head the precession, must go first and that will mean us. But I must tell the truth we are terribly afraid of the shells as we do not know how to dodge them in time like the little girls do. " 'what will become on un little girle! 'Auked Hettle .iviam.' you soldiers right rush saftly past the exp exploding shell storm saftly but

the rebels may know of it intime and change their tation too and we would surely be crushed or mangled. " " "We must all go at once. "Said Angeline ichee norviously. But every one of uus including you girls can seperate yourselves and watchfor the explosions. _hen we know how the rebels aim and what to do as we go on-"

so this was finally decided upon-Suddenly violet said looking at high bushes growing close by;

"we must get across somehow. See the thick shrubbery before us. Let's cut down enough thick branches to hide all of us apiece and we could advance slowly under their coverand the enemy thinking we are shrubbery will not fire upon use." Thin was din done as soon as possible, the bushes were out down, and soon each party started to ersen formard as slowly as possible.

'cling fast to the trees and don't any of you drop a bush. 'Advised Jennie wurner. "I used to dothis trick myself and that's the way I got my experience. To do this it takes great palence and it is a trial too. " go each one clung fast to the bushes that shelled them, and they erouched in a long line and eyed the distant cannons carefully untill they knew just the instant a volley of shots might be fired. when before anyone thought she was ready jennie murmor made a sudden leap forward, and before any one among the gunners saw the

mon motion the party had gained few steps forward and he cannitchet was fired. ivian birls were in advance of this movement, the others had not yet moved forward but they want next. violet and her sisters kept a tight grip on the bushes they held or clung to as they slowly advanced and made the leap former

like the others straight and true as an arrow from a bow, and ere before they realised it the landelinians had seen the motion and though no guns reared there was signs of some boing loaded. you came the soldiers behind r in a line even with wielet and her sisters, and while they moved forward cautiously and slowly but in early they were within hairs breadth of being emight by sees shells for two exploded elene to them but did no harm though it emised encitement. Joice who was in the lead edged forward to the very edge of the spot where the first employions had appeared, and then all remained motionions for mearly-tem minutes. when an no cannons boomed forth they callly moved forward again. . gain and again they made in made the the quaer movements and they made this in safty. some of them however were always wihin a hair's breadth

of being caught by exploding shells, for the rebels could observe that the bushes had never been seen in the valleys before, and also observed that the bushes moved.

One of the Angelinian soldiers who accompanied the party recklessly walked or moved forward to the very pi point where the enemy would have the best range, and just as a number of shells came buritling tward them they all calmly threw themselves flat and the missles passed harmlessly over them and they excp escaped the fragments when they exploded. _hat was a good idea for the others to follow, and they all began to have hopes of crossing in safty for they knew if they once got too near the rebels could not depress the guns sufficiently enough to blow them up and from shells they would be safe. hey had already went for about a mile across in safty we we but when the whole party came to a small stream their knees were so weak from their continual crouching position, that they could not hardly walk another step and some of them fell exhausted to the ground near the edge of the stream.

'In bbetile anyhone of us could have more courage than is considered very wonderful. 'aid one of the little girls trembling in spite of herself.' "nd i in any other conditions our foes and rebel enemies usually find us very terrible to face out real war is one thing for us and this is another. hen it comes to being pounded to death by enemy shells in such a helpless condition and not know ing where the shells will come from next any one i of us can naturally object . **

"Let's make a desperate run for it. ", "ged wiolet.
"'we are already so worn out with this exertion, the that only one or gwo of us am able to run and that is r and gertrude. "Answered Jennie urmer, 'nd if we should try it all of us would be ground up by the exploding shells."

'Well, well.' sighed wiolet.' I see friends that we all have placed u ourselves in the greatest danger in our efforts to reach general Hansonia's army. we might as well stay here stationarly like if we were treps and shrubbery until night fall and then make a run for it down the stream. It least we can do the best we can. "It seems to be our only hope." and Joice.

I really must inform my renders that it containly was mithout telling a lie under any conditions whatever, that it was one of the most trying times of their lives to remain behind the bushes beader the river entiting nearly seven hours more for night to come on. ad worms of all when the twilight become to wen the little girls who had been watching and a hords of grayconts moving down from the hills and swarming the valley with the surpose to look for them, and head of their escape whatever they may turn. To when night time ones wielet and her sisters having alres y already told their comrades and followers to retain their bushs bushes started s'owly and cautiously down the atreams banks, and many times they encountered rebels searching for them, but just in time to stop moving, and the rebels really took the bushes for real ones and did not even look to see if any one was hiding behind just then. whey repeated this during kind of movements over twenty five times,, when all the fugitives had carried themselves beyond the first swarm of rebel searchers, and managed to reach a bend on the stream, and somm saftly on to the other side. y h this time the fugitives were very tired again from their second effort s. and some of them even the little girls panted no hard, as the day and following evening hed been no warm and sultry, that their tongues were almost sticking

"'now will we know how to get away yet?' Asked wielet. "how shall we find out if the persuars have found our tracks and are following us with blood hounds! **Oh leave one of the boyacoute behind for a while to not an guard and watch and see if any one is following us. 'quid the captian of the soldiers.' We are all tired out, and cannot go another step for a while. We can only hide under the thick shade of these big oak trees where in the darkness the enemy won't see us.''
Violet andher sisters knowing the danger at once protested that they must have every os one of their company with them under any conditions, else there would not be any of gi them when they got to the generals army and they did not o want to lose one. But neither the men or the other boys would accompany them further unless one was sent to watch out for the enemy, and so Violet with great reluctance sent the eldest boy behind to match for signs of the persuous

whe boys name ha bappened to be a lad by the name of Frank Ormaton. _ither the boyscout rans somewhat assessment careless, recklers, overginfident, or he failed to properly time the distance of the persueing or following landelinian soldiers, for ther were musher of clandelinians not far from where he was, and some of the landelinians seeing his approaching opened fire, he bullets missed him but one of the rebels rushed upon the lad and struke struck ablow withhis musket butt, and the mighty weapon caught him equarely upon the side of the head, and thumped him upon the ground so powerfully, that for a moment he lay stun ed and bleeding. he rebel stood glowering above him but the lad recovered almost promotly and succeeded In drawing his little pistol too quiel quickly for the rebel to realise what he was doing , and he shot the glandelinian soldier dead. mhon wounded as the lad was, and with blood streaming down his a face he crawled tward a tall oak tree, and here he clung desperately to the roots behind it, while robel soldiers pounded and trampled the ground in search of him. One oft he other boyscouts seeing the danger of his comrade dashed in to his rescue, and had his left foot smashed by the fury of a spent bullet, before he could pull the wounded lad out of danger. He howehowever covered by the sudden fire of his comrades succeeded, and they found that the wounded had heen badly dazed by the blow of the rebels musket butt, for while the hard wooden butt of which the gun was formed had not actually crushed orward his head his left ear had been almost torn off and he was so dazed and suffered so much pain that he was not hardly able to hear a no single sound. Also his right knee was cracked and pained him, and violet and her sisters herrifed as they were volunteered to assist him in any way and soon had him as comfortable as possible. ielet having torn off a piece of cloth from her inside dress bound up the wounds on his head, her heart fluttering with fear and excitement, and now it only remained to rescue the other lad who had is foot injured. This they managed to do with great difficulty, and four boys accomplished it though many guns flashed at them from the hidden ribels rebels or alandelinians who were bont on proven proventing the p renewe. he boys however accomplished the feat without any one of the four being shot, and when they returned t with the wounded lad they declared they were not hurt in the least.

wherefore the two wounded lade being attended to the entire party proceeded on their a way, the wounded lade being helpled along as under no conditions would their friends leave them behind in the power of the rebels who were stiri striving to snnihilate them alle

By and by when they managed to draw near to a small hill mounting from the edge of the stream the night began to grow dark and gloomy for the reason that the sky was becoming overcast with storm clouds, which shut out the light of the rising moon. nd the air was very silent too in thatvalley, and there was no birds singing or squrrals chattering now, and also no trrees of any great number grew here, only the bare grassy and m ossing grv ground being the only object to admire.

wielet and her sisters, and even all in the party were a little awed by the silence, fearing one of the well known cyclonic storms was approaching, and all the others had become verygrave and quiet also, except the two wounded lads who grouned and monned with pain for every step they made. It was hard for the lad whose foot was wounded, but he had to choose to walk on it than share a worse fate by being taken by thr landelinians.

mo o e wo one on account of the danger to the rest had any chance just now to pay any attention to this because they were now close to a strange lo, looking encampment and they believed that the splendid christ christian armies under general mansonia could not be very far away.

eBuddenly they all heard a shout and storm of jeering yells, and stopped short in fear and arrizement. they found also they would have had to stop in another moment anyway for a huge stream of water, a abrupt bend i in the river barred theur further progress for the path they were following in the dark ran up close to therivers beach and ended.
** ho was that laughing, jeering, and yelling? 'Asked Gertrude Angeline. There was no reply from any one but in the gloom they could see all around them, as well as on the heights above strange forms flitting this way and that, some having with them lanthrens, and others had b, bloodhounds. There is never the prowle pprowling men might be just now they seemed very much like the color of the rocks and grassy ground themselves, for they who had lantrens had the uniforms of the colors of grass or gray rocks, and in the dark, and strange lights their forms or shapes were rough and rugged like shadows also. here a kept close in a perfect swarm as thick as bees, some facing our friends, and seemed to glide tward them like black or dark gray or green colored c ghosts, some others move moving this way and that, with a lack of regularity that wasquite confusing. Ind so peculiar did did they nove that they did not seem to need any place to rest their feet either, but seemed to move like spirits, or cling to a surface of distant rocks like a fly would a window pane, yet all of them were neversial for a moment and second to be coming nearer and makrer every moment. "We will bave to bide behn behind those bushes. 'Said one of the boys as the 14ttle girls shrank lack. 'They are the claricalinian Gargoylies.'
'Ind what are the landelinian Gargoylies. Gerglylians! 'Anked Jennie half frightened out of her wits by the strange scene. "they are the "mooded Terror" or the Ku Klux Klans of the rebels and serve under any rebal general. 'Replied the boy. 'But they willdo us no harm if we keep well hidden from themWe are in disguise you know. You must pretend to wall for one of the rebel guards like the corpor coporal of the guards do, because without that trick we could never worm our way out of the hap we are now in. "'You can make the coll yourselve. 'Baid violet to Angeline ichee. gust then the terrible sound of laughing, yelling, and cursing came again with redoubled viol violence and indeed so waird and disheartening was the sound that nearly all of the soldiers who were with the little girls ande a 'hight shout Pace "movement and allestarted to run as fast as it was in their power. Two of the little wirls at once persued the wen, and wielet cried ' alt you cowards. ' ndwhen the soldiers stopped their flight, she all asked win a very representul look indeed; ** mere were you soldiers coing wihout our permission! "We are all surrounded by enemies and it is almost impossible to escape now." a said one of the soldiers trembling like a leaf with great fear. "" o we are going back o to our own lines where we came from. " "That is impossible" aplied inlet reproachfully. "or you have us as enemies as well and we and out to scouts would kill you for deset s desertion on the spot-So rou had better take the chances with the enemy and not us. ** *Oh T forgot that we were deserting. 'gaid the officer who was a captian his face turning pale. 11 ''you seem to forget a good many things. ''pemarked _ielet. ''I hope you won't forget that / on are not acting like brave men and deserting seb sevem little Princeses Princesses of Angelinia, and what the penalty would be if we happened to report it to our father or general Hanson Ivian our unclee!!
"Nv Nevere" gried cried "the captian, slapping his medal covered chest and forgett ing his fear. ""Never, never, never. "Gried all the other soldiers and officers, indignantly all slapping their chests also like their captian did.' "" or our part alone. "said the privates themselves in a meek manner" we must obey our officers, so when we are told to run, we run under any conditions, and when we are told to fight, we always fight." "'It did not appear to be that way just now." newered wielet kn inna voice of scorn. 'and now you must all come to the rest and to my sisters and obey our orders and requests. nd remember if you try to make the leas least attempt to run away from us again 1 like you did I will have to order our boyscout companions to open fire upon you. And s as soon as we get back to camp I will see to it that every one of you officers shall be reduced to privates for this behavior." This terrible threat and punishment now coming later on so frightened the soldiers that they had once returned to where violets s s sisters and the boyscouts were standing, the boyscouts looking mean and dangerous to the deserters in the darkhen Joice who was in the group orded out in her loudest voice; The sound that the leader of the plandelinians who are searching for thristian prowlers or so called "thristian dogs come out and see us and give an account of why they swarm the plains of the valley." There was no reply, except that the searchers in the distance laughed in derision and followed by the baying of a number of bloodhounds.
"We must not command the rebels." Said one of the boyscouts" for though we are the Nationals, and they the Insurgents or rebels we do not generally rule them, as we do our onw selves. ** "So Joice called again saying; **I request the rebel leader to appear to us and tell us why he is searching for ahristian prowlers. **

Still the only ease sounds of derision, laughter, and yells, and else the havoing of the bloodbounds replied to her, and the sen who were secuching for them continued to flit here and there, al always nearer and nearer. "If we do not wish to be fired upon by perhaps a hundred can at close range we will have to try untreaty or give ourselves up. "Said the boyscout lender to Joice. "If the rebal lender will not come at your request, then the insurment commander of the searchers may listen to your pleading and only make us prisoners and not shoot us down for escape now is throughful just now. " joice looked around her proudly. "Do you wish I and my sisters proud Priceeses of Angelinia, to plead with the wisked glandelinians, who are enemies of Our pear pleased Lord!" he asked severely. 'shall I and my sisters, who are all known the world over as the worlds greatest and bravest Child deroines, now go down into thildness and covardice and burble ournelves to wicked creatures of the early earth his who lives in nothing but rerevilness. and who are fightime not only Angeliain but all of the christian world by action, rars fury, and devantation beyond comprehension. We will die by their bullets first. " ''no' shouted all the other boyscouts, and the other girl children with as loud as coices as possible, and one of the soldiers, becausing more encouraged by the defines of the little girls added; "If the rebel leader will not come and allow us to give terms we will ot nllow ourselves to be captured inder any conditions, and tocapture usthey eill have to dig us out of holes I ike foxes or rai bits. but just the same our sweet little _ivian girl Heroines must always maintain their diginity, jo just as we maintain "I'l' not afraid to take the chances in pleading with a pobel leader as long as I have the intention of only tricking him. "Said Angeline ichee." I' only a little girl from the country of Abbienmia and we have nore diginity at he e or elsewhere than we usually know what to do so with. "I'll try and call the insurgent leader to parley with us and allow us through the valley if consible.' ""po" aid one of the boy scouts." and if the rebels makes hash of you some wild beast Will est yo for breakfast to merrow morning Ism sure."

Augeline ligher therefore stepped forward and said;;; "Please ar leader of the alandeliniane in the valley please come and hold a p parley with us if you will it. " just at that moment the low growl of a dog near them was heard, and there suddenly flared a number of lanthress, and a voice fried from one ome forth you people and show yourselves. !! ''isn't it some trick or something or other?'' sked one of the soldiers.
''Never'mind if it is.''Replied going sadly.''... come into this valley to find our way to general Hansonia's army and it seems possible we will have to run some risks to do so. ut as long as we have to devidence of being spice about us the clandelinians I'm sure cannot do anyt anything to us.''
''gome of the landelinian generals though wicked, and an insurgent, are usually honest and even good natured. 'Said Gertinde Ante-Angeline.' If it one of them we can trust them to do what is right." go violet led the way from their hiding place and soon found themselves surrounded by soldiers arread with long guns and bayonets, and they and the prisoners passed through a long yet marrow lane, and from the lane entered a large passage way, and from that into a glan, and to then up the sides of one of the hills, which was now lighted to by the one moon coming out again. where was no one now but only six soldiers to escort the pre-prisoners who were disarred by their captors, but nevertheless all the party pressed on un the hill for about nearly three quarters of an hour, unti'll they came to the summit, and then were ushered in front of a large domed shaped tent or tahour, that was grandly furnished inside. On to o top of the hill were rifle pits, batteries, and breautwordk, A little beyond we were encamp ments and barrioks and other militar'y sores and houses. hey were shown incide the tent. In the centre of the bit big tent was a large Table rude and round in shak shape, and lit littered with all kinds of paper, g and maps, whi while on the back of the table and on two mides, were books mostly geographiew , geographies, spellers and historian Upon a big swivel chair sat a glandelinian general. This landelinian general, was about five feet six inches in height, clothed in a brownish gray uniform that were the exact color of the soft covering of a walmut shell, and he was sitting in ease in the chair in which we hwas was seated. He had thick bushy hair, and a short but flowing beard, which were snow white in color, and his face was as brightly hued and with such glowing cheeks that it looked as if he had fairly paintenand powdered his face. He wore a great round hat like a little girls sailor hat, but with a thick plume covering the top of it, and he had a jw jewl jeweled studded pistol belt enciroling his fat body, and on each side were a bra was a brace of very ugly looking pistols or revolver. As for his features, they seemed kindly and good natured enough and his eyes were turned merrily upon his visitors as violet and her sisters stood before him with their followers close behind theme ''why goodness me he seems to me to be just like ganta daluss,'' hispered violet eagerly to her sister poice, ut the old general happened to hear the speech and indeed it made him laugh around. 'Santa glauus must be my personater. 'quit qu qouted the general in a very pleasant voice, and they all could see indeed that he really did look like ganta the lauss when he laughed.

Violet and her sisters and theories others were very such relieved to find the old general indeed so folly, and in a minute he had issued some or e orders, and to their surprise some soldiers in purple uniforms some in and brought stocks and chairs for them all tist to statute.

'31t down my don' friends.''Sold the peneral'', nd tell me why you had all come all this way to see me, General Francis heosinia, and what I can do to make you

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while the adventures sented themselves the general picked up a pipe and lighting a match placed the fire into the boul of the pipe u and began puffing out clouds of tabaco smoke that curled in rings above his head, which and her sisters thought this rade the great general look more like gents glauus than ever, but now yoke began spaking, and every one listened intently to her words.

'Your Exce'lency''Said she realizing that he really was general Hausonia as the soldiers she saw come and go wore purple or rad uniforms.''I and my misters here are the 4 u daughters of general Angelic vivian and we have come here to warn you to look out for general Handonia rederal who is going to frautrate you in covering papes advance upon Manley, and we have come here to request you to release your wast army from this dancerous position, whom you have placed on this ill, and which you hold for your pi positions.''

"Oh no I'm afraid you arevery mistaken about that. "Replied the general. "Three are not my original positions, but my encomments which I seized from a rebel army

not long ago without even a battle."

"ut that was wrong to do that , as it is danferous and general Hansons Geninian sples have discovered the danger. "Said violet grieved to realize general Hansonia

was presumptions and reckless.

'Amordingly to the laws of war, the general can do no wrom in seizing a strong temporary position on high steep bios hills.' namered the general eyeing a ring of blue smoke he had just suddenly blows from his mouth'; that he has a perfect right to hold a all positions he has seized unless notifed by his superior to move to enother another. My positions are very strong.'

"',ou are cheating yourself though.''paclared Jennie.''por you have not a very strong or verysagure position, nor a long line of hills to defend. If you wantto be as reckless as this it would be better for you and your army to jump into the

sea and drown yourselves. ...

''It is not so dan erous as to charge with attempting sucide.''Said the general crossing his less and smiling contentedly.''T give you my word that any landelinian army that attacks my positions would only risk destruction. It would be the charge of the

to the rebel general who would destroy blanelf. "Then how would it be possible that the enemy would risk destruction by assaulting your positions when he could have positions equally strong and one that could command

your own with artillery that would infilade yours? 'Asted Angeline.

"Easily enough . "was the reply." How suppose my dear girl that I at your fathers or uncles command, gave you a small position for a large commany of boysecuts for a chance of your own safty, and that after the onemy had made an assault on all directions and I had lots of art illery, and with the e help of my art illery my gunners to save you and your company of boys smashed the clandelinian columns into pisces and either destroyed it or drove it back, gould you say then that I had not segured a good strongposition, and saved your as well?"

"No" navered violet.

for exchange of the position just because after you argument I succeeded in smashing the rebel column!

'wo' anid wielet again.

''Of course note' The Angelinian general returned.' Her will I give up my own positions or the hills because general Handonia Sederal is advancing against me with a force superior to my own, phase positions belong to me and I will keep them at any risk.'

"But are making a great and norious mistake just the sens, and are just the same as if you were treating yourself and your army of troops cruelly." Said Angelinia Arenburg who was much distressed by the generals refusal to listen to reason.

'In what way do you mean?' Ho asked.
'By holding a position that is insecure.' Said she.

"Holding a position that is not secure, and you call it cruelty! "Remarked the general puffing our wreaths of smoke and watching them floating into the air . Is a thing I cannot abide or understand. 'I have known that positions on steep kills are the strongest kind so as positions are secured here, and my positions were at first thought to be delicate and tender, I transformed the breastworks into batteries and small sailent fortific ations, and have ravine positions and others scattered around various sections of the sides of the hills also. So instead of being obliged to hold a weak position against the foe, they merely hold an unassailable position and I really think, I have treated myself and my whole army with great kindness. 10 "But you do not know the situation. "Said Jennie. W" Whave been experienced with such t hings as we saw them ourselves. What a dreatful fate would be for your army if it happened what we fear. The enemy would know it is too strong to assail by infantry so they would mass artillery against you that would be unass ailable, and their fire concentrated against you would make your positions untemable. and And the whole region of besieged wiviam Wickey is in great need of strong christian armins to govern it and hold that no enemy comes to the rescue of general Purga torian, and strikes Mansions army a blow that would break the long seige. If you will listen to reason and liberate these hills from your armies, and restore your

number to a botter and attemp position. I and my adsters will give you the o number you did it ten kisses for rounde.**
The general looked grave for a negative.

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"Then' Endd Argeline Richee' General Mandoniasvillacon acre here with his mighty Insurport landelinian army and conquer your strong position, and oblige you to retreat in the most disgraceful fashion. We warned you at the request of our father and uncle and if you refuse to do so, they will in case you suffer a disaster reliave you of your command."

The general laughed and then grew grave again.

"You are as brave as givian girls can be my dears." e said to Angeline Riches"

"Ind so are your girl com companions." but you little girls have to idea of the exten of the tack general Handonia and his army would have to undertake to drive me from my position. Come with me to my lines for a moment and see for yourself."

He arcse and took two of the little girls by their hamse, and led them and the others cutside of the tent, and cut into the encarpeants a little beyond the positions. when he he mounted a high rook above the encampments from whence the litt le girls and their companions obtained a wonderful view indeed of the whole hills and their christian positionsembey also realised that it was the Angelinians who had fired upon then from above thinking they were the advance guard of rebels as they still wore their own disguises and some of the Angeliainus looked upon the party with si suspicion but said nothing. That positions with artillery and rifle pite. teening also with machine gues exe entended for miles and miles from east to west and in every direction beyond on the darkness there were so many emp fires that they seemed to be furnaces and forges glowing brightly, and here and there could be seen guards and sentires moving back and forth. On one of the strongest positions were thousands of big cannons, mostly brass pieces behind strong lines of high breastworks, or positions cout of solid rocks and atomes, and these 4xtended in rows far away into the dictance as far as their eyes could follow them in the nights darkness.

while the little maidens heriones of Angolinia gazed wonderingly upon this strange and imposing scene the general uttered a shrill whistle and in a few minutes, from rifle pits, and breastworks solid ranks of Angolinian soldiers marched out. O great indeed were their numbers that they quickly covered the hill top where they stood like immane swarms of black been as their purple uniforms looked he black at night, and they also quickly filled the company streets of some wast camps. Although this tremendous army consisted of the fierce Abyssinkiliand and Angoliniams they and had weapone of hayonets that looked like clittering material of poliched steel, inlaid with something that looked like beautiful genes that gleamed bright ly in the night Upon each brow of the soldiers they were large hats like those soon of college professors but, more large. It was a ident they were as perfectly trained as other christian addicts are for they quickly assembled in long straight lines, rank after rank with their weapons held erect and true as if awaiting but the word and command to levelheir bayonets and rush upon a charging foe.

''This ''gaid the Angelinian general' Is but a very small part of my army indeed.
''I'msure no wicked landelinian general upon earth has yet ever even dared to fight me, for I have moved against may robel armics and they only ran from me or retreated, and I bet you little girls your looks of beautiful hair, and rib'ons and a thousand kisses and hugs that no robel general over will, for I and my army is too powerful to even the Eanleys to attack and oppose.''

"He then gave a signal with his pistol and in a few moments the martial array filed through the company streets and soon disp disappeared either in their tentd

or in the r dugoute and works or was mailent positions, after which the sentries and guards who had been for the manent forced to absdon their own tasks resumed their work once more. hen sad and discouraged, v violet and her sisters and the oths others turned to their friends, and rentering the tent the general cand callely reseated himself on his big outyol chairs.

"Maybe after all it would be foolish for the rebel to fight him." roice said to her sister Hattie. "For general Handonia's brave army of insurgents would be quickly destroyed. I am sure the enemy also would not do know what to do or how to act in this emergonoy. I guess the general is right."

"Ask the general where his Kitchen police are?" uggested one of the boyscouts.

"I fell as hungry as a starved tiger."

"I belieb believe general mandonia could surprise general Hansonia some way and pour pounce upon him and his positions and ta tear his army to pieces or somethings." Hemarked one of the Angelinian soldiers who had accompanied wielet and her sisters on this missions.

"It last him try it." said the general with a sneer, relighting his pipe." he Angelinians themselves have too many guards on the hill sides and if the enemy was seen approaching my infantry quild crouch low and spring upon the rebel columns like a tiger spring upon its prey, and would drive the rebels back down again, and chase them to their own position without the rebels being able to approach my position within five hundred feet."
"It seems to mee. Said Joine thoughtfully That our best plan to return to our

"It seems to me." Baid joice thoughtfully "That our best plan to return to our own army would be to ask the general to allow us to have a strong body guars, since after all I believe he really has too strong a posttion to be assaulted, and too

strong an army to be oppose shoulf he att ack himself. **

'This is one of the next set sensible things any of you have ever suggested.'De clared the general.'You now know it is for folly for any rebel general to even threaten me, and I am so kind hearted especially to you little girls who are the daughters of general twinn that I will not refuse any request of yours, and you would not need to conk or even wheedles. If you really wish to get back to your lines without encountering too much stirring adventure or danger and acc emplish anything good by your long journey, you may have the strong escort you wish fore But remember I made a bet with you little girls, and what you owe me if your advise is wrong.'

'Yory wall. 'Said violet more cheerfully.' Let us be still bett or friends than ever we were before, and talk over my pla as to return in a nice manner.'

"To be sure. Agreed the general, his eyes twinkling merrily.

"Tam very anxious" she continued To reach our own army or lines which we left to some to yours without any serious adventure whatever is possible. To reads to quanthkin town, and dillikin, and Eve are susp suspicious to us as we fear the enemy have already come by that way and in that direction we are out off from general Humsons army, go tell me sir, how to may accomplish our return without too much excitement and danger as we wish to return without a single loss among ourselves."

fow chances and risks in order to get to your own lines. As to escape perils

just now of any kind is utterly impossible. '!

"Yes indeed we are. 'Answered Joice firmly and bravely. 'W don't mind a little excitement as long as one of us or any one of our followers are not killed or seriously wounded like the two you just brought to your hospital tente" "mhen 'Said the general' I will make you this offer for your own good; "You little girls, shall with your strong escurt go, but not alone, and must not be unattended to, into my secret pass I have selected in case I really would be worsted in battle, and as you leave my lines I have given your or wi 11 give your strong escort leaders instructions to examine carefully every read, and woodland and find what they contain. Listen to me. Do no traveling by day, only at night. It is saftest. You shall have permit ion to command any one of your followers I will 'ive you, but avoid the roadways you mentioned, in pat particular the Ev goad, for if any one of them or more than one proves to be guarded by rebels of some army to mentioned so near, the glandelinians will instantly move upon you and your escort cand if you are captured you may never leave their lines again. You must not have any objections to my advise whatever. It is possible for all of you in this way way to remain free from even persuit, but if you do not observe my advise correctly, and if you run into danger and each one of you are captured or slain then I hope to say if you refused to follow my directions I cannot be to blame. Very few would ever rec eve the privileges I grant you. **

'Oh thank you general, Oh thank you general for this kind offer. Baid Jennie

eagerly. 'and

", nd remember if none of you do not do as I advise, and if any readways of or fields or weeds prove to be full of hidding rebels and you run into them then you all will be taken prisoners of shor shot down by ambuscades and so I warn you to be careful, as careful as can be."

They all thanked him and then he added with his eyes twinkling;

"I make but one condition?"
"what is it?" Invalined violet.

''mhat each one of you little girls allow me to embrace you and give you each one little kiss. This is fair and just, and I am saving you from the risks you are unwilling to undertake.''

CHAPTER

Learning this peculiar and yet nervy condition imposed by the Angelinian general pansonia iclet, and her sisters became silent, and thoughtful for a few moments, and all their friends and companions, looked at the wivian first uneasity. 'Don't you do it.'Exclaimed one of theboyscouts.' If we take such analoss, we will all run into great peril. May as well stay here in his own lines and await the coming of better devoluments.'

"gut we shall have any amount of chances to get through if we travel by night." "newered Angelina Aronhurg or Gertrude Angeline." urely as we do it beforewe all ought to get through any perilois adventure without mishap and if we do, we shall be able to return to our fathers or uncles army, able be safe from the rebels. If you don't wish to go with us boys you may remain here, but we will go. But if the rest of you arewilling to attempt it w they may and we shall soon be free from the

"What if we neet fed, failure thought" On _nquired one of the soldiers. "Word look nice as prisoners in the chands of the evenies of Our pleased saviour, would nt se indeed!"

"We must not under any condition took failure." Gried , dolet encouragingly.

"We having some allthis distance to warm general Remonds of his own peril, which he refuses to believe it would now be week and very controlly in all of us to aboution g the adventure. Ind we the had shown so much bravery would be laughed at if we failed this time of back cut. Therefore I and my sisters shall accopt the generals officer, and remard him as he wished, and then go at once on our way as he directed."

After he therefore had the reward of one kine and their embrace he enid; "gome along then my dears, and ISHI got the escort and show you the way so you gon't make a mighter."

nd he arone from his swivel chair. 'I'll show you the way. '

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they all let left the tent and after going son seme distance through an encampment they approached a high wall of rocks, and making a turn they observed a large passageway or lane descending the hill tward the rear of the a a small ridge.

The secort was given to ther all, about three hundred and fifty nounted soldiers, they themselves and their other comrades also recieving horses and after a sweet smiling farewall to the general and the cheering soldiers they boldly proceeded on heir way.

''nemember'' houted the general.''Do not do any traveling by day . Hide at daytime in any possible secure place and travel by night only. You only now have seven hours were of durkness. Get your sleep if possible in the daytime. Your fathers

and uncles army is nearly fiv fifty miles away from us now."

The little girls and all their followers found themselves in a very splied splendid passageray, beautifuly formed and colored by rature and looking more grand and yet weird than anything they had ever beheld in the koonlight-rhe walls of thepassage may was high, and shove at certain points were great arches of stone covered with green folinge, these being over thirty feet above their heads, and all the walk of rocks and even the ground itself were of granite and other stone, andeven as shown by moonlight were strangely tinted w exquisitlyey in many beautiful colors, almost like the sceney of the Grand canyon itself. Thick velvet like grass we was growning on the floor of the passage way, and heavy hanging foliage of all kinds protruded downward from some of the strange arches or natural bridges above and at many places the material of the rocks seemed to be of very rare stones covered with delicate moss thatlooked like delicate green sating, and the coloring of the rocks , and elsewhere with the moonlight chining bright ly made the entire region seemed to be lighted by a mysterious glow of strange colors, that seemed tocome from no particular place but nevertheless flooded the entire region with its very soft and pleasing radiance.

violet and her sisters and their strong escort of boy and men followers passed wider one arch way after another, greatly delighted indeed at what they a all saw. Strangely the lovely region had no other occupants but themselves, for the general had left then at the entrance and had allowed no one tofollow after them so that in front of them there appeared no other person nor either any enemy.

Epon the top of the pre precipice walls of the long passage ways, and on many trees themselves, were clustered as thick as stars flowers and blossoms of every dest description, and sens rocks seemed to have all sorts of notals in them. The passage was indeed quite a rancum of flowers and foliage, flowers indeed als also of rare and curious kinds. After an hour and a half however they soon found themselves leaving the beautiful passage ways and came upon a plain, below which to their surprise was thickly wooded, after a hearty examination from a hiding place of the region before the, all of them legan to wonder which of all the numerious sights before them in the deene woods contained any hidden enemies, for they knew they were not far from the road of E o Ev as the general had av advised them when they got out of the passage way to be careful which way they went into the woods. There seemed nothing whatever to guide any of our adventures, and yet all parts of the woods seemed without a spark of human or animal life. so they all felt they must go on blindly as it were, and for the first time violet and her staters alone came to realize how dangerous was their task and how likely they and their companions were likely to loss their freedom or even lives in striving to get a their own lines, if they did not follow his directions. Ho wonder the cunning christian general gave them such a strong eccort of cavarly coldiers, and did not laugh or smile but looked grave at their departure, when he may know or fear how easily the whole party might be easily trapped by hidden enemies. But now since t hey had undertaken the strange adventure would not abandon it. hey looked at thewooded scene before them, and observed not far from them a roadway running into the woods, and mear it a mighty big tree with ten large branches and thought;

"This may be the goad of Ev for we can tell by the tree with ten branches."

go they looked at it closely and then advised every one of their followers:

to have their weapons at a ready, to dismount and to all move forward very cautiously.

To make sure there were no enemies near the little girl Jrennis fired
a few shots tward the woods knowing if there were foes near by the shots would
be promptly answered. But the woods remained as silent as before. "hey

soon were by the t ree and looked around cautiously.

Then they slowly and contiously wandered forward to another large thick group of t rees, and then thinking they saw moving objects comeing tward them, and thinking it might be some rebels swarming forward to open fire they all every one quickly wont behind a single tree and waited breathlessly at again they were unsuccessful to see any one approach, and believed it was only imiganation-three minutes, four nametes, five, six, coven, eight, nine and ten,

minutes they waited almost impatiently, and still no one came in sight, though the little girls themselves who could hear almost as good as a cat thought they observed stronge counts as if sene one were talking to another in whispers far beyond. he little girls shivered a little and grow pale even under the white light of the moon, for surely they believed energies were in hiding like themselves, and their own fate depended upon some result? One of the little girls decided upon the others to fire in the direct ion they saw the objects moving but Jennie advised Angeline not to be lasty and as noise from guns may arouse all the enemies who may be enonmomened near by and then all would be loot. go they all resolved not to be hasty, but to work themselves from tree to tree cauticusly and carefully, and so they did so, darting from one tree to another, noiselessly and quickly, gazing earnestly and auxiously in the dird direction of the deeper recesses of the woods

and;; "Halt who goes there." whey were startled by the sudden chalange from the distance, and were almost panic stricken and at once each person had different things to decide on what to do. minally they all decided but almost in despair to leave it entirely alone to chance.

and to remain still and not utter a sound.

"If any one makes a sound, or even sneckes I'll shoot him. " warmed the officer in command of the escort in a loud whisper' go be ;; " I SAY THO WENT THERE. AP' APPEAR FROM YOUR HIDING FLAGES OR DOD GAST YOU WE'LL OFEN FIRE. ***Rang out, a loud w voice and then followed by a curse and blashphemy. There was no answer. he little girls themselves faced the direction of the sound and all s'ut their eyes tightly expecting to see a storm of flashes, and then one of the boyscouts thrusting aside the heavy bh bushes near the tree he was behind saw a object advancing blindly tward him with a musket and bayonet leveled tward hims wot far anny were other objects moving forward. Softly, and slowly he crept forward changing the direction tward the tree which hid Angeline nichee, and she also saw him ad immadiately she draw her pistol, and holding it by the muzale decided to give the prompt promber a tap on the head that would make him go to aloop. she did not know whether it was a comrade of hers lost in or going in the wrong direct ion to hic hide, or whether it was a fee but she did not intend to take chances, but she uttered a low whisper togicalt that some one was provide providing tward here and then seeing the object close by struck with all her might.

where was a sound of some one falling to the ground, andeverything seemed quiet and empty after that, when cloudy the adventurecore managed without danger to get to some other trees a little further off. They all had gained a new new position just in time for within the part where the moonlight shows plainlty upon an opening in the woods came slowly forward a number of gray men or uniformed men. One of the man in advance were a poculiar rounded black but with an image of a

pretty green gra grasshopper on top or in front. It was indeed rebels. violet just beyond the scene itself suddenly looked up and almost smiled great as their peril was. Then she fired the robel dropped. "he has the marve to fire next. "ghe asked in a pleas pleasant voice just as

a mimber of flashes came from the robels who quickly retreated behind trees themselves.

Jennie wielet , and a beyoccut mearent then who had been at mains behind trees in most annious stience each gave a store of diamey as she but fixed, and then stared into one anothers eyes.

'Has she failed to hit the .man!' Asked Joice.

'go it seems.' Insurered Jennie urmer. m' 'The man who dropped arese and ran off behind a tree with his comrades. But th

"but there is no reason why we should all. fail to succeed if necessary. 'Said violet. 'I did not want to wound the man . quet fired to scare him. who next time they appear and charge us though I want every one of you to open fire at once, for are are only twolve enemies I think to our two hundred and fourty. Well, well. mint will our hidden encodes do nexts'.
'X'll go forward a few stepp and investigates' Enid datherine viviane

'' ot so.' Replied Angoline _ ishee sternly.' 'As the boyoccuts are under your command and as adviser and commander of our band of men and boys it is the privilege of one of the boys to do so. "

"away you go then. 'Said the boy scout leader to one of his boys john immoni by name. But he careful old friend and do not let the traitors in hiding snip

"I will be careful indeed. "Promished the boy, and then he moved forward tward the hiding foes tree to tree, but keeping carefully concealed in the dark, and as the others watched him he soon disappeared as the darkness closed around themall as a scurrying cloud went over the moon. A few minutes of maiting and the light of the moon returned to lighen the scene and the rest of the band of adventurers stee settled themselves for another long wait, for the ex a expected return of the boy. All of them, inc u including wiolst and her sisters also were greatly disheartened by the failure of geting out of the region without encountering the enemy, and the knowledge that they were now hard pressed by hidden foes---in a dreadful greey creepy looking woods filled them with dread in spite of all its magnificence. anxious for the boy who went into the dangerous quest, and without his return they did not know what to do next, and each one even down to the tr v trembling soldiers and to even the private of the escort, began to fear the little boy would never return, . whey expecte! to hear so e shots and hear him cry out but nothing happened. suddenly the boy who had none off returned, and despite the peril of his ow situation

bat's bapponed! 'Asked violet anxiously.

"Why be help of the monlight I saw one of the landelinians uniformed or dressed in the fundiant looking clothes you ever can imagine. 'Replied the boy, wining the tears of marriment from his eyes.' 'o one could ever believe that the glandelinians could dress so funny and make of himself such an amsi amusing sight. That shall me do next. We are ull surrounded. 11

At this they all gazed at each other with sinking hearts. One of the other boyscouts

more third than the others began to weep delefully.
""hat are you or crying for Ju Jim?" Asked Angeline ichee very indignant, at such display of weak weakness from some of the boyscouts who had accome nied her and her companions.

**I wish to get art of t hese danger dangerous woods. ' said the lad. 'But I hate to lost any of you friends. "

"Then you shall go and lead the way out for us. "Declared Angeline "ichee firaly. "Me do it. "! Gried the boy greatly alarme!.

"Certainly Jin. It is your duty indeed to follow theadvises and orders of your commanders. Comes Come commades. Let's get out somehow if we have tofight our

way through with pistol and swords. " "I won't lead the way. 'Said the boy troubling like a leaf. 'I would like to though, of course, but for some reason I cannot explain I just simply won'TT...

Violet and her sisters looked enquiringly at Angeline sichee.

"Never mind said little brave iches." If he does not care to dead the way for us and take the chances as well as we do, We'll abandon him to the enemy by going ourselves and leaving him behind in the woods. ********

All, right, all right . I'll go----of course I am going to lead the way. 10 alrost yelled the boy as quickly as cent. 'which way do we d go. Let me lead the way

go he was compelled to take the lead, and he carefully edged his way forward, escorting the others who moved from tree to tree, keeping as sharp a lookout as a cat would for nice, and every one as they went on , always wondered what the result would bee what the rebels were doing nowno one could tell, but it was not long, before there was six flashes suddenly in front of them, and to their horror the boy behind wielet fell and lay still with a shot in his brain. Shots had flew past the others but no one e'se wad hit. They feared however it would not be long before some other one of them would be the next victim, and so they answered the fie in a bunch but without effect, and rebels only fired again from another quarter and to the fright of the little girls six of their soldier escorts fell shot dead, and joiet herself felt a sudden ; pain in the arm. It was evident enemies were closing on them in every direction, and thus one after another had to seek better protection than tree,s for while the trees sheltered them in front they were fired upon from behind and the danger was greater now than they supposed it was the lad who took tye lead had also been b ki's jilled ear and to say and some other boy was forced to try his fortune. Thus one after another of the company, all of the men and boys nowcrowding about the girls to protect them filed carefully from tree to tree, and made their attempt to bring down a fee, but though now both sides fired occasional, y neither side lost any one.

Me meantime during such a trying ordeal some of the officers ordered a new supply of ammunition to be served to some running out of ammunition, and to take care of the girls who were waiting for a chance to get to better safty, and at their commands this wad being done. One of the officers was not unlike the other Angelinians in mansonias army that wielet and her sisters had seen, but he were heavy gold embroiderment on his uniform o coat to show that he was a sort of con colonel and he also assumed an air of much importance, and even told his own superior officer who was a lieutement colonel not to be too reckless or he would be also shot by the hiding rebels who were surrounding thou all and oniping them. Despite the peril they were in, and tempite the excitement of it all violet and her sisters having eaten no supper we were hungry and even sleepy, and they were not now even afraid of being wounded or ill, and so ate freely of the rations they carried with them on their quest eating also several good cakes , and finding them very good, and also

drank a bottl of cold black coffee and also found it most refressing. of zil the large party which had started upon this second adventure, the ivian irls and the three girl companions and the soldiers were now more further Mprt apart, the little girls being almost left alone. Of course every one except the four who had been killed were still all there, but they also having eaten a little to quiet their nerves had gone behind double trees, and rocks, also, some had even climbed the trees nearest them unseen by their enemies, while upon the other side stood the boyscouts behind trees and high rocks with guns drawn, all motionless and silent as if they were more things of wood or stone. Gertrude Angeline herself had quietly walked around from tree to tree for a ceetain distance, and now being

for apart from wielet and her sisters and her two companions she tried desperately to find her way back to them again without encountering fees who would she t her down in the darkness ... very one felt sleepy but to dare sleep meant death for them 11 all-presently Gertrude Angeline in going from a from a tree, and rushing to another one tent feet apart spied a hollow undermeath a large oak tree, and seeing wiclet and her sisters close by, crept into the hollow unot i unnoticed by either them or the foe. he could still hear the chattering of the rebels around her, but it was again intensely dark as the mok moon went behind another cloud, so that soon she almost fell asleep.

in silence for a long time, for no doubt they knew wielet was in no hurry whatever to be shot or taken pr somer by the hidden enemies and made her search very slowly and carefully. The others homever especially her sisters and the boyscouts who seemed to know by some reason or other, all that was taking place in the woods a little beyond, grew anxious and impatent impatient finally, and declared that they would not wilt any lourge.

ot whit any longer.
'We ly e our minter wholet more than any one else we know.' Said Joice' and we cannot anti untill to morrow for her to return so as soon as allof you are ready to follow my advise, so will all make a dash for in the direction she went, even if it does cost us losses. But no not to get out of the moods by morning."
"'In it so very late as that?' asked dolet suddenly appearing to their autonishment

with Cartuide Angeline habited her-

"'why we ware then thing thinking you were look. 'Said Joice feeling relieved.''And it's after midnight too' And that atrites us as being late enough when the general warned us it is danger us in the extreme to travel by day. Neither do and night though seems cafe here for my of us, because we are hard pressed by Claudellindans. But we have to sleep come what may, fust the same as any one also do ne we did not along such at all lost wight and so for my part we are going to try and hide rone anfilly and manurals by climbing the trees around us, and expect every one also to do so to a very few minutes. It a the only but, were otherwise we will all be killed before to merrow morning. "

Indead it was not long after before they all had did the deed of getting high up to the very top of the trees unknown by those hard pressing them below. Of course they me used ground if they brought they really very more very cale among the tree tons because the energy at their cudden disappearance at once realized the reason of it, and some began advised in a perfect fury at the tree tops nearest thema pourer no one was hit, as the energ uncorrain where their furthires hid did not noting the one and the see one one of the lighting the clapping their bands in gles but reliable of the lighting reliaved, and some of the lighting part like clapping their bands in gles but prudently remained silent .

vSome one among the men was going to strike a match ti to light a

cigarette but folet who was near him said;

difference out notes not near near near star of the places up here, and see how how quick we will be tunbing down with shots in us. We are alrest indeed but do not like to sleep forever just now when we have some important thing to do. . o if you light your edgarable I'll chake you out of your branch. "

"IT don't see where you have any buteness to sit up so high and light a signi-otte here." Said another girl who was Certrude Angeline looking at the foliage of the tree carefully. 'If that lighted match touched one branch we would be enguifed in a mass of finms we could not escape from and be burned to death. This is a pine and evergreen forest. o don't start a forest fire while we are un here please. "We have no buisness to get into this wess in the first place. 'Replied

the man gruffly. 'We will all be no cross as griffins in the morning. nd probably

be treed all.day long too. '

none of the little girls made any answer to this remark, and fearing the chery may come with torohes and purposely light up the trees with fire to rout them from their hiding places they all started to work from one branch of n-tree to another as carefully as possible. The little girls were like monkeys. They also were gironthe first chance to start, and the boyscouts and the soldiers who were privates the next, although they were not so good at such motions among branch after branch, and the officers camenexts he trees were close together here. and they found the motion safe and easier than supposed, but each motion however. was a perfect bore for the clumsy men but they learned from experience not to let one brand branch sway too much as it would attract their enemies who could see it in the moonlight, and so after every atempt they rested for a mirate and passed the time very quiwtly, since they all realized they were only made of oflesh and were not empty air and did not like the idea of having the rebels fire a sudden volley into their shelter.

hen it seemed that they had gone to some distance and when they had to rest for a few minutes joice remarked in a sad tone;; 'I am is great sorrow over the loss of about four of or comrades. We have ourselves. that ix is I and my sisters have had many dangerous adventures together, even with soldiers helping us, and mostly escaped them all without any losses whatever, and now it grieves me to know thatwee have met with this tragedy and that they are lost

to us for all the life time."

''Our lord said that those who seek danger shall find it. 'Said Gertrude Angeline.

'true1 but now the glandelinians can laugh at us and probably will call us the funnient fugitive it fugitives in all the world. It harts my pride to be laughed at. "nontimued goice, andly.
"we will make rather absurd prisoners ourselves to morrow it we are taken."

Observed Jennie, in an anxious voice. quet then tolet managed to work herself from a branch over to joins and Jennie, her lage showing she was in a state of anxiety and she crist out almost louding 'T here is my sister Angeline. Have you seen Angeline. It is she here in this

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hou' for honored anke wigh her bearing of hert 'Ashed the nane ofthe Tiple I guesty a thought also eas in the trae with you, 'Baid Joing feeling scared and married. "Yet I do not recember mading American educe to charled alimbing the

I'me must have left her behild in none other treater, nearer where the rebels may be. and made may take not coming in some observation, notice units the rectainty coded Angeline takes and at once some of them begon making containty tard. The direction they had comes, and an lighter was appearing from helow they could not dars go any further, and they also found that beyond the nament tree top were also filled with rehels locking for the fugitives, and the numbers of rebels among the tree tops appeared so thick that no one could dare show themselves for fear of being shot down by the reled bankwane, o the dittle girls mere forced to return contiguity back to the t rece they had left. her were even compelled to remuns the r flight on the troe tops and some of the bous and selders tried to remund the religion you songtron tops and norm of the model and according to a delete the 14thin 14thin 14th for the december long and their sinker Angeline.

'Their sideby Angeline is well able to take once h of because I'm sure.'

gold James a green to don't normy about her but try to get all the affort to encure you one. It has been a lone many do not night, and so med reat. ' ''We will probably get late of rest to nevers when we get shot don done and

kalled at agold county anytonaty not thinking of being alcony at all now. atting. And her address out the control of the court of the control of the contro them just as coleverly but more smiftly.

then just on or sworty but here are their norman they fall that could be safe shough for the per Hen more supposed betteir our ristable then they were to the enemys

wegnities one of the Amendation officers and marked his way close to an officer where he entd to bis superfort

'We mare fools to conte no might time trying to get nemy from the rehelm. whey will supply overtake us now. "

whiteneed the officer in so surprised a voice and so loud that it dres the attention of the others." on do you know that no cannot encape the enemy yet!"
"Bacause I like to speak the plain truth and nothing rise. "Badd the lisutement to the continue the did not me all fire at our permise at on or at the moment they first appeared finatend of allowing outgolves to be ofther shot down one by one. or he surrounded and bard present. We curredves are fully reapposable for the danger wholet and her platers are in and plan their companions. *****

danger wholet and her parents are in our order their despinations. "They you peer chipfd been book, it is note for this way in ply playing the game with the energy in his our my." "Actuand the caption." And it nerves to keep us assumed for a long to o time. To will assume never fear."

nerven to keep us armed for a long to a time of a still assame useer feath."

"Uputyouspeap the relate finds us and open a general fire, and supposes some of the joint drie are telled and others bedly rempled." Perelated the limitement, "e or suppled the rebells meet our open and policy rempled, then us all reald be captured or killed, and general polart joint could look him beoutiful doughters too."

"U" phere is no abence phatese! of the grown guessias neight where us are now." "Withhere is no denote the heavy of the draw greening dright their was are now." replied the maption with a monthly longhat group and they know that wicks and her misters and our companions are all in the highest tree tops, while they them solves are among branches of brace but great the read on your solves. "Into them is no charge of tree between the conduction the relationship in no charge of our between the conduction the relationship." "Into them is no charge of our between the conduction the relationship." 14autammt. **

"There are many other mays to cutoff the enemy them one and we are all control for apart among the tree tops while the for are edge together on the brain branches below us and at a good range. Take my word for it I fouterant they will never think

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moments unknown to t be both of them some of the rabel officers below the tree 4 14 heard this and listened to all this talk and nor chunk abunkled softly was at mean mine and assuming so that their state one one come amorate acting to the send of the first the department displays the new first acting these the send of the first the two but knowing they may been more information they have more information they changed their minds.

"18t 111 we aire all meting foolish by running this foolish chance." continued the lieutement roughly 'And it is still more foolish for us to have

entered these wonds. **

"We did that because the passage way led us into it "Replied the captian" And we hadno idea we had ram into the road of My untill now, Ithink it will look wary pretty if we do succeed in outwitting the foes Bon't you.

wery pretty if we do succeed in outwitting the fose Bon't you."

he lisutement only gave a grunt.

"Have your own may since you are the captian." He growing. "But if we minome to grief, through our own carelessness, and the givinn first perish; remember that I told you so. If I had been the leader I am sure I would have made a much wiser movement from that passage than we did."

"On cease you r tiresome chatter or the same will overhear the 'domained the captian almost gettingsatry and impatishts." Because we are not in the lines now you have an iden you can send and in gold about our situation as much as you pleases. But the very next time you become impudent, we will brank our friendship, and I will have you lose your co-mission as lieutements now follow me from this tract to another over for we must repeat on must repeat on must repeat our must repeat on must repeat our must repeat on must repeat our must repeat our must repeat on must repeat our one is following us too one for we must proceed on our way. And see that no one is following us too closely behind. In I swant to enjoy the fun of the persuit but donot wish to be made a seive for the rebelse'

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when the relate being bened the bound one alouty ate none, and knew that the furthions were nearly fifthy feet above their sporades, and aiguated a unusing be manus of a shighte. A few significan inter-violet and her significan were plush empiting by Gentrude Angolius that the energy ners adamaling emong themselves with atrangely aptored flantitation. Jennie gometained bittarty that ahe may built attraction to along to proposed may further, and begred her rinters to atten higher tuto the aboutant transfer and need to there were a community to widel they could appropriate amounted and can be some about the trace darkens been bless that get the named liding when he and not along, an blog would no langue author the pange of lummar, and to also larges

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but unt nilitue.

"As for that we take no budshess to attor the rhe rehalf totake us princulars "Build wiolet. "Beveral of our friends are 1 already come to their dentin, no me do not care what becomes of its now, if we cannot excape, but

we milt not be prisoners under any conditions. **

wholet made almo t reckiess by the secming loss of lite her sister angeline, berged her staters to tillow her to take the changes of going down to the ground, or toretrive her steps and look for Angeline, but her minters and even her friends and some of the soldiers fitting maintained that each one should be allowed to go and faun the danger instand of hers or a time there was a sort of argument, but family one of the buyescutts agreed with her that he amile of it, and so he started formard from britice to branch accordingly to probably ment his fates One of the soldiers had secretly lighted a cigaratte and though he and all his friends or idilumers with were in great paril puffed it contentedly, so opnientedly that a small bloud of smoke formed above him bend and A Angeline tokes who was close to him saw the light of the ofgaratte, and though a little girl she promitly grabbed it out of his mouth, and told him if he amound again up where they were the and her friends for minimiment must dennit himses and by the unid o to inist and her sisters;

this trees were seen now I'm Afraid all our agaitement will be over, and then for angument the rebels will have nothing to do but look over our deed bediess."

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"why what hade you think it would get samp to go through those woods without encountering the relaise."
"It was easy in one ways "Besiared Angeline in the self one would have kept out of our foolishness and hid been a good careful "Besiver and a good given guesser gut it appears that we hil forgot the generals "Brice and so it was nil our own falt and not the generals."
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unancy comes."

" othing "Mapiled the little girl Jennis truer with a pretty froms." hey still are not in motions There are some relate girth under out tree standing perfectly stills."

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**All think north to done a second one thing. "Annuared the girl. Suppose yest and un would five upon those being being. It would be tike winding up a hig rolling combifies for the rebels on the tree tree tops named in would see mir findian and number in a partiach above of abote and down to the ground we would go. It An babban to agag have or keep working mir may untill me see a abanna to assespes I would blonk and if a large sloud would aroun block ald conn and cake it good and

**Suppose you pray for a about and perlaps and will susses it and water and hide the mone o good long these for neal guidented famile quivers. ...

"unid only to the diserrept has the how more hond and deadered that Angeline and Unther the mare in the tree opposite the one wholet won in but higher up and sefec "Why than did you south in un none title that and leave no all alone? "Ankad Angeline

Thuk to how I found these, " namered the boys "putner as aboute all proceed on our mny north on that we can get amy from the relate. Bleying have like this willingt taba un anympara anymbara, **

"Typry milt them: "Shid ginlet in ling relieved of the hove good seem but heaving on sight "Thun or alimb along little hav and lend the way for us, and may good hink en with you on the contest!

on the whole purky of eighte and autologic and hovereits brying hard to be home in nights of the te force, nontimed to poor from bround to brough without working much apide of these rands, and times to provide manual to manual estimate which means and manual more than got more than got more than apide of the forest and them at first, and Januar of the forest and them at first, and Januar of the forest manual them at first, and Januar of the forest manual them at first, and Januar of the forest manual them at Januar of the forest manual them at Januar of the manual transfer manual them. ** Van it was a nomiffur forest infant, but pertin seemed to lurk in every direction.

and near faint and has adabase had not yet grown assummed to the almost winness ton of this model number, on different from the quiet and sensities uncoins planes of their own region share the shrinking arotes sere supposed to bee glowly all of those began to alongs their direction, paneling from branch be brane. branch and taking any and to fall, and added from type to type in another direction until they came to a tall becauch tree, with a large branch problem from 46 bit being makinglane, the notifiers had gone on shoot and ears on some other trang. If may the trang muld neutline to remain alone to other they bud human of amongs for forbundady a great aloud had blothed out the moon subtiels and all was pathin darks the une could manual than, that they had found a friend in and in this mystaries monds, on they bestand to electry up the trees which was tiller, and then fact that may still ere enrately v, and aligh from brown to be one thousing by mry of faciling the br mehen that were strong and hig enough to hald even a man mans maight. Whilst can halplad to a hearth which was almost to too for for her to rounts.

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"the girls he very coreful that yet don't miss a brough in the darksess and fall to your deaths. He careful non't you. "Gried the love" "In are sently a lamined fact from the groundat

Type we strain will. But Iom afraid the landelinians are still following us and will lays us in that power for they been act a trap forms. I feer we are all lost this time. * wining names of

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""We will have to do the heat we can some "Baid Wiclet encouragingly" and if we full to secupe we will only have benyan for a reward for mir own conditate? Just then there were a flore of lanthrous and torohos below and it was seen that the reb reliain were starting plans so doubt to set the trees on fire to route the furitives from them. This seemed on incremes in their peril, and some of the Augelinian unliders in the furthest tree tops forgot themselves and opened fire shouting down two dozen of rebels with terebes and without country confliction at cause Some dropped torobes and ran, and there was a great storm of oursaing and biasphenings

who taken were suddenly answered in a pr perfect perfect volume from the opposite tree tops, and bullets whistled unconfertablely close to might the little girls were and in flash one of the heprocute climbing up to inlet let go his In id without a sound and dropped to the around, and two other boys with a cry I'm hit. Hiso had disappeared, and although the terrified little girls looked in every direction, they could not tell which of the hope were hit, nor which of the treas so close so dangerously sizes and contained or did outh in the rebels who had answered the fire of the moldiere. At first they were possibled with amagement and dread and could not help but pray to the Richard author for ald and auccors go now all the little girls could do one to a second author to them. no now a car one agrees green could no ear to a not not not the first attempt to nonto northing or faithing, and branching god, and abite by the care of faithing, and branching god, and abite by

The one the burt much if we get killed auddenly. " glie thought " for those who were abot and billed instantive boyen't beard any of them sorem orary out---not even the poor boynamits, year me. I wonder if paper and Unale Hansonia Banson will ever know that we led must our deaths in this f t fatal woods or become a corpse and must lay for ages and ages beceatter under the ground ine one place, and be in beaven flitting avout on wings and be happy and look pretty. It is not the way I or even my sisters thought this advanture would turn out but I suppose it can't be helpladellers the **. energidant ben melorob tith with some maintenants glin and her atatera clambered through, all of the tree tops as far as they could think of going without falling to the ground, and as they went on, the moon having summe into age in again, the little girls examined all the branches they samages to grab hold of hit there ware so many of all sixes that they hewildered the Little girle, and they decided after all, se some of the others had done, that to grab a good strong branch would be guess work after all, and that the chances were much against their guessing right, and fall to the ground and to their deaths below. or be seen by rebels in bree tops and be first upon andkilled. initily they clung to the nearest branches, and Jennie almost went under but Wiglet who was on a stact branch grabbed her in time and got her naitly on to snother and abronger branch. * byble to one fullure to keep our distance from the enemy anyhow. **Thought Ontherine. "Hut how are we to know what bodo when daylight hegine when the rebels thern will mirely mee the wine we are gonere atthe I wonder in what direction the great worms win Miver it. It we noild work our twy to it from tree to tree and then when near the bangs give a good swing and dive into the watera "" #skt Joins grabbed a Targe branch from another t pine tree, and suddenly it gave a numbering noise fell and disappeared, and a pretty fair heatred hoyscout grabbed hav in time or she smild have fallen from her own parche the rotten branch fall upon the rebale below and coused a great deal of confuntor. up at the troon, makets areshol from tree tops and bullets whistled at the fugitives from meanly every direction but fortunately this time no one was hit. At the same tims strange belie tinkled in the distance somewhere, there was shouts, commands, and a confinion of ourses such impressations, and as Joice started back, partly in supprise, and pin partly in joy at her resume the little boy exclaimed! * here are we now joines and who are the rebale firing at use and what has happened to the high-mandar. " mail I danimua" Bail yodaa. " nou have really done it." " Done what? "Asked the boy. **Baved wa from falling to the ground balow and/haing o'ot to death or impaled upon the hayonete of the rebels below. Replied the living plane with a laught and also saved you by the confusion caused by the falling banch from being hit by the traftors bulletes. "Traiture bullets." He repeated. "They are not firing at us now."
"I have "the annuared. "But they was only a someth ago. Don't you remember the ators of shots from every direction almost the time the branch fall." " **Of course not I am a boyscout however and my name is James gveringer. ** who 11thle how announced proudly. " gut my father who to a real glandelinfan and who evals n.a bitin foire of to to rolly on neve but an blon archete you but on bated finds in galverists and after that we rankay and become beyong to but my nother was killed. Just now I was too excited to remember ever hearing any shote. An excited buy annuat be expected to remainder everything Everinger . Said time and follow my misters who are on the opposite tree waiting for me, cand some day if we survive this sight I hope to see your knothers and sisters as one if you are one of my boysomid oces with me and Inll help you to another tribe.** the nestent the toyo hand and eagerly both burried by alsobored from branch to another untill they were upon the biggest brouch of the tree her efeters were one the atherit to give their my to then because for the useem van accorded a failure, and no wan the fourth and fifth, and sees werels happening to oce them started firing, int lit no one and then the highther commission still for a few similes. The little hopened Everinger could not lesses whit the robels were really doing ound could not imagine how they could be so the rote for he followed Soige very villingly ton he liked her and her elected grices for the first discount for ceach her elected proved men needle and early actions for agreemed for four of drawing the orange fire than the early contains a first her first discount for orange fire the 1466le girl was filled with jor out than Adures to rea this asternal the chining allyonly rifer of the river in the view of the river in the view of the river of the river in the view of the river in the view of the river in the view of the river of the river of the view of the van glad to titus that attenual for all the attenual for all their finites abla to alonly once thomarives from copiers or destantibles, and oculd soon restors thornalves to their proper commiss, new the and her alabora right with Cortrude Angellue and the two other girle refuen to goueral Causens lines in early, carry Ing with then the Inyment noturn that had so bravely accompanded them and also the princ ohe had wen in the person of the fair haired becomes no adjusting to her edsters that the river yeaser was their own

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